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Greetings from the National President



Welcome back Rho Chi members! The fall term is underway and our chapters are already engaged in many activities that advance the Rho Chi Society and its mission. As we announced at our annual meeting in March, Dr. Karen Farris was selected and has now assumed the role as our Executive Vice President. Joining her in the national office, now at the University of Michigan, is our new Program Coordinator, Ms. Cindy Diakow. Cindy has a terrific background and set of experiences that will enable the national office to support the execution of the Society's strategic plan and meet the needs of the officers, councilors and chapters. I know she is looking forward to meeting all the chapter representatives in Washington DC in March 2020 and to interacting by phone and email as you conduct your chapter business. Gail Moriarty will continue to assist during the transition.

We are always improving the society and have just launched four new task forces whose charges are directly tied to our new Strategic Plan. They are the Mission Critical Task Force, Awards Task Force, Communications Task Force, and our Centennial Planning Task Force, and are made up of regional councilors, past and current officers, faculty and current students. Stay tuned for the outcomes of their work to be shared in the spring.

On behalf of the Executive Council and the National Office, I wish you a successful academic year, and please remember that we all stand ready to assist you as needed.

-Susan M. Meyer, Ph.D., National President

New National Office



The Rho Chi Society's National Office is now located in Ann Arbor, Michigan!

Our new email address is rhochisociety@umich.edu. Please reach out to us with any questions or concerns, we are here to help make Rho Chi an amazing experience.

More on Karen Farris, PhD, click [here](#)

Chapter Survey



We need your feedback!

Please click this survey link and tell us your thoughts.

[Rho Chi Chapter Survey](#)

APhA2020

Annual Meeting & Exposition
Gaylord National Resort | March 20-23



Our annual meeting is held during the APhA Conference. More details on APhA conference [here](#).

The Rho Chi Society's Annual Meeting

will be held on

Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 3pm

at Gaylord National Resort
in National Harbor, Maryland

*Please submit your chapter delegate [online](#) to represent your Chapter at the Rho Chi Society's Annual Meeting. Chapters must attend an annual meeting at least once every three years.

New Chapters in 2019

During the spring and summer of 2019, two new chapters initiated their charter members and became the most recent Rho Chi Chapters. The Society is pleased to welcome **Epsilon Pi, University of North Texas Health Science Center** in Fort Worth, Texas and **Epsilon Rho, Chapman University, School of Pharmacy** in Irvine, California.

Changes to Chapter Report Process



Update provided by Emmanuelle Schwartzman
Chair, Awards Committee

This past year as part of the objectives set forth in the new Rho Chi strategic plan, President-Elect Emmanuelle Schwartzman and former Region II Councilor Lucio Volino began the process of updating and streamlining the report format and rubric to better align with the updated strategic plan. Input was gathered from the Rho Chi Executive Councilors and the Executive Board. The new format and rubric will be presented to the general assembly at the Rho Chi Annual Meeting in the Spring of 2020. Updates can be found on our website under Chapter Awards [here](#).

The new format will be developed further to function as an online submission database to make the report process more streamlined for all. Some key features of the new format include specific instructions with examples of what is required in each section, word limits, and more focus on intellectual activities as well as alumni involvement.

Overall, the new report structure will require chapters to be more succinct in their descriptions with a focus on the quality of the activities rather than quantity. We envision this new report structure will encourage chapters to further embrace initiatives which focus on the core objectives of the society: encourage and recognize intellectual achievement, stimulate critical inquiry to advance pharmacy, contribute to the development of intellectual leaders, promote highest ethical standards, and foster collaboration.

New Member Submissions for 2019-2020

Information for new initiates should be submitted at least four weeks prior to the induction ceremony via the Rho Chi website's Members login. Advisors can contact the National Office at rhochisociety@umich.edu for instructions for access.

Fees for newly elected members are \$65.00 per person. This one-time membership fee includes Society national dues, an official membership certificate, and key jewelry.

Chapter Officer Updates Needed for 2019-2020

Names and contact information for your chapter officers are needed in the National Office. All chapter presidents will receive information and announcements from the National Office. Submit new contact information [here](#). Review your chapter information online [here](#).

~ Chapter Awards ~

Visit our website to view all winners and finalists for [Chapter Awards](#).

Chapter Project Proposal Awards

All chapters are invited to apply for recognition through the Chapter Project Proposal Awards program. All benefit by hearing of the creative and innovative project proposals that are submitted. Proposals should clearly describe a project that specifically fulfills the mission of the Rho Chi Society. Recipients of the Chapter Project Proposal Awards receive a plaque and \$500. Details [here](#).

Congratulations to all the chapters that submitted proposals for the 2018-2019 cycle.

Summer 2018

Alpha Xi Chapter, University of Kentucky
Access for All – Reducing Disparities in Access to Care and Medical Literacy for Underserved Populations and Minorities Through Community Engagement

Phi Chapter, University of Illinois at Chicago
Health Management for Those in Need: Pacific Garden Community Outreach

Spring 2019

Gamma Delta Chapter, University of British Columbia
Demystifying Pharmacy Research

Gamma Sigma Chapter, Western Univ. of Health Sciences
Implementation of a Marijuana Information Center

Summer 2019

Alpha Xi Chapter, University of Kentucky
New Beginnings: Providing personalized education to pregnant women and new mothers struggling with substance use disorder as well as assessing their healthcare needs.

Gamma Sigma Chapter, Western Univ. of Health Sciences
Expanding Current Knowledge of Cannabidiol (CBD) Therapy Through Student-Led Educational Programs.

2017-2018 Chapter Awards

Chapter Achievement Award Recipient
Alpha Eta, Rutgers University

Most Improved Chapter Award Recipient
Alpha Zeta Chapter, Purdue University

By virtue of Alpha Eta and Alpha Zeta Chapter's achievements, each will have a student representative on the Rho Chi Society's Executive Council for one year as of March 2019.

2019-2020 Clinical Research Scholarship

Recipient: **Michelle Vu, Gamma Alpha Chapter**,
Mercer University (VA Center for Medication Safety)

Deadline for 2020 Clinical Research Scholarship is
December 15, 2019. For more information, click [here](#).

2019-2020 AFPE First-Year Graduate Fellowship

Recipient: **Keito Hoshitsuki, Alpha Omicron Chapter**,
University of Pittsburgh.

Additional information on Fellowship [here](#).

2019 Faculty Advisor Award

Recipient: **Bradley Hein**. Dr. Hein is Chapter Advisor for the Beta Nu Chapter at the University of Cincinnati.

This award annually recognizes a current, outstanding faculty advisor. Deadline for submission of nominations is February 1, 2020. Further details can be found [here](#).

~ Highlights ~

March 2019

Rho Chi Society Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting

More than 350 students, faculty advisors, officers of the Society and guests attended the Annual Meeting and Award Program in Seattle, Washington. Delegates representing 110 chapters were present.

National Officer Elections

Andrew J. Smith, University of Missouri-Kansas City was elected as National Secretary

Cynthia Phillips, University of South Carolina was elected as National Historian

Regional Councilor Elections

Regional Councilors – two year term

Region I, Karl Fiebelkorn, University at Buffalo

Region III-East, Cathy Worrall, Medical Univ. of S. Carolina

Region III-South, Lori Duke, University of Georgia

Region III-West, Zachary Cox, Lipscomb University

Region V, Michelle Bottenberg, Drake University

Region VII, Joshua Neumiller, Washington State University

2019 Lecture Award



Attendees were privileged to hear Dr. Nancy Ensom, recipient of the 2019 Rho Chi Society Lecture Award present her lecture.

“How Kindergarten Prepared You for the Challenge of Responsibly Leading Our Profession”

Mary H.H. Ensom, Pharm.D., Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of British Columbia

Dr. Mary H. H. Ensom received both the B.S. Pharmacy and the Pharm.D. degrees from the University of Kentucky in 1977 and 1985, respectively. She completed a Fellowship in Clinical Pharmacokinetics at the University of Kentucky (1985-7) and has been on faculty at Pharmacy programs at Kentucky (1987-1997) and the University of British Columbia (1997-2018). Her research has focused on the effects of various pathophysiologic states on clinical pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics, novel approaches to therapeutic drug monitoring, and integration of basic and clinical sciences for translational research.

Dr. Ensom served as the co-advisor for Delta Gamma Chapter from its inception in 2010 to 2018 and was involved in the petition to establish it as the first and, to date, only Canadian chapter of the Society.

Strategic Plan

Vision: The Rho Chi Society seeks to advance pharmacy through sustained intellectual leadership. View [here](#).

Mission: As the academic honor society in pharmacy, the Rho Chi Society:

Goal 1: Encourages and recognizes intellectual achievement

Goal 2: Stimulates critical inquiry to advance pharmacy

Goal 3: Contributes to the development of intellectual leaders

Goal 4: Promotes the highest ethical standards

Goal 5: Fosters collaboration

2019 Alumni Honor Roll

Five outstanding alumni were named to the 2019 Alumni Honor Roll in recognition of their outstanding contributions through intellectual leadership and the pursuit of excellence that have advanced the profession of pharmacy. Annually each Chapter may identify one alumnus for the Alumni Honor Roll. The National Office would like to receive annual nominees from all chapters. Nominations are due February 1, 2020. Further information and nomination procedures can be found [here](#).

- ◆ **Karl D. Fiebelkorn**, Omega Chapter, University at Buffalo
- ◆ **Jamie Lea Miller**, Gamma Chapter, University of Oklahoma (Beta Upsilon, Southwestern Oklahoma State University)
- ◆ **Mohammad A. Rattu**, Beta Delta Chapter, St. John's University
- ◆ **Brian J. Werth**, Rho Chapter, University of Washington
- ◆ **Bradley M. Wright**, Zeta Chapter, Auburn University

Intellectual Leadership Corner



Alumni Connections

Coming Soon!
(Speakers, mentorships, articles)

Important Dates



2019-2020 Deadlines

After Election	Submit New Officer Report
December 1, 2019	Honorary Member nomination
December 15, 2019	Clinical Research Scholarship application
January 1, 2019	Lecture Award nomination for 2021 Speaker
January 15, 2020	Rho Chi Alumni Honor Roll nomination
January 15, 2020	Project Proposals (first submission)
February 1, 2020	National Faculty Advisor Award nomination
February 1, 2020	Regional Meeting funding request
March 1, 2020	Chapter Delegate Report
May 1, 2020	First Year Graduate Fellowship application
May 15, 2020	Annual Chapter Reports due
June 1, 2020	Project Proposals (second submission)

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