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Bonded by Brotherhood, 14 unique Brothers find
the adventure of a lifetime in Greece.



Networking is Important

Networking is very important in the field of pharmacy. While in school it is important to find your passion for the profession. After graduation, it can be a valuable tool in researching products and processes for your pharmacy.

Kappa Psi is a fantastic place to start business networking and networking for your chapter. Getting to know your alumni at your local chapter can be a great benefit to the chapter as well as you as a professional. Along with getting alumni involved in the chapter, it can help you find rotation sites and discover where your passion in the profession lies. Province meetings are a great place to meet other people and discuss the challenges you may be facing in school and what is working for your chapter and what is not. Learning from others' mistakes and successes is a great way to improve your chapter. Meeting people at national meetings offers a unique insight into many different types of pharmacy and can be an eye opening experience into the profession. After graduation, the connections you make can help you find a job or get ideas from others working in the field. I have found that I can gain insight on new computer programs and processes by emailing my Kappa Psi brothers who have experience with the programs.

Kappa Psi offers unique networking opportunities at national meetings. We are represented by a booth at ASHP and APhA where you can come and get a ribbon or sticker and let everyone know you are Kappa Psi. We also hold a reception at both of these meetings to allow our brothers a place to get together and network.

I hope to see all of you at ASHP and APhA and encourage you to say hello to all the Kappa Psi brothers.

Fraternally,



Kali Weaver

Grand Regent 2011–2013



Kali Weaver, Grand Regent

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Exploring the Kappa Psi Networking System

In this issue of *THE MASK*, we will explore the Kappa Psi Networking System (KΨNS). You may be wondering what I mean by KΨNS. In our "Unmasked" cover feature, Brothers Becky Farenbruch and Brian Reisetter recount their amazing trip to Greece with 12 others brothers and epitomize how Kappa Psi is for Life. Meanwhile, Grand Ritualist Latha Radhakrishnan gives helpful networking insight into applying for a residency and what residency directors may be looking for. KΨNS residency correspondent, Ryan Szynekarek, has completed his last academic year and now reports to us on his journey as a pharmacy resident. Ryan is being joined on this journey by two new correspondents Crystal Little and Olivia Santoso. Both Crystal and Olivia will be reporting on life as a community resident while Ryan reports from the hospital side. Finally, Graduate Member-at-Large Harry Marcelin reminisces about his first Grand Council Convention and all the networking opportunities present there.

So as you can see, the KΨNS is in full swing in this issue. Make sure you check out the 99 Hands section for all sorts of hidden gems for recruiting activities, fundraising projects, and different philanthropic areas where the Brothers of Kappa Psi shine.

The KΨNS is all around us, so make sure you make the most of every opportunity to reach out to your fellow brothers to make the most out of your Kappa Psi experience.

Fraternally,


Cameron Van Dyke

Kappa Psi for Life

Graduate Brothers invade Greece and Istanbul.

By: Becky Fahrenbruch, Minnesota Grad

Fourteen graduate brothers and one honorary little sister made a trip across the great pond to visit Greece and Istanbul. We traveled from nine different cities (4 Provinces) to meet up in Athens for the two-week adventure. The first day started off with the Acropolis (Parthanon) and the new Acropolis Museum. Other adventures in Athens included Ancient Agora, National Archeological Museum, Theatre of Dionysos, Temple of Olympian Zeus, Changing of the Guard and shopping in Monastiraki. Next we ventured to the pistachio island of Aegina. Here we rode scooters around the island while visiting the Sanctuary of Aphaia, Aghios Demetrios (Greek Orthodox cathedral) and had a swim in the Saronikos Gulf. Just a few minor injuries along the way. We ended the day with a trip though a



Brothers can't resist a quick Kappa Psi picture while enjoying the beautiful Island of Thassos, Greece.

Pistachio Festival. One of our best adventures included a trip to the island of Corinth where we visited an olive oil manufacturing plant, enjoyed a family-owned vineyard, and had a Greek din-

ner with fantastic lamb. The evening ended with a Greek dancing lesson! I am sure you will see some of our new moves at the next Conclave meeting.



(L-R): Becky Fahrenbruch, John Pietkiewicz, Jeff Fahrenbruch, Jenny Donaldson, Sandy Johnson, Anna Battcher, Zach Russell, Ally Strobel, Jami Schell, and Brian Reisetter.

As we headed up the East side of Greece we visited Ancient Delphi, Volos and the Pelion Peninsula. We stopped in Drama for another vineyard visit before taking a ferry to the island of Thassos. Highlights of Thassos included Greek cooking class, pirate ship adventures on the sea, swimming and watching the sunset, honeybees, and just enjoying the relaxation of island life. We may have woken a few of the locals with our late night swim.

The last portion of our Greece trip ended in Thessaloniki. The first day we took a walking tour and saw the Arch and Palace Galerius, Church of Agios Dimitrios, Rotunda, Agia Sofia, and Roman Agora. We also enjoyed the White Tower with museum, Thessaloniki Museum of Photography, Archaeological Museum and Honey Festival.

One of the unique aspects of our trip was the cuisine. Our guide Anna is also the owner of a Greek restaurant “Gardens of Salonica” in Minneapolis. Every night we went out for family-style dinner where she talked with the chef and owner and ordered us some fantastic local and fresh food. House wine was also a hit as it was about the same price as water.

We also enjoyed two CE programs presented by Brother Jenny Donaldson and Brother John Pietkiewicz. Thank you for the education and keeping us entertained on the bus.

Our trip finished with four days in Istanbul/Constantinople. We really enjoyed the rich history and culture in the largest city in Europe. Our adventures included a boat excursion up the Bosphorus, Spice Market, Grand Bazaar, Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, Aghia Sophia, Topkapi Palace, and Magnificent Mosque. The Turkish bath and smoking the hookah were a few unique experiences enjoyed by the group.

This trip was truly a trip of a lifetime enjoyed by KΨ graduate brothers from all over the country.



Discovering the richness of true Brotherhood

When I first pledged Kappa Psi, I was told in unequivocal terms that we were joining Kappa Psi “for life.” As the years have passed, and I have traversed through this Fraternity in many different capacities, I find that to be more true today than ever. As a professional fraternity, we can always rely on our Brothers to provide mentorship and guidance, no matter our age. As a community service organization, we can continue to work together to improve our surroundings, both young and old alike. And as a Fraternity of Brotherhood, we can depend on each other to provide social interaction, which becomes even more rich and rewarding as our graduate and undergraduate chapters intermingle.



But, for me, the unexpected aspect of “Kappa Psi for Life” directly hits home more today than ever when I see the trust and bonding that comes from years of living by that motto. If one truly lives by that phrase, the commitment becomes a self-fulfilling destiny. Brothers become lifelong friends—those who you cannot imagine not having as part of your personal story.

I have been on three of these international vacations in the past decade and, quite frankly, they make me as proud of this Fraternity as anything else I have done within it. Fourteen Brothers living in four different Provinces, encompassing six graduate chapters, with age differences spanning over 25 years explored the world and (most importantly) dined as one each night as we recanted our daily mutual experiences. Kappa Psi is all about experiences that we get to take with us forever. Kappa Psi and its Brotherhood can be for life, but if only we let it by making a commitment to the concept—and to each other.

Glad to be a Brother,

Brian Reisetter, PhD
Past Grand Regent (1999–2001)

2012 PGY1 Update

Tips to successfully obtain a post-graduate year pharmacy residency.

by Latha Radhakrishnan, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCOP
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A CHALLENGE

It is no secret that securing a pharmacy residency position post-graduation is a challenge. With the increasing number of residency applicants and the alarming number of unmatched residency candidates, it is now becoming more of a challenge to secure a residency. While it is a more competitive environment, it is absolutely possible to successfully grab the residency of your choice. I must stress that I do not have all the answers. My hope is to provide some insight and guidance in preparing pharmacy students in the residency application process.

In the past five years, we have seen an alarming increase in unmatched PGY1 pharmacy residency positions. In 2008, 2,092 pharmacy applicants participated in the National Matching Services Inc. (NMS) with 605 applicants not matched. Fast forward to 2012, 3,706 applicants participated with 1,438 applicants not matched (Illustration 1). There are many reasons for this increase such as

the significant growth in schools/colleges of pharmacy, overall decrease in pharmacy positions nationwide, and increased interest in post-graduate training.

While the results in Illustration 1 are somewhat disturbing, there is hope! Residency programs and positions are increasing across the country. The profession is realizing that pharmacy students want to successfully complete post-graduate training. There is a definite push to the “See One, Do One, Teach One” model. In the past three years, the number of PGY1 pharmacy residency positions offered in the NMS has increased from 1,951 positions in 2010 to 2,413 in 2012 (Illustration 2). We hope and expect to see this number increase in the ensuing years.

Prior to discussing the application process, candidates should start to evaluate their online image. This really should start from day one of pharmacy school, but absolutely needs to be addressed months prior to initiating the application process.

CANDIDATE’S SOCIAL MEDIA PROFILE

In 2009, Microsoft released statistics from a survey showing 79 percent of job recruiters and managers were reviewing information online about applicants. In that same survey, 70 percent of those reviewed were rejected based on their online findings. CareerBuilder.com also conducted a survey of 2,667 human resource professionals. These results showed that 45 percent of them access social networking sites such as Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter. These surveys showed that content such as unsuitable photos, videos, and information, inappropriate comments and text written by the candidate, friends, and relatives, and concern about the candidate’s lifestyle were all reasons used to reject hiring the candidate.

While these statistics are not necessarily related to residency candidate recruitment, it does translate over. There is a good chance

Illustration 1

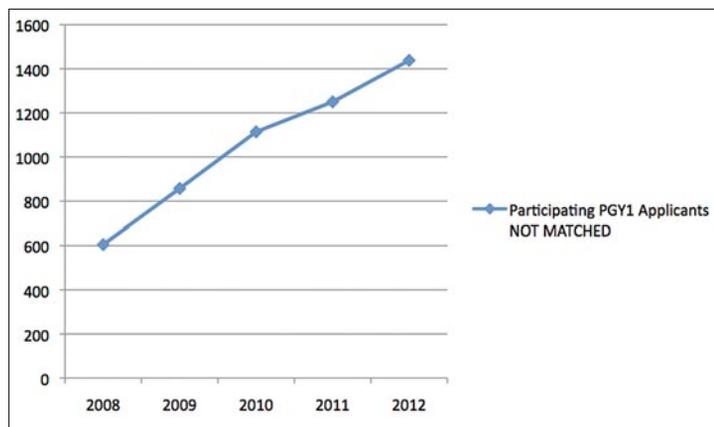


Illustration 1
 Timeline 2008–2012- Participating PGY1 Unmatched Applicants
 Adapted from <http://www.natmatch.com/ashprmp/stats/2012applstats.html>.
 Accessed 10 September 2012.

Illustration 2

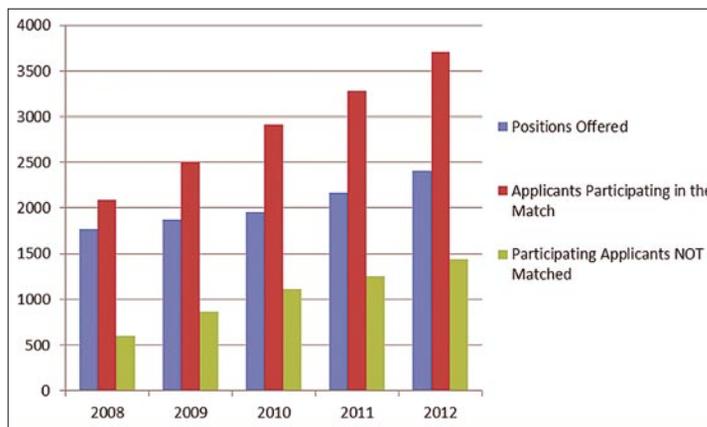


Illustration 2
 PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency Statistics from 2008–2012.
 Adapted from <http://www.natmatch.com/ashprmp/stats/2012applstats.html>.
 Accessed 10 September 2012.

that residency directors are researching candidates online. Being such a high profile position and profession, it is probably truer and more prevalent than these statistics illustrate. If the information is out there, why wouldn't they look for it? A negative online image can cost a candidate an offer to interview at the program. This is becoming a readily available, and often utilized tool in the residency application process. There is much that can be said for online image reputation, but I will offer a few thoughts as much of this is common sense. Make sure to check your privacy settings. Also, even if you use a different username on these sites, people can track them back to your email address. Be safe and just remove anything that can be considered inappropriate or offensive. Better yet, be judicious in what you place on the web! Also, make sure to keep social networking separate from professional networking. For example, use Facebook for your social networking and LinkedIn for your professional networking. This avoids blurring the lines of professionalism. Make sure to Google yourself often and perhaps use Google Alerts and TweetBeep to give you alarms. With that being said, social networking can be a very powerful tool! A strong online image can generate a positive reputation. A negative one will harm you and your character. Use it to your advantage!

THE APPLICATION PROCESS: WHERE DO I START?

Most candidates are initially overwhelmed and have numerous questions. How many programs do you apply to? In the past, if a candidate had a decent grade point average (GPA), leadership positions, and pharmacy work experience, one could apply to eight programs and quite possibly secure six to seven interviews. While I would like to say that GPA may or may not influence your practitioner potential, many programs are using this as an objective "weed out" item of the application process. With that being said, some programs realize that a great GPA doesn't necessarily guarantee a remarkable resident/clinician. However, when programs have an applicant:position ratio that exceeds 10:1, it is an objective measure to determine which candidates are offered an interview. My suggestion would be to evaluate your GPA, discuss this with your faculty mentors,



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and determine how many applications should be submitted. Let's face it, it is a numbers game. My strong suggestion is to at the very least apply to 10-15 programs. If you can secure six to seven interviews out of those, you are in a good position to match with a program.

Be open-minded and willing to go outside your comfort zone. I now tell students to be flexible and apply to all types of residencies. Don't just apply to top tier ones even if you have a perfect GPA. Mix it up. Apply to the programs that you are extremely interested in, but also include some that you may not love but have qualities that would suit your needs. Here in Chicago, many students want to remain in the city. I very much encourage students to apply outside the Chicagoland area as it is just too saturated and competitive. Consider applying to a mix of rural, community, and urban programs. Remember, your goal is to get a residency.

The Online Residency Directory is located on the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) website. As you are searching for PGY1 residencies, you will perhaps be overwhelmed with the number of residencies offered across the nation. My suggestion would be to evaluate your needs and desires in what you want to obtain from the residency experience. Ask yourself a few questions:

Are you limited by geographic area? If you are for whatever reason limited to three

states, then look only at residency programs offered in that particular area. If you aren't limited, then strongly consider researching residencies in other areas of the country. Not only do you have additional opportunities, but it also allows you to experience pharmacy practice in a different area of the country.

What subspecialties are you currently interested in? If you have already determined that you are going for a PGY2 program the following year in pediatrics, then you will want to only look at PGY1 programs that offer a fair amount of rotations in that area to prepare you for the following year. How many resident positions are offered? Do you want to be an n=1 or do you want a large residency class? Some students like to work by themselves and prefer extra individual attention. These students may want to look at programs that offer only one or two PGY1 positions at a particular program. Other students prefer to have the support of other residents during the year to bounce ideas off of or to go out for dinner every now and then.

NEW TO THE NMS: PHARMACHY ONLINE RESIDENCY CENTRALIZED APPLICATION SERVICE (PhORCAS)

As many of you know, PhORCAS, the new web-based application tool, has launched this year. No longer will you have to complete your application and Fed-Ex it the day before the deadline. There is much uncertainty on how this new online tool will affect the number of application submissions. "I fear that the increased competition we have seen the last couple years will lead to more candidates choosing to apply to more programs but the cost will probably be prohibitive" said Frank Paloucek, Pharm.D., Centralized Application Service Planning Team Committee Member and PGY1 Residency Director at the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy. He further comments "seeing two application surges being likely, an initial burst followed by a panic burst when they don't get interview offers right away." Programs will have to review the applications quickly in an effort to minimize the cost burden on the candidates who engage in the biphasic submission format.

This process is well explained on the ASHP website. There is a very relevant PhORCAS -

Applicant Informational Flyer that should be reviewed by all residency candidates. Also, I highly recommend viewing the PhORCAS—Applicant YouTube Information. This seven minute video takes you through the application process step-by-step.

CURRICULUM VITAE (CV): ERROR FREE!

Most collegians are well versed in writing quality curriculum vitae. However, I do tell my students that their CVs **MUST** be error free. With the number of application submissions, this could very well be a weed out document. There should be zero typos, misspellings, or formatting issues. Work on your CV well in advance. Have a faculty mentor review the document before it is uploaded to PhORCAS. Lastly, while leadership positions are important, committee work is, in my opinion, just as significant. As an officer, committee chairperson, or member, the use of action verbs is imperative. I tell my students to not just list that they were a secretary of an organization or a member of a committee, but more importantly to “describe” their duties using action verbs. For example, under the listed office or committee, tell us what you accomplished (created and implemented a new fundraiser, raised \$5,000 for the American Red Cross in 2011–2012, organized a poison prevention activity at five local elementary schools, etc.). This highlights a pattern of innovation, motivation, and follow-through. Ultimately, this gives the program confidence that you will create, implement, and organize a project or an activity in their residency program.

LETTER OF INTENT: DO NOT BE GENERIC OR “FLUFFY”

Do not submit a generic letter of intent. We are seeing too many of those. As a reviewer, it is quite clear if the letter contains zero substance. Ensure that your letter tells **YOUR** story. By story, I mean, tell the program director what the other pieces of your application materials (CV, transcripts, letters of recommendation, etc.) do not. For example, if you had a bad year and as a result, your cumulative GPA has suffered, explain what happened. More importantly, describe what you have accomplished since then. Not all colleges or schools of pharmacy have the

same curriculum, so don't assume that program directors are familiar with your experiences. Again, in the past, candidates were able to wait till the interview to explain this information. With the surge in applications, the letter of intent may very well be your first and only opportunity.

THE INTERVIEW

Congratulations, you have passed the first **MAJOR** hurdle. Once an interview is secured, most programs want to see if they can work with the candidate as a person. Now it's time to forget about the application. This is the phase to get to know the practitioners and residents in the program. I definitely suggest that all students invest in a book on interviewing to get a complete list of “dos and don'ts.” My biggest advice is to showcase **YOU**. Be yourself. There is no “one” personality that fits all programs. However, playing an actor on TV will only hurt the candidate in the long haul. If you match, you can't keep up the act for an entire year. I also tell my students to speak clearly and with conviction (**NOT** cockiness). If you are a soft-spoken person by nature, then practice speaking a bit louder. A gentle voice could perhaps be misconstrued as a shy or a quiet personality. As pharmacists, we must be assertive and self-assured in the recommendations we offer. I suggest strongly that you practice with a colleague or better yet a professor who is willing to mentor you. Prior planning prevents poor performance. Your interview is equivalent to opening and closing night of a Broadway performance. That in fact is what it is; you will be judged severely on your performance during the interview process. Obviously if it is an interview including a meal or a restaurant setting, avoid alcohol. Lastly, ask yourself if you can see yourself “fitting in” at this institution. In order to succeed in your residency year, you need to be content and comfortable in the program.

KAPPA PSI'S ROLE IN YOUR SEARCH—UTILIZE THE BROTHERHOOD TO NETWORK

In my opinion, it is imperative that the collegians heavily network within the Brotherhood. Introduce yourself to graduate brothers at the next Province meeting. You never know “who knows who.” They could

very well assist you in securing the residency of your choice. Three years ago, I met two collegiate brothers at the Grand Council Convention in Clearwater, FL. They were from two different Provinces. They expressed their interest in the PGY1 residency program at the University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Pharmacy (UIC COP) at that time. I was extremely impressed with their professionalism, follow-up, and determination. After meeting with both collegians on several occasions in the months to follow, I put in a very positive recommendation with our PGY1 residency director. One year later, both collegiate brothers had secured a residency position at UIC COP. Is it that easy? Yes, it can be. Be positive and professional. Stay active within the Brotherhood. Graduate brothers are always available for networking, advice, and support.

FINAL THOUGHTS

I will restate that I do not have all the answers, just opinions and suggestions. Please talk to other faculty members, residency directors, and graduate brothers to get their ideas and thoughts on the residency search and application process. Again, we are all aware of the increase in residency application submissions in the last few years. This will be the first year that PhORCAS will be implemented. Experts are anticipating a further increase in applications in 2013. In my opinion, if you are prepared, flexible, motivated, and determined to obtain a residency, you will be successful. Good luck to you all!

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Behind the Scenes: The Journey from pharmacy student to pharmacy resident

Welcome to part five of an eight-part series following Brother Ryan Szynek's journey through his last academic year in pharmacy school in pursuit of a pharmacy residency post graduation. Through this series, we want to share the process of what it takes to be a pharmacy resident and gain some insight into what it's like to be a resident in different settings. Many thanks to Crystal Little and Olivia Santoso, who have shared insights from their residency experience in this issue.

Ryan's Journey

Greetings brothers,

As I am writing this I am almost a third of the way done with my residency. I have experienced rotations (as a pharmacy resident) in hospital orientation, administration, internal medicine and am currently finishing a cardiology rotation. Each rotation mirrors that of a student APPE rotation, only with 10 times the amount of daily responsibilities, tasks and projects to complete.



My hospital orientation rotation was unbelievably helpful in guiding my transition from student to pharmacist. The administration rotation allowed me to appreciate the operations that take place behind the scenes that allow the pharmacy to function, in addition to the consistent interruptions that pharmacists are challenged with on a daily basis. On internal medicine I learned a vast amount of knowledge on so many different disease states. More importantly, I realized that there is so much more to learn. At the present time I am finishing my cardiology rotation. I go home and read roughly five journal articles a day and I love it. I am perfecting the ability to not only use guidelines, but also how to appropriately apply primary literature to my patients.

At the end of the day it is sometimes hard for me to believe I am a practicing pharmacist. I know I have come a long way from being a student, but at times I am intimidated

by the realization of how much more there is for me to learn. When times get hard or it feels like I have a hundred deadlines all on the same day, I am motivated to give everything I have by realizing that the more work I put into this year means I will get much more in return when the year is finished.

As always my involvement in Kappa Psi is something I keep near and dear to my heart. Just today my graduate chapter set up a gathering and fundraiser in conjunction with our fourth year pharmacy students. Though my free time is little to none, I have marked this event on my calendar and will be attending. Kappa Psi has always been there to contribute to my growth and I have made it my obligation as a graduate to contribute to this great organization's that is Kappa Psi.

Fraternally,
Ryan Szynek

Crystal's journey

Hello, brothers. My name is Crystal Little and I am a community practice resident with Fred Meyer and Oregon State University in Portland, OR. Today, I will be introducing myself and my residency program, including some of the really great learning experiences I get to take part in. In future articles, I will be writing about my experiences in the residency program, including some of the rewards and challenges to help give you a glimpse into life as a community resident! I know that residencies are heavy on the minds of our third- and fourth-year brothers right now, and I hope these articles will be helpful to all of you. Also, if you have additional questions about community residency, feel free to shoot me an e-mail; my address is at the bottom of the article!



First, let me tell you a bit about myself. I am originally from a small town in eastern Washington and I had always dreamed of going to Washington State University. It may be a "cow college" to many of you, but I had a wonderful time in undergrad and was accepted into the College of Pharmacy in 2008. May 4, 2012, marked the end of my college days when I finally graduated with many other outstanding Beta Pi brothers.

I had wanted to be a pharmacist since my freshman year of college, but I had no idea which niche I would fall most in love with. There were pros and cons to each field of pharmacy, and I was constantly changing my mind. Finally, halfway through my fourth-year rotations, my decision became very evident. I liked the idea of clinical pharmacy in the hospital, but I found myself craving more patient interaction and decided to pursue a community/ambulatory residency. There are many different options when it comes to choosing a community practice residency, but I love the Pacific Northwest and was particularly drawn to the Fred Meyer-Oregon State University PGY1 Community Residency. It had a great balance of community practice, ambulatory practice, management, and teaching!

After talking with people, I have realized there is a huge misconception about what community pharmacy residents do. Many people think we spend most of our time as a staff pharmacist but get paid much less. This couldn't be further from the truth. The Fred Meyer/Oregon State University Residency provides a broad range of experiences, including direct patient care, management and leadership, research, public health, drug information, and more. In fact, the staffing component of the residency is only about 15 percent, and while we are staffing, our preceptors help us develop staffing, management, HR skills, and more. All of the learning experiences in this residency are longitudinal, which means that instead of rotating

Watch for your Winter 2013 MASK to find out what's next on Ryan, Crystal, and Olivia's journey as a pharmacy resident.

from one block to another as most hospital residencies work (internal med to pediatrics, etc.), we focus on all of the learning experiences throughout the residency year. This means each day brings something a little different and although there are similarities each week, no two weeks are ever the same!

I was looking forward to my residency year but had no idea I would absolutely love my experience as a resident. Initially, I had planned on working hard, getting through it, and coming out a better pharmacist at the end; so I am pleased to inform you that residencies can also be fun! (Yes, they are a lot of work, but I encourage you to find something you will also enjoy doing for a full year.) These first 13 weeks have been great, but my favorite part of the residency thus far is definitely the Direct Patient Care component. This includes providing health care screenings, all sorts of immunizations (even travel vaccines), MTM, and it also includes health coaching. Fred Meyer offers coaching programs for diabetes, heart healthy, asthma, smoking cessation, and fitness, nutrition & weight loss. I LOVE the coaching programs as they provide the opportunity to educate patients, follow up with them over time, and watch them implement life changes to reach their goals! It is challenging, rewarding, and continually pushes me to be a better pharmacist! Another great way we provide direct patient care in this residency program is by working with a federally qualified health center in Corvallis, OR. The Benton County Community Health Center in Corvallis provides patient-centered care to people regardless of economic status, insurance, language, or age. The pharmacy service department is a huge asset to the medical providers in that clinic as we help manage chronic disease states including pain and mental health.

My residency program also has developed a great teaching component with other local residencies. Residents in the greater Portland area all meet together for various teaching workshops. We also do some precepting in one-on-one and small group settings as well as give lectures in large group settings. At the end of the year, we will have met the requirements to receive a teaching certificate from Oregon State University/Pacific University.

Like any residency program, the Fred Meyer Residency also includes a research component. I was initially scared to death of

research, but I am really excited about my research project and have had wonderful preceptors to help me develop my ideas and protocols. My research project is a comparative effectiveness study that is looking at providing medication therapy management (MTM) in independent living facilities, and I look forward to telling you more about my project after I receive IRB approval.

The Fred Meyer Residency Program also offers a great management and leadership component. As a resident, I get to spend time with managers at all levels. I like that they highlight this learning experience, because no matter where we go in pharmacy, these skills are going to be important. My residency strategically arranges for me to learn from people who are great at what they do whether that be inventory control, interviews and hiring, profit and loss reports, or a wide variety of other managerial responsibilities. We are encouraged to be involved with various committees for our state associations and to be engaged in the pharmacy profession and the community. One of the ways I am helping my community is by volunteering for the Free Clinic of Southwest Washington. I love being able to serve alongside other volunteers to keep a great non-profit running and to help people in need.

One last component I want to introduce in this article is the drug information rotation. I had the opportunity to spend three weeks at the OHSU Drug Information (DI) Center. During these three weeks, I wrote a drug monograph on DaTscan® that went to the P&T Committee, I participated in journal clubs, statistics discussions and answered DI questions. After learning about all the resources that my co-resident and I have available to us through OHSU, we are then prepared to become the DI “experts” for all of Fred Meyer. I really like answering DI requests because it gives me the opportunity to help pharmacists and patients, and it also provides a unique learning experience.

If anybody has any follow-up questions to this article, questions about community residency or the Fred Meyer-Oregon State University PGY1 Residency Program, feel free to e-mail me at crystal.little@fredmeyer.com. I also plan to attend the Kappa Psi receptions at ASHP and APhA and I hope to see you there!

—Proud to be your brother, Crystal Little

Olivia's journey

Hello, brothers! My name is Olivia Santos, and I am honored to have the opportunity to share my experience thus far as a PGY1 community practice resident for *THE MASK*. In the winter of 2009, I became a brother of the Delta Omega chapter at South University School of Pharmacy located in historic Savannah, GA. During my time as a collegiate brother, I had the privilege of serving as chapter historian, chapter newsletter editor, and Province IV assistant newsletter editor from 2010–2011. After graduating in June 2012, I became one of three community practice residents at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy. The UGA community residencies encompass three practice sites: one is located at Barney's, an independent pharmacy in Augusta, GA, and the other two of the sites are located in Athens, GA, at Kroger Pharmacy and Village Drug Shop, an independent community pharmacy and my primary practice site. Additional sites for pharmacotherapy and patient care opportunities include the Coumadin Clinic at Athens Regional Medical Center and Mercy Health Center. An additional benefit of this residency program is earning a Graduate Certificate in Clinical Pharmacy and the University of Georgia Teaching Certificate. I was delighted at the opportunity to gain teaching experience at a major university. My residency started on July 2 and I have already had the pleasure of precepting third-year student pharmacists on rotations and assisting in the community pharmacy laboratory modules for first-year student pharmacists.



People often ask the question, “What do you do in a community pharmacy residency?” and I am proud to be able to reveal the truth

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Gamma Rho brothers pose for a quick photo at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center 2011 residency match day showcase.

about my community pharmacy residency experience, which may break many myths or preconceived notions that people may have about them. Let me start off by stating that, YES, there is much more to a community residency than working in a retail pharmacy. Many people are surprised by the variety in my daily schedule and the diversity of the associated practice sites. This residency allows me to use the knowledge I learned in pharmacy school in many different outpatient ambulatory care settings. Patient interaction is one of my favorite aspects of pharmacy, and I always thought that clinical pharmacy had to be in a hospital setting. However, after going on rotations, I realized that this was not the case and that life as a hospital pharmacist was not the only way to get clinical pharmacy experience in patient care. For me, one of the most attractive features about this residency was being able to gain experience in outpatient hospital pharmacy, ambulatory care, pharmacy academia, and in community pharmacy on a weekly basis. The longitudinal nature of these rotations allows me to learn something different every day. A majority of my week is spent at the Village Drug Shop where we are earnestly working on becoming an American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE) accredited site. Every Monday, I work with patients on adjusting their warfarin regimens using onsite point of care testing at the Coumadin Clinic at Athens Regional Medical Center. On Wednesdays, I

consult with patients in the pharmacotherapy clinics at Mercy Health Center. At this unique faith-based organization, physicians, nurses, and pharmacists unite and collaborate as part of a health care team to provide optimal patient care for low-income uninsured, underprivileged individuals of the surrounding community. I have also earned opportunities to provide patient education to Clarke County employees through “Health Hour Presentations” at the Athens-Clarke County Health Department. These sites provide ample opportunity to reach an array of patient populations for the treatment and management of a variety of disease states.

All residency programs pose challenges and one of the difficult processes I have encountered so far would be developing my resident project. My project has changed and morphed through many different topics, titles, and ideas. After many drafts and resubmissions, my current resident project is titled “A Needs Assessment for a Pharmacist-Driven Travel Health & Immunizations Clinic in an Independent Community Pharmacy.” Thankfully, I have access to very insightful advisors who have challenged and questioned my ideas, which have pushed my thoughts creatively and analytically. I knew I wanted to initiate the development of a Travel Health & Immunizations Clinic, but I did not expect the level of difficulty in selecting an appropriate community residency project. Turning an idea for a patient care service into a testable

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research study proved to be a complicated task. Another unexpected challenge that affected my project was the limited duration of time for the study. Many people, including me, think that you have a whole year to complete your project, but this is not the case. By the time you and your advisors decide on your project and submit your IRB application, a quarter of a year has already passed. Once you take into account that the presentation of your results at the national and regional meetings occurs around March or April, this leaves, realistically, five to six months for the entire study to be initiated, data collected, and for the results to be statistically processed.

With all of the projects, presentations, and staffing responsibilities required on a graduate teaching assistant’s paycheck, many of my fellow classmates question why I would ever want to do a residency. All I can say is the reward and payoff are great! Even though I am only a quarter of the way through my residency, I have already had invaluable learning experiences that have truly enhanced my knowledge as a clinical pharmacist. There is always so much left to learn and I am grateful to have the opportunity to absorb the knowledge and gain the skills that allow me to better serve my future patients. Graduating from an accelerated three-year program, I found there was not as much preparation to apply the theories and principles we were taught in class. My experiences now have allowed me to achieve the confidence and firsthand experience in therapy and disease state management, which is something that is not easy to come by while in school. The following year holds much promise and I look forward to sharing the rest of those experiences and challenges with you!

—*Fraternally, Olivia Santoso*

99 Hands

Epsilon Omicron Brothers (L-R) Janelle Juda, Amanda Pinski, Laura Conrad, Josh Depew, and Christina Guarino at the karaoke rush event.



99 Hands

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Epsilon chapter brothers had a very busy summer. Brothers volunteered twice a week in the dispensing pharmacy at the Phillips Neighborhood Clinic, a student-run free clinic in Minneapolis for the underserved. They also had a great time volunteering at Minnesota Twins games to help raise money for all the great causes that Epsilon chapter supports. And a few brothers also worked at Camp SuperKids for a week this summer with MN Grad brothers, helping kids with severe asthma enjoy the great outdoors.

We are into the fall semester and Epsilon brothers are hard at work. We walked in the Light the Night Walk to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in honor of a brother we lost to leukemia. Brothers are also continuing our long-standing tradition of giving talks to local high school students about sexually transmitted infections and working with the National Kidney Foundation to perform kidney disease screenings. In the upcoming months, we are looking forward to continuing our work at the Phillips Neighbor-



Epsilon Brothers (L-R) Huy Huynh, Jon Malepsy, Justin Jones, and Irene Vu at Camp SuperKids this summer.

hood Clinic, planning a dinner to serve to the residents at the Ronald McDonald House, and attending our semiannual dinner meeting.

—Vanessa Kowalski

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Nine new pledges were inducted during this fall season. These upstanding gentlemen are working hard on their coursework and at the same

time are helping to organize our upcoming charity events. Among these events are our most popular "Shrimpin' for Charity," our popular Turkey Fry, and one of our biggest fall events, the annual Swamp Party. The swamp party, held on October 13, is an excellent opportunity for the chapter to gather donations of canned goods. All proceeds from our charity events will go to the city's Lowcountry Food Bank.

We look forward to the winter conclave and meeting our members of the new Southeast Province.

—Mario Machado

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Several Mu brothers were able to help out the new students during move-in day for incoming freshmen. Also, all of our brothers attended our school's activities fair which was held at the Harvard Medical Conference Center. This was a huge success for us and we were glad to be able to give out information about Kappa Psi (as well as free Red Bull) to anyone who was interested. One community service event we will definitely be doing in the upcoming weeks is the Mission Hill Road Race on October 20.

Our first rush event of the year will be on October 18. We are looking forward to our first-ever Northeast Province meeting at the University of Rhode Island on November 3.

—David Roche

Xi Xi

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Xi chapter kicked off fall semester with a large turnout of interest from the incoming P1 class. Pledge Week



Iota brothers and pledges at the Bee Street cleanup.



Xi brothers and pledges compete together in broom ball for Rush Week.



Mu brothers attended the school's activities fair (L-R): (back row) Brandon Wright, Mike Consedine, Arch Patel; (middle row) Steve Lacey, James Mikhail, Nachi Dabhi; (front and center, lying down) Ahmed Hamdeh.

was a hit with dress-up-preppy miniature golf, a competitive game of broom ball, and philanthropic cookie decorating for the Ronald McDonald House. This year, we decided to be more selective about asking students to be a part of our Fraternity, inviting only those who demonstrated strong leadership skills as well as genuine interest in becoming a brother and strengthening our Brotherhood. We are proud to welcome 27 pledges. Sergeant at arms Christine Ng has worked very hard planning our pledge events and has pledge-active activities planned, including pumpkin carving and one-on-one active-pledge mentoring. We are looking forward to getting to know all the members of our newest pledge class.

Our first Province meeting for the Great Lakes Province is being hosted by Gamma Chi in Big Rapids, Michigan, at the end of October. Given the number of members who have registered early, we are anticipating a fantastic weekend.

Both our vice regent, Carolyn Martz, and chaplain, Adam Rossbach, have been collaborating with other chapters in Ohio to strengthen our bonds through social and philanthropic events. We have upcoming plans for Halloween, a Gatlinburg trip with Beta Phi, as well as a statewide competition for fundraising for donations.

As always, we have consistently maintained our volunteering at Helping Hands and Charitable Pharmacy, and are now expanding



The brothers of Pi chapter at the Pharmacy First-Nighter to recruit new pledges (L-R): (top row) Justin Lee, Tom Schultz, Ashley Rogala, Tiffany Vogeler, Clair Dalder, Hyder Khatri, Sean Bridges; (bottom row) Ciara Glaser, Katie McLean, Sarah Sienko, Julie Kim, Jenny Sanders, and Jenna Dao.

our reach to another clinic. We look forward to making unforgettable memories with brothers in both our chapter and other chapters.

—Mindy Lam

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Pi chapter kicked off this semester with 23 very dedicated brothers. Under our new regent, Jordan Buuck, we made it our goal to increase the chapter size by dedicating more time to recruiting. Our target is the P1 and P2 classes as they will be a part of the Brotherhood for a longer amount of time. Our pledge trainer, Sarah Sienko, has also put together many rush events such as our Pledge Barbecue, Pledge Ice Cream Social, and Pledge Meetings. The result is a pledge class of 24 brothers, which is more than our current active brothers! This large pledge class consists mostly of P1s. It has helped that our social chair, Hyder Khatri, is part of

the core of the Steering Committee, which is a welcoming committee that helped orientate P1s into the pharmacy professional program.

We have also been involved in helping our chapter grow more active. Our professional projects chair, Tiffany Vogeler, headed our Kappa Psi 5K Run/Walk. This is our main event this semester and the proceeds go to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Indiana. To encourage participants, we gave away prizes to the runners with the top times and costumes.

We want to take time to thank our vice regent, Sarah Harding, who has been a driving force to everything and anything related to Kappa Psi this semester. Most notably is her sale of our Tervis tumblers, which would not have been a success without her. She has staffed the most time at the sales booth and brought the tumbler sales packet with her everywhere she went.

We are planning an early November initiation for the pledges so they can join us in our Christmas festivities. During this past Mid-America Province meeting, we agreed to host fall 2013 Province. This has encour-

aged a lot of Neos who have never been to a Province assembly to attend this upcoming meeting in Kansas. With more participation, comes more dedication and commitment.

—Jenna Dao

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To kick off the year, Rho chapter hosted a recruitment barbecue for potential new members. We played sand volleyball, ate hamburgers and hot dogs, and enjoyed each other's company. Our first meeting was held on September 5 and there were a lot of new faces in the crowd. Our community service and philanthropy events are off to a good start. Members assembled boxed meals for families experiencing hunger in our community at the Live United Event and gave blood at the American Red Cross Blood Drive. Seventeen members of Rho chapter traveled to St. Louis for the inaugural meeting of the Mid-America Province hosted by Gamma Pi. It was an honor for all of us to be a part of the beginning of this meeting. Rho is happy to announce that we will be hosting the spring Province meeting in February.

—Carolyn Magee

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We kicked off the new school year with our first rush event, the Grill n' Chill barbecue. Brothers got together to welcome the new rushees with hamburgers, hot dogs, outdoor



LEFT: Sigma brothers and rushees enjoying the festivities of '90s Night. RIGHT: (L-R) Jueli Li, Saemi Cho, Sue Lee, Monet Stanford, and Anita Nwachuku preparing for their second rush event, '90s Night!

sports, and even a game of cornhole. Next, we hosted '90s Night, a nostalgic evening jam-packed with '90s trivia, games, music, and homemade dishes. Closing out the rush season was our Kappa Psi Luau. Brothers put together an amazing live performance, a dessert contest, and a scavenger hunt—all with a fun tropical theme. With the hard work of brothers, Sigma chapter is honored to announce 40+ new pledges this year.

Fall semester also comes with a schedule full of great community service events. Our first event this year was at the Franciscan Center, which is an outreach agency helping the homeless and other people in need of support to get back on their feet. We also coordinated an event at the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge in Baltimore, Maryland. Brothers arranged an evening filled with dinner and entertainment for cancer patients and their families. Sigma is also looking forward to collaborating with an organization on campus called A Bridge to Academic Excellence, providing tutoring services to high school students in Baltimore. Sigma invited collegiate and alumni brothers to sam-



Brothers help to set up the tailgate at the San Francisco Giants' AT&T Park. From left: Efrain, John, Shogo, Jessica & Priscilla.

ple each other's dishes at a Potluck Luncheon in an attempt to create more connection between the two groups. We are coordinating future pledge events, such as go-karting, to learn more about each other.

We invite everyone to follow us on Facebook and Flickr, and feel free to join in on our upcoming events.

—Sheila Hwe

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The 2012 fall semester kicked off with a blast. For recruitment, we hosted several traditional events, includ-



Brothers of Rho at the chapter's recruitment barbecue.



Beta Epsilon brothers and rushees spending time together at the rush barbecue.

ing bowling night, pizza night at Pazzo's, and our annual Luau party. For Pazzo's night, we provided pizza and pretzel rolls for the potential pledges. Our Luau party was a big success as we had a record turnout, including an excellent attendance by the first-year class. Lambda Kappa Sigma joined in hosting the party and supplied the leis and cookies.

After our first round of exams, Upsilon hosted a brothers and pledges only poker night. Before playing poker, we fired up the grill and cooked hot dogs and hamburgers. The following week was the annual Health Care College tailgate. Upsilon has been the lead contributor in gathering the College of Public Health, Nursing, Medicine, and Dentistry for this tailgate. We are expecting an attendance record as we tailgate before our beloved Kentucky Wildcats take on South Carolina. As we near the Halloween season, we are also busy planning our main philanthropy event, the "Reverse Trick or Treat" at Chandler Hospital and our annual Halloween Party.

—Jacob Beck

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After the last MASK article was sent out, Chi chapter heard great news! Brother Kelsey E. Johnson was honored as the recipient of the Kappa Psi Foundation Pfizer Scholarship. Kappa Psi has a strong history of giving back

to its brothers. We hope to be able to pay it forward to more brothers in the future.

Fall semester began on August 27, but planning for the rush and pledging season started at the end of spring semester in May. We had a very successful rush this year with various types of events. Two of our most successful events were Game Night and our annual Kappa Psi barbecue. This pledge season, the pledgmaster and the pledge parents, along with the Pledge Committee, discussed changes to the pledging process. First of all, we added a week to the schedule, which is fully dedicated to advancing the relationships between the pledges. In order to accomplish this, an event was held with team-building activities and games. Also new this year was an alumni and P4 mixer with the pledges. This was extremely successful as the pledges were able to interact with our guests and learn that Kappa Psi is for life. Furthermore, brothers are trying to incorporate more professional events into the pledging season. We will still be volunteering at the annual soccer skills and team competitions held by the Special Olympics. The smiles on the kids' faces are a pure joy to watch as we set up and run events throughout the day. We also added a UIC service project, the goal of which is to develop the pledges' presentation skills by having them create a poster on basic health care topics. Finally, we will be having Burgers with Brothers Night, which has been one of the most successful and well-liked pledge events in



Beta Gamma brothers prepare desserts at the Kappa Psi house on BiFrat Night (L-R): Timothy, Judie & Lexy; (from back left) Brothers Chris, Roseanne, Shogo, Jessica, Randal, Adam and Gary.

recent years. This night signifies a break from the stresses of pledging and usually is a time where pledges feel relaxed and able to open up more.

Chi chapter enjoyed the first Mid-America Province conclave on September 7–9. The reality of the realignment and the new Provinces did not sink in until we met new brothers at the meeting. We had a strong group of Chi brothers who made the trek to St. Louis for the conclave. All had much fun getting to rekindle old relationships and beginning to build new ones! Additionally, Chi Brothers Kelsey E. Johnson and David H. Kim were elected to the Mid-America Province Executive Committee as Secretary and Chaplain. We would like to thank Gamma Pi for an amazing weekend.

—Esther Moon

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For many at Beta Gamma, the summer months were spent working an internship or relaxing on vacation. However, in the waning days of summer, we reunited to welcome the incoming class in a series of school-wide orientation events. In an effort to get to know the new class, almost all Kappa Psi officers, plus dozens of other brothers, were active in orientation activities lasting well over a week.

Co-organizing welcome week activities was officer Kimberly Krisman,

who spent much of the summer extensively planning and budgeting for the events. Kicking off the welcome was a two-day camping trip filled with team-building exercises and traditional activities such as a soaking water tower challenge and group skits. Whether regaling each other with our summer exploits, eating gooey s'mores, or killing off the new students in a game of Mafia, orientation was a bonding experience and a chance to share the more jovial side of our personalities.

Our rush coordinators/pledgemasters, Randal Du and Lexy Reynolds, have been busy organizing fun and informative events that welcome students to our community. Kicking off Rush 2012, students visited the Kappa Psi house to feast on a huge selection of desserts during BiFrat Night. The next week we warmly welcomed everyone with our traditional San Francisco Giants game and tailgate party, which had a large turnout despite the cold, foggy night. Some of our upcoming rush events include the Light the Night Walk, a fundraiser supporting the battle against leukemia and lymphoma, "Night Life" at the California Academy of Sciences, and Alumni Night. In an effort to promote the pharmacy profession, Richard Kowalski is hard at work coordinating Cram Night, an intense study session preparing new students for their first clinical exam.

At Beta Gamma, we hope to continue Kappa Psi's proud legacy of inclusiveness and achievement.

—Dai Tan

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With the start of the new academic year, it is back to business for the Beta Epsilon chapter. The new officers are all getting to work on bettering the chapter and the Fraternity as a

whole. The first few weeks have been filled with many preparations for the upcoming Northeast Province meeting. This will be our Province's first meeting since the realignment and we anticipate it being a great success.

Brother Todd Gilbert has been hard at work fulfilling his rush chair duties. To find potential rushees, Kappa Psi made sure that it was well represented at the annual College of Pharmacy picnic, held just outside of

our brand new Pharmacy Building. We have about 20 students rushing and will be holding interviews soon before moving into pledging. During rush, we had several events including an info session, a barbecue, and a bowling night, which were all very successful.

In other news, intramural sports are starting up and Kappa Psi has several teams in various sports. The games are always a good time for brotherly

bonding. As the Northeast Province meeting comes closer, Beta Epsilon is looking for ways to commemorate the event. There has been talk of potentially making shirts for purchase.

—Jim Handshaw

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The brothers of Beta Eta started off the fall semester right by co-hosting a back-to-school social for the WVU School of Pharmacy at Joe Mama's in downtown Morgantown. Our brothers know how to have a good time, and we all enjoyed catching up with fellow brothers, classmates, and professors.

Our chapter is really energized about this year's pledge class. We had great turnouts at both of our rush events. Our first rush event was a picnic where we grilled out, played some cornhole, and got to know the potential pledges. We let loose with some bowling for our final rush event and spent the evening tearing up two lanes with the pledges.

Beta Eta continued its tradition of hosting another successful blood drive at the Health Sciences campus at WVU where the School of Pharmacy is located. Our chapter puts high priority on giving back to the community, so we love helping out the American Red Cross whenever we can, even if it takes dancing around in a blood drop costume for a couple of hours to get volunteers! We also continued our community outreach by cooking dinner for the families who are staying at our local Ronald McDonald House in Morgantown. The house serves as a "home away from home" for families so they can stay close by their hospitalized child at little or no cost. Our campus is connected to Ruby Memorial Hospital where most, if not all, of the children are receiving treatment. As pharmacy students, we frequent this same hospital for school, work, and rotations. When we volunteer at the house, it makes it all come full circle, as we are not only helping the families in the field of pharmaceutical care, but we are also there to be friends and a support system for those in need.

We had FIVE Beta Eta brothers travel internationally to promote the field of pharmacy this year! P4s Keri Morgan, Rachel Mitchell, and Sara Bowen spent a month in South Africa as part of an APPE rotation. Their trip consisted of safaris, bungee jumping, petting lions, and, of course, experiencing pharmacy in South Africa. P3s



Beta Kappa brothers (L-R) Jaclyn Brucker, Regina Ulis, Ashley Firm, Andy Nguyen, Mark Yacko, David Kim, and Corey Karadeema helped build a corn maze for local children.



Beta Eta brothers draw volunteers in for an American Red Cross blood drive.

Sarah Mallow and Tori Capozzi also dabbled in adventure with Sarah traveling to Peru for two weeks and Tori heading over to Egypt for a month. Sarah's trip had highlights of Machu Picchu and Peruvian pharmacy, while Tori rode camels at the pyramids of Giza, snorkeled in the Red Sea, and worked in a hospital pharmacy in Alexandria. I think it is safe to say our brothers are bold, brave, and serve as excellent examples of Kappa Psi.

The brothers of Beta Eta hope to see many of you at fall Province in Pittsburgh.

—Tori Capozzi

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Beta Kappa prepared for the school year ahead by holding our annual House Lift. Brothers came out to the house for a cookout and bit of clean-

ing to make the house look better than ever, and our new front lawn is growing in great! We were also excited to learn that Beta Kappa chapter is ranked number six nationally.

Beta Kappa finished a very successful rush period that included a luncheon presentation, outside games and activities at the Cathedral lawn, a luau and a barbecue at the Kappa Psi house. These events were so successful that rush chairs Tyler Chanas and Melanie McCoy made Beta Kappa history by recruiting our largest pledge class ever. We are happy to announce we inducted 49 new members into the 2012 fall pledge class this past week.

Now Beta Kappa is focusing on the most exciting time of the year—pledging. Each fall, we hold several fun events to promote pledge unity and fraternal bonding, including Round Robin, Big/Little Dinner at Spaghetti Warehouse, Fright Farm, and Scav Night. Besides pledging and social events, brothers have been serving the community and participating in philanthropy events. In September, 10 brothers helped build a corn maze for local children. Many brothers also participated in the most recent national DEA Drug Take-Back Day. Plans are also in the works to assist a pharmacist in a wellness fair at a local Rite Aid and promote smoking cessation at a university student health fair.

Beta Kappa is also in the midst of planning for the first Mountain East Province assembly in October. We are excited to meet the new brothers and cannot wait to show off our city of Pittsburgh, of which we are so proud.

—Sarah Ward



Beta Lambda Brothers Adam McCabe, Chun Wong, Matthew Metzger, and Kyle Sacha at the Rho Chi Initiation Dinner.



Beta Nu Brother Laurie Uehara, pledge Shaylee Donathan, and Brothers Dreana Valenciano and Alex Kugler at the annual fall rush event.

BA Beta Lambda

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First off, congratulations to Eric Geyer for winning the 2012 Grand Council Deputy Outstanding Achievement award representing Beta Lambda. We could not be more proud and are thankful for all the help he gave to the chapter. Also, four members were initiated into Rho Chi this fall. Adam McCabe, Matthew Metzger, Kyle Sacha, and Chun Wong accounted for more than 20 percent of the inductees. In addition, three brothers, Wei Hu, Rushil Patel, and Chun Won, were inducted into the pharmacy leadership society, Phi Lambda Sigma, for their exemplary leadership within the College of Pharmacy. As a chapter, we were also recognized for our services during last year's Veterans Day and received

an award for our efforts from the American Red Cross.

Our rush week was full of activities, including flag football, bowling, Uncle John's Pancake House, game night, and a tailgate prior to the Toledo rivalry game against Bowling Green. We currently have 11 pledges.

We have continued to expand our philanthropy and fundraising activities. For example, this fall we will continue with Food for Thought every other Friday where we help prepare bagged lunches for the homeless in downtown Toledo. Also, through Adopt-a-Highway, we cleaned our designated section once and plan to do it again sometime before winter hits.

Our food drive Halloween party is coming up and we are very excited due to last year's success. It was a blast getting to see the brothers of Mu Omicron Pi and Gamma Delta, and we plan on more chapters sharing the fun this year.

—Daniel Kovach

BN Beta Nu

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Fall is underway and the Beta Nu brothers have already planned a semester packed with community service events, including Pinky Poison Control Center presentations at local schools, a local park cleanup, pharmacy awareness presentations, bone marrow drives, and diabetes prevention presentations at our local pharmacies. This year, we are also including community service events with occupational and physical therapy students where we will be engaging in fall risk assessments for older patients at a senior home.

Beta-Nu brothers have enjoyed getting to know our pledge class of 29 students. We've had great turnouts at our rush and social events, among which include a scavenger hunt, karaoke, and Casino Night.

—Parin Patel

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The Beta Xi chapter started off the fall semester with 11 brothers attending the inaugural Atlantic Province conclave in Atlanta at Mercer University. We loved the chance to meet new brothers and reunite with our friends. Beta Xi is very proud of Brother Tammy Chen, who was elected Secretary of the new Atlantic Province, and Beta Xi initiate, Steve Lundeen (currently NC graduate), who was elected Vice Satrap. Congratulations to all brothers elected to the first Atlantic Province Executive Committee, and a big thank-you to Gamma Psi for organizing such a successful and memorable conclave.

In August, the Beta Xi brothers organized a pharmacy school information session for the undergraduate students of UNC Chapel Hill. This session began fall rush, which included various events such as Community Service/Game Night and Trivia Night.

In September, Beta Xi Brother Stephanie Craycroft and Beta Xi initiate and NC graduate Jay Vora attended the El Centro Hispano Health Fair. They were both part of a collaborative team, which included UNC pharmacy students and Duke nursing students who performed free cholesterol and glucose screenings for the Latino community in Durham.



Current Beta Xi brothers and Beta Xi initiates at the Atlantic Province conclave.



Beta Pi brothers and pledges at the photo scavenger hunt.

Beta Xi is currently preparing for Alumni Day, which will be held October 6, and for Family Day, which will be held October 13. We are also preparing for various community service events such as baking cookies and playing Bingo for the SECU house, and Adopt-a-Highway cleanup.

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Over the summer, Beta Omicron brothers, free from studying and finals, took on the challenge to hike Mount Si with determination and patience. Our brothers continued to give back to the community by adopting a street near the school campus.

On behalf of Beta Omicron, we would like to extend our congratulations to the new Epsilon Chi chapter at the University of Utah College of

Pharmacy. A handful of our brothers will embark on a road trip to meet our newest brothers and show our support for their great achievement.

Beta Omicron actively promoted the Fraternity during orientation for first-year students and discussed with potential pledges the opportunities Kappa Psi has to offer in regard to community and social events, professional development, and brotherhood. This year, we are focusing on rushing and pledging members with an emphasis on maintaining involvement throughout the Brotherhood. The transition back to school has taken some time and adjustment; however, we are excited and fully prepared for the long awaited rushing process. The rush events started off with an introductory session on September 28. We have planned a Mariner's game, barbecue and bonfire, and speed dating social, as well as community service and health awareness events.

—Amy Lin

BII Beta Pi

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This summer was fairly low-key for Beta Pi. Several brothers attended the Summer Social hosted by Epsilon Xi in Portland. We had a great time and thank our Epsilon Xi brothers for the experience.

Since the start of our semester, we have been busy promoting Kappa Psi and getting people excited about pledging. We are rushing 53 pledges and have hosted many different events in an effort to get to know our potential new brothers. Some of our events have included speed dating, a "cougar pride" themed social, a weekend in Odessa, Washington, and a photo scavenger hunt.

Beta Pi hosted a car wash and raised a whopping \$681.01. We are proud of the support we received from



Beta Omicron brothers enjoy each other's company during community service with Adopt-A-Street.



Brothers from Beta Upsilon chapter enjoy food and fellowship at the celebratory cookout for new pledges who recently accepted bids.



Beta Sigma chapter at the Grillin' with the Greeks event at NDSU.



Beta Upsilon brothers enjoy fellowship at the cookout for new pledges.

faculty and fellow students who dropped off their cars into our capable hands. We plan on helping our GCD and other faculty members later this fall with yard work and landscaping; both events will function as a fundraiser for our chapter. The Beta Pi chapter is continuing a 12-year tradition of partnering with the Washington State Department of Transportation Adopt-a-Highway Program. We have completed two pickups already and will do at least two more before the end of the semester.

We are excited about some of our upcoming events, one of which is the annual Big/Little Bowling Night where brothers will meet their Littles. The Pullman brothers will be reuniting with the Spokane brothers to participate in the Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes event. The Spokane brothers have also planned an Influenza Vaccination and Health Fair Outreach for the WSU Spokane campus. Beta Pi brothers from both campuses are also

actively participating in planning this year's APHA-ASP Midyear Regional Meeting. Our College of Pharmacy is hosting this event and we look forward to seeing all our brothers there.

—Michelle Hatchett

ΒΣ Beta Sigma

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The Beta Sigma chapter had an exciting change: their house went through extensive renovations over the summer. Fundraising and remarkable contributions from alumni made this possible. Improvements included a renovated entrance way, bedrooms, restrooms, and other fixtures throughout. The brothers held an open house allowing students, staff, and alumni to visit and tour the new changes.

Along with the exciting house improvements, Beta Sigma had a

great rush week that consisted of bowling, grilling and games, mini golfing, go-karting, and other activities such as volleyball at our university's Wellness Center. There are 26 new recruits for the fall semester. Beta Sigma is having a great start to the new school year.

—Sayuri Yang

ΒΥ Beta Upsilon

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Founded 2/27/1930

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The brothers of the Beta Upsilon chapter have kept busy since they have gotten back to school in August.

We welcomed pharmacy majors at Butler to enjoy pizza and ice cream and learn more about the fellowship, industry, sobriety, and high ideals of Kappa Psi at two interest sessions. Brothers had fun by playing cornhole, swapping summer stories, and meet-

ing new friends who were interested in pledging Kappa Psi. We are excited to announce that 39 pharmacy majors have accepted bids to pledge Kappa Psi at Butler! Our chapter threw a celebratory cookout in honor of the pledges accepting their bids.

In September, 11 brothers traveled to St. Louis, Missouri, for the first Mid-America fall Province meeting. They had fun with other chapters and Beta Upsilon alumni as well as exploring the city and seeing the sights, which included a trip to the Arch. We are looking forward to many new Mid-America Province meetings.

Some upcoming events we are excited for as a chapter include celebrating Halloween by planning a haunted house outing, cleaning up the White River Canal in nearby Broad Ripple, and playing volleyball in Butler's intramural leagues. We are also happy to celebrate our chapter's P1 class receiving their white coats.

—Molly Radford

BX Beta Chi

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It is a new school year and Beta Chi has hit the ground running. This summer we participated in the Downtown Farmers Market to provide nutritional information and health screenings to the community, and we have continued to participate in this rewarding experience during the school year. We collaborated with Phi Delta Chi in our most recent health screening and everyone had a blast.

To kick off the year, we had a Brotherhood Retreat at a campground near Drake. At the retreat, we played volleyball, enjoyed games and food around the campfire, and bonded with brothers after a summer apart.

Beta Chi has already gone to the Ronald McDonald House several times this semester to cook meals for the families, as this is always one of our favorites. For fundraising, we have been selling pizza cards, Drake pharmacy clothing, and drug information cards.

Rush Week was a huge success and we even lucked out with great weather for all of our events. We kicked the week off by becoming acquainted with rushees over walking tacos at our barbecue. We next had a bowling night where brothers rotated lanes to get to know the rushees better. We ended the week with Park Day where we played games and also made bracelets to deliver to a women's homeless shelter. After a successful and fun Rush Week, we are now proud to welcome 24 pledges to our chapter!

—Joseph Lutgen

BΨ Beta Psi

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The Beta Psi chapter has been very busy this fall with our rush season. Our rush events have included bonfires at the fraternity house, a luncheon at the school, a Madison sites scavenger hunt, volleyball, an ice cream social, bowling, kickball, an open house, a question and answer session, and a formal rush spaghetti dinner. We are exhilarated to get to know the many terrific new pledges. Beta Psi has also been hard at work finishing the setup of our new shed, finalizing a solid new budget, upgrading our family trees, framing and



Beta Psi brothers Abby Biesterveld, Kelly Zander, Ling Ren, Calli Crotty, and Amy Aumann spread the word to RUSH KAPPA PSI!

putting up our charter in the house, volunteering or participating in charity runs, leading study halls at the school, and attempting to make it possible to match current brothers with preceptors who are KΨ grads for rotations. Our regent, Calli Crotty, as well as many other brothers, helped to create an impressive Beta Psi chapter Web site, complete with pictures of our officers, e-mail addresses of all of our chapter brothers, descriptions of our programs and events, a photo slide show, brief chapter and national histories, a calendar, and contact information. The Web site can be reached at <https://sites.google.com/site/kappapsibetapsi>. Additionally, our chapter held a Kappa Psi/Phi Delta Chi social event at a Wisconsin Badgers football game, improving our relations and having a great time. Future events include going to a corn maze, pumpkin carving, the annual alumni Badgers football tailgate, and a Halloween party. As the leaves change into shades of autumn colors, Beta Psi brothers await the first Northern Plains Province assembly and our annual banquet.

—Gabrielle Russell

BΩ Beta Omega

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The Beta Omega brothers enjoyed a nice summer break even though they are never long enough. Some upgrades were made to our house including a new kitchen that looks like something straight out of a *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine.



Brother Jake Haines goes for a wild bull ride at the Kappa Psi Welcoming Party at the Beta Omega house.

September was an exciting month as school started up and the recruiting process began. Through multiple rush events, the Beta Omega boys have made a significant and positive impact on the school. So far, the recruiting highlights were a Philadelphia Phillies tailgate event and a Welcome Back party for all of school of pharmacy. Both were a huge success, especially the party. New and old students alike got a chance to see each other outside of the classroom, and it was clear that professional students can have fun as well. It made for an epic night in north Philadelphia.

With 39 rushees, we will have a tough task choosing which are worthy of pledging Beta Omega. There are some standout rushees we hope make the pledge to carry on our legacy, both in and out of school. With flag football playoffs about to begin, the



A Beta Psi brother proudly poses with her new pledge son.

KΨ Raiders plan to put together a pledge season that is the best ever.

—Zack Woods

ΓΔ Gamma Delta

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Gamma Delta hosted a summer meeting to prepare for a busy year. All of the planning made for a smooth transition into a year full of events.

After the summer apart, 22 brothers were able to quickly make up for lost time at Beulah Beach Camp on Lake Erie for our annual Fall Retreat. Participants were able to zip line, take a ride in the human slingshot, and enjoy s'mores around the campfire.

Since returning to campus, we have been able to donate time and supplies to various organizations. In the beginning of the school year, the chapter had three teams participate in the school's Mud Volleyball Tournament, which benefited Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Although the teams did not make it to finals, it was still fun to bond in the mud. Also, the brothers have participated in a new philanthropy by going to Primrose Nursing Home in Lima to help with various events for the residents. Some of the past activities included a day of



Epsilon Beta Brothers Justin Hrcir and Brittany Wolda share long chats with rushees under the sun at the first fall rush event of the semester at Chris Madrid's.



Dominique McKee, Madalyn McMinn, Annie Durham, and Jessica Alflen before zip lining at Gamma Delta's Fall Retreat.



Sigma Brothers Hanna Lee and Jane Kim preparing the dessert contest entries for the judges during Grill 'n Chill.



Xi Regent Jeff Rabe and Enforcer Jon Terry dressed up preppy with pledges for miniature golf for Rush Week.

getting to know each other
strengthening the bonds



Gamma Epsilon Brother Evan Gahan shows his support in the annual SHARING clinic golf tournament.



Gamma Epsilon brothers at the Out of the Darkness walk to raise awareness for suicide prevention.

cornhole and an ice cream social. Residents and brothers alike are looking forward to tailgating for OSU games, Western Movie Day, pumpkin carving, and Craft Day. Our chapter was able to pair up with CMLA, a teaching organization, in order to collect tissues, disinfecting wipes, and hand sanitizer to donate to the local school district. To ensure cleanliness, brothers were able to hang posters in the schools to inform students of proper hand-washing techniques. Lastly, Kappa Psi sold "Proud Parent of a Future Pharmacist" T-Shirts at ONU's Family Day with all proceeds going to the American Red Cross.

Also this fall, Gamma Delta hosted a variety of rush events. The Recruitment Committee and chair were busy planning and hosting a Kappa Psi info night, bonfire, Hawaiian luau, Sports Day, cookout, and Formal Night. The events were well received, and the chapter is excited to have 25 new pledges.

—Amanda Lanker

ΓΕ Gamma Epsilon

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As another semester kicked off, brothers worked hard to recruit the new incoming pharmacy students. We held our annual back-to-school barbecue to get the potential pledges acquainted with our members. Pledge meetings have been held weekly to help the pledges learn the history and significance of Kappa Psi. We are

working hard to plan the initiation and annual camping retreat for our incoming members.

Besides recruiting, Gamma Epsilon has also been involved in a lot of philanthropies. Some of our members participated in a golf tournament to raise funds for the SHARING clinic, a student-run clinic to serve the underprivileged community. We also participated in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's Out of the Darkness Walk and the Open Door Mission Walk-a-thon to raise funds to feed the homeless.

Gamma Epsilon is also working very hard to finalize planning of the Northern Plains fall conclave. We are honored to be able to host it this year and hope to see many of you there.

—Amanda Edgerton

ΓΖ Gamma Zeta

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Gamma Zeta has been busy. In June, some of our brothers attended the last Province IV conclave in Atlanta. As always, the Gamma Zeta brothers had a great time bonding with brothers from other chapters. In August, some brothers traveled back to Atlanta for the inaugural conclave of the Atlantic Province. Our brothers learned even more about Kappa Psi and brought back some great ideas for our own chapter and Province.

At the start of the school year, Gamma Zeta was busy with recruitment. We had a lot of students partici-



The chefs who cooked hamburgers and hot dogs for Gamma Delta's rush event.

pate in rush events and they were very enthusiastic about becoming a part of our Brotherhood. The brothers and rushees got to know one another through a cookout, pizza and game night, formal dinner, and a cupcake social. The chapter and rushees also volunteered at NorthStar Youth Ministries, helping to garden, organize, and paint the facility. This organization is dedicated to providing programs that focus on the physical, spir-

itual, and academic development of youth in an underprivileged community in Birmingham. The chapter and recruitment members had a blast during rush and have already begun forming lasting friendships.

Additionally, Gamma Zeta's brothers and pledges spent time at Tree Top Family Adventure. Everyone had a great time partaking in laser tag, water balloon fights, riding go-karts, and much more. Brothers also volun-



Gamma Zeta brothers and pledges at the ADA Walk and Health Fair.



Gamma Eta brothers model the latest in toga party fashion.



At every home football game, Gamma Eta brothers throw a rocking Griz tailgate.

teered at the ADA Walk and Health Fair. We were able to serve the Birmingham community by providing blood glucose screenings, blood pressure screenings, and educating others on different pharmaceutical topics.

—Brooke Devore

ΓH Gamma Eta

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The brothers of Gamma Eta didn't waste any time getting back into the

swing of things this fall. We kicked off a new year with a float trip down the beautiful Clark Fork River, soaking up the remaining warm weather. Current brothers reunited after a summer apart and welcomed new pledges. Once school started, we had a successful rush lunch, providing prospective rushees with an opportunity to get to know us and learn what we are all about. And yes, "Call Me Maybe," a Kappa Psi version, was part of it! Through social, philanthropy, and fundraising events, 40 enthusiastic new pledges have been able to get to know our current members.

Our first social event was a toga party. Gamma Eta brothers and prospective rushees showed off their creativity and crafting skills. From glam to holiday-themed to the classic sheet, everyone had a colossal time. During our welcome back barbecue, Brother Will Rotter threw on an apron and rose to the challenge of cooking burgers for 50 hungry Grizzlies. Everyone enjoyed a plethora of food and games, making for a great turnout. At every home Grizzly football game, Gamma Eta throws a rocking tailgate. The tailgate has games and food, providing brothers a chance

to spend time together and rejuvenate after enthusiastically cheering for our home team. More than 25,000 people attend each game and if you've never been to a game in Griz country, we highly recommend it! We discovered a few brothers with star potential at our annual bowling and karaoke night. Then the competitive side of Gamma Eta brothers came out during our first-ever Olympiad. Battles were fought and wars were won in events such as tug o' war, egg and spoon race, trivia, eating competition, egg toss, and a four-, yes, four-legged race.

In addition to our fantastic social rush events, this semester has already proven successful in our fundraising and philanthropy departments. At every home football game, five Gamma Eta brothers volunteer to work one of the concession booths inside the stadium. Despite being avid Griz fans, brothers suit up to take and fill orders for hungry fans. Although crammed into a small, hot, greasy box, brothers have happily volunteered to raise money for our chapter. We have been pleasantly surprised by some of our brothers' burger flipping skills! In addition, Gamma Eta holds an annual wreath selling fundraiser. Our customers are always satisfied with our great selection, and proceeds go to help fund our events.

Additionally, Gamma Eta has been hard at work in the community. More than 30 brothers donned neon orange vests to participate in our biannual highway cleanup event. Even though smoke was heavy from nearby forest fires, brothers and pledges came out in full force, breaking into six groups to tackle our adopted section of road in record time. Gamma Eta is making the world a better place, one less piece of trash at a time. The Missoula Ronald McDonald House has always been a place where brothers spend time volunteering. Each month we make dinner for the guests, and this

Diverse brothers

year a few brothers spent time helping to decorate for the fall season.

Rush 2012 is shaping up to be one of our biggest and best rush years yet, and we can't wait to see what the rest of the year has in store for us.

—Brianna Sullivan & Casey Lauver

ΓΘ Gamma Theta

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Gamma Theta has kicked off yet another school year. Many thanks go out to previous officers of our chapter for being wonderful leaders in 2011–2012.

Pledge season is underway at UMKC. Brothers have already hosted a kickball game, games night, and a philanthropic event where pledges made eye kits for children at the Ronald McDonald House. Brothers will soon be hosting a trivia night and Royals baseball game as well.

Gamma Theta is very excited to help our community through philanthropic events this fall. Brothers will be providing needed services at Harvesters Food Pantry, Kansas City Free Health Clinic, Cordill-Mason Elementary, Calvary Baptist Temple/Calvary Community Wellness Center, and for KC Fun and Fitness, an event coordinated to promote healthier lifestyles. Many members of Gamma Theta are also involved with APhA-ASP and will be volunteering for other patient care initiatives.

When brothers are not studying or volunteering, we will be enjoying some quality time together through our annual Halloween party (benefiting Harvesters Food Pantry), our ugly sweater Christmas party, and various other events. Brothers enjoyed the first Mid-America Province meeting hosted by Gamma Pi chapter and are looking forward to our spring meeting hosted by our Rho brothers.

—Kelsey Bingham

ΓΚ Gamma Kappa

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To begin the school year, Gamma Kappa hosted a welcome-back cookout at the house. Not only was this a good opportunity for the active brothers to get together after their summers, it was a way for potential pledges to meet with the brothers and College of Pharmacy faculty, tour the house, and enjoy playing yard games and grilling out. This fall, we have 50 pledges, rep-

Epsilon Beta Brothers Samantha Reyna, Anjanette Garcia, Jonathan Jean, Liz Kallarackal, Irene Tran, Chi Pham, Nathaniel Oyefeso, Brittany Wolda, Marcus Martinez, and Gabrielle Raymond spend their Saturday morning volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House on September 8, 2012.



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Delta Delta Brother Katherine Richards shows off her new Kappa Psi manicure at the annual Kappa Psi Cookout.



Brothers Hilleary Sheckler (top left), Vicente Jaramillo (bottom left), Angela Ho (top right), and Lance Trujillo (bottom right) pose for a photo after completing the 2012 Warrior Dash New Mexico 5K race.



ABOVE and RIGHT: Gamma Eta brother pull together at the first Olympiad.



Beta Xi Brothers Craycroft and Vora at the El Centro Hispano Health Fair.

... one brotherhood!



Brothers work together to make a difference on campus and in their communities.



ABOVE: Epsilon Brother Gina Danielson works in the dispensing pharmacy at the Phillips Neighborhood clinic.
LEFT: Beta Lambda Brothers Christian Ball, John Leo Scott, Jr., Alex Fraley, and Richard Mui receiving an award from the Red Cross.

resenting both the P2 and P1 classes. As the pledging process started, we went bowling to showcase our bowling skills and socialize with brothers and pledges. While bowling, we had the privilege to hear one of our brothers demonstrate his karaoke skills. The brothers have also tailgated at all the home Jackrabbits football games, sponsored an intramural co-rec volleyball and football team, and hosted social gatherings at the house.

In the Brookings community, Gamma Kappa sponsors three miles of U.S. Highway 14 that the brothers clean twice a year as part of the Adopt-a-Highway program. Our first act of community involvement this year was the roadside cleanup. The chapter also signed up to take part in the Feed Brookings project for October and November and have started raising funds for Relay For Life.

Congratulations to all the brothers and pledges who received scholarships for this academic year.

—Seth Moe

ΓN Gamma Nu

University of the Pacific

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On September 8, six of our brothers took part in the annual Thomas J. Long School of Health Sciences White Coat Ceremony. Not only does this momentous occasion allow students to celebrate their entrance into pharmacy school with their families, it marks the beginning of a graduate school education that will push students to their absolute limits.

The annual Red Rager social event, hosted by the Gamma Nu chapter, took place on September 14. All University of the Pacific students (including graduate students) were welcomed to this event—and a huge number of students came to enjoy their weekends after their respective stressful weeks of academic toil. The social event was advertised to the school campus and had an impact on students of all ages. Free refreshments were served to all guests, courtesy of the Gamma Nu chapter. The event brought in many old faces as well as new students.

The brothers also took part in many health fairs, promoting the Fraternity to new transfer students at the Thomas J. Long School of Health Sciences as well as in the University of the Pacific campus undergraduate students. The month of September was quite busy for the Gamma Nu chapter, but was well worth the work.

—Jason Kim



Gamma Kappa pledges suit up for Adopt-a-Highway cleanup.

ΓO Gamma Omicron

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Gamma Omicron brothers had a dynamic fall culminating with National Pharmacy Month in October. The chapter organized a bowling mixer at the beginning of the semester for the incoming students. Brothers also manned a table at orientation so the new students could learn what Kappa Psi is about. All of the brothers wore Kappa Psi shirts so the P1s could see how involved the Gamma Omicron chapter is in every organization at the college. Then, the brothers were “LUC” as they organized a casino-themed rush week complete with alumni special guest speakers, games, and social events.

Gamma Omicron is organizing activities for children at our college’s annual Homeless Health Fair, an event that is close to the hearts of the brothers of Gamma Omicron. Not only do we love interacting with the kids as their parents are busy receiving free health care, but it is also a great opportunity to show the community that pharmacists care.

—Amanda Higgins

ΓΠ Gamma Pi

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On September 4, Gamma Pi held a successful blood drive on the STL-COP campus. Fifty-seven productive



Gamma Omicron Brothers Amanda Higgins and Allison Osbourne enjoy brothers night out at Dave & Buster’s.

units of blood were collected which surpassed the goal of 40. At the same time, Be The Match registry for bone marrow donors was on campus and had 18 people sign up.

The weekend of September 7–9, Gamma Pi also hosted the first-ever Mid-America Province conclave. The event began on Friday night with St. Baldrick’s where several people shaved their heads to support finding a cure for cancer. The chapter was able to raise \$5,277.20 in a week and a

half for the cause. From there, everyone headed to the hotel in downtown St. Louis for a meet and greet on the roof.

Saturday morning, brothers met in the ballroom of the Hyatt for the first general meeting of the new Province. The meeting started at 8 a.m. with a Continuing Education opportunity for graduates. The CE, titled “Caring for the Older Adult,” was given by St. Louis College of Pharmacy faculty member and Kappa Psi Brother Dr.



Gamma Upsilon officers 2012–2013.



Current Gamma Rho regent Jacob Salmon poses with the chapter's Province IX shirt design at the 2012 chapter banquet.

Anastasia Roberts. The general meeting session for all brothers started at 9 a.m. During the first half of the meeting, new Province officers were elected, and brothers were dismissed at 1 p.m. for lunch around the St. Louis area. After lunch, the meeting resumed with chapter presentations so brothers could get to know more about the chapters of their new Province. During the evening, everyone reconvened for a dinner banquet and socialization. Afterward, many brothers took advantage of the restaurants and other activities in the hotel and around downtown St. Louis. As the last event of the weekend, brothers attended the Cardinals game against the Milwaukee Brewers on Sunday afternoon. Overall, the weekend was a great success. With the



Gamma Phi Brothers (L–R) at the inaugural Atlantic Province conclave: Dustin Cooper, Abe Duncan, Jonathan O'Conner, Francisco Marrero, Lucas Brown, Brian Crogan, Bryan Summerford, Trent Leonard, John DeVine, Dan Zeitang, Zack Hobby, Patrick Tu, and Naji Braich.

decision to hold meetings twice annually, Mid-America Province is looking forward to their next meeting in the spring, hosted by the Rho chapter in Lawrence, Kansas.

The chapter has also been busy with pledging and the 20 potential new members. On September 28, many brothers attended Dr. Leonard Naeger's statue dedication during reunion weekend. The statue is located on the west end of the campus and is sculpted to depict Dr. Naeger walking across campus in his famous puppy dog slippers and his white coat. He is a very important man to our chapter and school and will always be remembered and loved as a wonderful professor, friend, and brother.

—Kelli Maher

ΓΡ Gamma Rho

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There have been many exciting happenings with Gamma Rho these past few months! Recently, Brother Keenan Ryan presented research at the 52nd annual Interscience Conference of Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy. The title of the research is "Thickened Cell Wall as a Mechanism for Increased Telavancin Minimum Inhibitory Concentration in Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*." Also of note, several brothers have been deeply involved in promoting a "Walk for ALS" benefit to serve members of the Albuquerque commu-

nity affected by the condition. Community outreach and scientific research are just a few of the fundamental pillars Gamma Rho is building the chapter upon this semester.

The chapter is also enjoying another large pledge class of more than 20+ members consisting of first- and second-year students at the University of New Mexico. We remain committed to solidifying our foundation at the university and have recently begun promoting the formation of a graduate chapter in the area to better connect with our senior brothers and better the community. —Matthew Murphy

ΓΥ Gamma Upsilon

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The Gamma Upsilon chapter had a great summer! Our brothers were across the globe during their summer travels. Three of them participated in Global Medical Brigades in Ghana, Africa and Honduras, South America. They volunteered in communities with little to no access to medical care. They provided much needed health care, medications and education. Some of our brothers also traveled to Egypt to take part in IPSF World Congress.

With school in session, Gamma Upsilon has been busy organizing several events. A back-to-school social was held so our brothers were able to catch up after the summer and meet the incoming P1s. In addition, Rush Week caused a flurry of excitement as we showcased our chapter to potential pledges. The week culminated with our Vegas-themed rush event, which had a huge turnout. We are proud to say that after the bids were counted, we have 35 new pledges interested in becoming Kappa Psi brothers for life! Several exciting events are planned for our pledges and we can't wait to get to know them. We are looking forward to the first-ever Pacific West fall Province assembly in Las Vegas, hosted by the brothers of Delta Tau.

—Bryan Sears

ΓΦ Gamma Phi

University of Georgia

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Gamma Phi chapter has had a good start to the new school year. Many of the brothers helped out at the College of Pharmacy's White Coat Ceremony and orientation events, talking to the new first-years and helping them get



Delta Rho P4 Brother Travis Shipley wears his jersey with pride in the skies over Florida.

acclimated to their new surroundings. The chapter also hosted its annual "Welcome Back Party," which was a great event for everyone in the College of Pharmacy. Brothers asked that partygoers bring some sort of school supply to be donated to the Athens-Clarke County school system for children in need. The event had a great turnout and quite a bit of supplies were donated to the schools.

Gamma Phi brothers had three rush events during the first month of school. The first was a brother cookout. The second event was a trip to a minor league baseball game. There was a large turnout with all the brothers, Little Sisters, and recruits going to see the Gwinnett Braves. It was an exciting game and afterward everyone got to enjoy the last fireworks show of the season. Lastly, Gamma Phi hosted the annual Roundtable event where Kappa Psi alumni and faculty members talk about everything Kappa Psi has to offer and how it has helped them during their careers.

In early September, the chapter handed out 14 bids to the recruits and is pleased to announce that all 14 bids were returned. The Gamma Phi guys are delighted with the new pledge class and look forward to a fun semester getting to know each of them.

We are continuing the tailgate tradition and are out on campus at dawn tailgating for the home football games. The brothers are also participating in intramural sports with both a flag football team and a softball team. Upcoming events include the Adopt-a-Highway trash pickup program and the annual paintball event between the brothers and the pledges.

—Bryan Summerford

ΓΧ Gamma Chi

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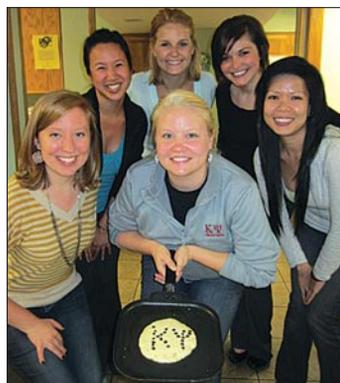
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This semester has gotten off to a great start at Gamma Chi following an exciting rush. The brothers chose an Olympic theme for our rush events after the excitement of the summer



Delta Lambda brothers enjoy Casino Night.



Delta Zeta brothers serving dinner at the Ronald McDonald House.

games. We started with a Team USA cookout, which included all things American: hot dogs, hamburgers, and apple pie. We also held the Kappa Psi Olympics, complete with fun games that proved an excellent opportunity for the potential pledges and the brothers to get better acquainted. The highlight of the rush events, however, was the Michael Phelps' breakfast we concocted for the final night. Some of the food included chocolate-chip pancakes, bacon and eggs. While I do not believe anyone consumed as much as Phelps does in one sitting, it was still a great time. We had great turnouts to all of the events and the current pledge class consists of 10 pledges. This was a great recruitment job, as our numbers had dwindled to eight actives currently in Big Rapids. Several of the P3 members made the trip up from Grand Rapids to congratulate the new pledges on their decision to join Kappa Psi.



Gamma Chi Brothers Evan Meister and Mariana Wildfeuer entertaining potential pledges.

Now that rush is over, brothers are looking forward to hosting the first meeting of the Great Lakes Province. We have been busy planning the meeting and it is coming together nicely. A number of Gamma Chi alumni have recently stopped by for fraternity events. We look forward to seeing them and all our Kappa Psi brothers again at the Province meeting.

—Erin Eriksson

ΓΨ Gamma Psi

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Gamma Psi ended the summer with a historic event on the grounds of Mercer University—the last summer conclave of Province IV. The chapter was also proud to host the inaugural

Atlantic Province conclave in August. Participation was astounding as brothers from all over the country came down to witness this momentous event. It was a great opportunity for everyone to fellowship and share ideas. This realignment is sure to serve as a structural base that enhances the bonds of brotherhood among the chapters. The conclave agenda was strictly business, but we all ended the weekend with a night of good food, great music, and lots of fun.

Gamma Psi was ranked as the number one collegiate chapter of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Inc. This marks the third time in four years that the chapter has been ranked at the top. The brothers of Gamma Psi, alumni and collegiate, are extremely proud of this achievement and hope for continued success. To prepare for the hard work to come,



Delta Zeta brothers at Taste of Iowa City.



Delta Delta brothers with future brothers-to-be at the annual Kappa Psi Cookout.

the brothers took their final weekend before classes to escape on our annual Brothers' Retreat in Savannah.

Fall has arrived and with it comes new hopes and prospective pledges. On the first day of school, Gamma Psi hosted the Welcome to Atlanta party where we had the opportunity to get to know the freshmen.

Gamma Psi continues to embody the servant mentality that it was founded upon. In September, brothers volunteered to provide needed screening services to the patrons of Sam's Club. Brothers checked blood pressures and provided information on the importance of healthy diet, exercise, dietary supplements, and how to perform simple first aid treatment.

—Justin Kyei-Frimpong

ΔB Delta Beta

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Delta Beta brothers finished spring semester on a good note, raising \$1,500 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in our annual golf scramble and continued to stay busy with rush events, fundraisers, and 20 new pledges. We kicked off the fall semester with a rush event and our annual flag football game, the Hygeia Bowl, against our rival pharmacy fraternity, Phi Delta Chi, in efforts to raise more money for St. Jude. The event proved to be a success as we made more than

\$700 and won the pledge game, as well as the member game, by large margins. The rest of the semester is filled with events including the annual Apothecary, a Halloween party that the Delta Beta brothers host along with pharmacy sorority Kappa Epsilon. The three best and most original costumes are awarded with cash prizes each year. In addition, this semester the brothers will be volunteering at the Race for the Cure, co-hosting a canned food drive for a local church, and organizing and holding blood pressure and flu shot clinics. In the spring, we will be organizing our main philanthropic event, the annual golf tournament to raise money for St. Jude.

—Erik Hart

ΔΓ Delta Gamma

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Delta Gamma attended the last Province IV summer conclave June 1-3, hosted at Mercer University in Atlanta, Georgia. Grant McGuffey accepted an appreciation award on behalf of our chapter for dedication and loyalty to Province IV. Dr. Buck Butler accepted a recognition award for his involvement with Kappa Psi alumni and graduates. The 14 brothers in attendance brought fresh ideas back to Delta Gamma chapter to kick off the year of activities.

Despite Province realignment, brothers continued to maintain our old relationships from Province IV by attending the inaugural Atlantic Province meeting in August and going

to a Braves baseball game with our Gamma Psi brothers in September. We hope to continue these relationships in the future while looking forward to our future relationships with our Gulf Coast Province brothers. Delta Gamma is busy planning the inaugural Gulf Coast Province meeting, hosted at Auburn in January 2013.

Our pledge process is underway with 66 pledges accepting bids at the Auburn campus and 15 pledges accepting bids in Mobile after our informal and formal rush events were held. We look forward to our Big-Little reveal event. While recruiting the next class is important, Delta Gamma continues to make graduate outreach a priority by hosting the annual Kappa Psi Alumni Tailgate. Many graduate brothers were in attendance for the game against LSU. We look forward to hosting these brothers at all of our tailgating events this semester.

Chapter brothers continue to prove their value academically and in the community. At the Auburn Harrison School of Pharmacy's annual scholarship awards ceremony, 32 brothers accepted scholarship awards! Our brothers continue to be leaders at HSOP by spearheading the first "Drug Take-Back Event and Health Fair" in the Auburn community. Brothers, along with members from NCPA, took blood glucose, blood pressure, cholesterol readings, and collected expired drugs from the community at a local independent pharmacy. The event was a huge success and received a lot of press in Auburn. The chapter also hosted a successful blood drive with Life South and beach cleanup with the Red Cross in August. We look forward to future community service events including the Autism Speaks walk.

—Christina Laird

ΔΔ Delta Delta

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In the summer, Delta Delta brothers decided to hang up their white coats to enjoy some good ol' fellowship at the beach. Several brothers traveled to Galveston Island State Park to set up camp and soak in the sun. The trip included reminiscing cherished memories around a bonfire.

Delta Delta continued to make an impact in the community. Brothers held a health fair at alumnus Brother Allison Lau's church where we set up tri-folds to educate people about diabetes, stroke, HIV/AIDS, chronic kidney disease, and the importance of



Brothers of Delta Nu visit a fellow brother's lake house.

immunization. Four brothers traveled more than one and a half hours to Beaumont, Texas, to do a medication brown bag event for a brother from Epsilon Eta, Quan Pho, director of pharmacy at Baptist Hospital. Kappa Psi performed counseling sessions for the elderly and answered questions that patients had about their chronic medications. We counseled on the uses and side effects of medications, disease progressions, goals for certain diseases, and medication adherence.

Our official rush events of fall 2012 began with our first informational where several rushees learned why our brothers cherish this Fraternity. Our second informational was the time for our own Delta Delta brothers and alumni to take a step back and expose a more intimate side of our Brotherhood, sharing their personal testimonies. Our subsequent rush events included our annual broom ball social. More than 50 brothers and alumni from the Delta Theta chapter, as well as our own Delta Delta chapter, had an exciting time interacting with our rushees on the ice. This event was a great opportunity to showcase our bond as brothers and promote teamwork amongst all in attendance. Our fellowship was demonstrated at our final rush event, the annual Kappa Psi Cookout. Along with hotdogs and burgers, we enjoyed interactive games of coed football and soccer, and even featured a classical piñata. The culmination of our chapter's hard work was highlighted at our third informational/first pledge meeting when the room was filled with 32 pledges.

—Victor Faniyi



Delta Omicron Brothers Tiffany Rule, Quoc Duy Vo, and Megan Parsi represent Kappa Psi at Wilkes University's Club Day.

ΔΖ Delta Zeta

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Delta Zeta brothers are proud to be tied for the sixth collegiate chapter in the nation, announced this summer.

We started off the school year with rush events at Old Chicago Pizza, game night at the college, billiards and bowling. We are thrilled to have 28 new pledges and can't wait to get to know them all.

So far this semester, brothers have cooked dinner for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House, sampled food at the Taste of Iowa City, and visited Wilson's Apple Orchard. There is an amazing lineup of philanthropies, service events, and socials



Delta Lambda Brothers Jessica Fountain, Jennifer Wilson, and Morgan Costner at the Toga Party.

planned for the rest of the semester. Brothers will be traveling to the Quad Cities to volunteer with Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic, giving flu shots at a local church, and scaring haunted corn maze attendees at the Field of Screams, coming up in October. Delta Zeta will also be selling drug study cards as a fundraiser to help everyone stay on top of their schoolwork. To release some of the pressure of school, brothers will get together and have a little fun. Pumpkin carving, tailgating with Beta Chi, Murder Mystery Dinner, and A Minute-to-Win-It Game Night are only a couple of socials planned.

—Rachel Dyke

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The brothers of Delta Theta have been quite busy. On July 11, the brothers welcomed the incoming P1 students at the annual Summer Academy for Texas Southern University. The new students were able to ask questions and gain insight on what it takes to be a successful pharmacy student. During his visit to Houston, Grand Vice Regent Eric Gupta held a leadership workshop for the brothers of Delta Theta. This workshop highlighted chapter development by emphasizing various topics

including fundraising, scholarship opportunities, and alumni participation. The following day, our chapter volunteered at the seventh annual Community Health Awareness Fair at Sunnyside Multiservice Center where brothers handed out diabetic cookbooks and provided helpful information relating to medication. The brothers gathered together for a night of fun, fellowship, and karaoke at Azteca's to say goodbye to summer and hello to the start of a new semester. On September 8, the brothers of Delta Theta showed off their skills in the first annual Carnation Bowl, winning 18-0. This football game was a fantastic way to spend time with the brothers of Delta Delta. In fact, we had so much fun with the Delta Delta chapter that we participated in their broom ball event just two days later! Finally, on September 20, ΦΑΣ Pharmacy Leadership Society-Alpha Pi chapter presented "Pharmacy Careers in Pharmaceutical Industry," given by one of our recent graduates and Brother Dawn Bey, along with her preceptor, Leacy Pryor (assistant director, R&D Strategy and Analytics, Bristol-Myers Squibb). This presentation highlighted the main areas of industry positions for pharmacists and how to prepare for a future in industry as well as opportunities available at Bristol-Myers Squibb.

—Audra Anderson



Delta Omicron brothers represent Kappa Psi at Wilkes University's Club Day.

ΔK Delta Kappa

Howard University

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Fall is here and just like the election season has consumed the nation, so has Delta Kappa's desire to represent D.C. Our excitement to be the leaders of the pharmacy world is spreading as we complete rewarding community service opportunities, make our mark in a promising new Province, and most importantly, know we are one year closer to graduation.

The first stop for brothers was the college's orientation for the first-year students. After a long summer vacationing and "rotationing," many were eager to help out the new class. A whopping 58 of the P1 students expressed interest in the Fraternity at the organization fair by signing up for KΨ Pals. Their interest was celebrated with a "KΨ Pal Barbecue" hosted by the chapter. This served as an excellent meet and greet complete with an entertaining ice breaker. Kudos is due to Brother Lanszie Jean-Pierre, our vice regent, for organizing an amazing event, D.C. alumnus Brother Clifford Lovett for supporting, and Brother Arthur Graber, a Delta Rho alum, for grilling.

Next, the chapter participated in a few community service events includ-

ing two hospice game nights and Metro TeenAIDS condom use training. Brothers Clarice Carthon and Octavia Jordan influenced the inner city youth of Washington, D.C., by demonstrating the proper safe techniques for pregnancy prophylaxis. Giving back to the community has proven to be an integral part of the Delta Kappa platform!

—Sudan Gordon

ΔΛ Delta Lambda

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The Delta Lambda brothers have begun their fall semester at the School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences with an ardor to learn more about health care and an enthusiasm to engage in upcoming KΨ events.

The fall semester began with 16 brothers attending the Atlantic Province conclave in Atlanta. The brothers had an amazing time at the conclave and were very proud to be a part of the history of that new Province. Furthermore, our chapter organized three wonderful rush events: Rushing Roadside, Kiss n' Lei, and Casino Night. Our rush chair, Tyler Bradshaw, and her committee did a great job in putting these events together and portraying the promi-

nence of Kappa Psi at Campbell University. Our chapter is excited to welcome 18 pledges this semester and has begun to inculcate these pledges with the essence of Kappa Psi. Brandy Marriner, our social chair, organized "Toga Party," the first social of the semester. At this event, all the brothers and pledges had a great time after a long week of classes and exams.

Moreover, Carly Cawrse, our fundraising chair, organized the first fundraiser of the semester, "Taco Dinner." A lot of people attended this event and it proved to be a great success. The brothers and pledges are excited about participating in the upcoming fundraising event, the sixth annual Brie Anne Reynolds Memorial Golf Tournament. This event is being organized by Jordan Ballou, our golf chair, and her committee in memory of Brie Anne Reynolds. Brie was a Campbell University pharmacy student and a Kappa Psi brother who was killed in a tragic accident the summer before her P2 year.

In addition, the brothers are also looking forward to participating in several events this semester such as Cardiac 5K, Halloween Event, and Thanksgiving Food Drive. Delta Lambda chapter brothers are excited about initiating the new pledges and continuing to promote the motto of "One for All and All for One!"

—Madhav Bhatt

ΔM Delta Mu

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Delta Mu has had an incredibly busy year. Besides "rolling up the rim to win" and playing hockey, we have held several successful fundraisers on campus and within the pharmacy community, hosted social events for pharmacy students and beyond, and volunteered our time for some great causes in the Vancouver area. Coming into last year, our chapter was quite small, but we have managed to bounce back in numbers. We spent much of last year getting to know all of our new members, forging lasting friendships, and enjoying our year in pharmacy school.

Last October, Delta Mu organized a team to participate in the annual UBC Trick or Eat. On Halloween night, dressed in our finest costumes, our team went door to door collecting non-perishable food items for our local food bank. We were proud to be part of the 6,003 Canadians who helped to raise more than \$500,000 worth of non-perishable goods last fall. We hope to participate again this October to keep fighting the battle against hunger in our community.

In January, we hosted a New Years Eve + 5 Days event. This magical night was complete with sparkly decorations, a big screen TV replaying the countdown from New York, a balloon drop, door prizes, and pharmacy students dressed to impress. Delta Mu members proudly represented themselves in their traditional colors and symbols. The girls wore a red carnation in their hair, and the boys wore ties boasting the K symbol. The evening was themed in the scarlet and gray Kappa Psi colors. NYE+5 was our first event of the year under the direction of our new council and regent Melissa Taddei. We were proud to donate the \$400 we raised at this event to the Royal Columbian Hospital Foundation, which is the major trauma center for southeastern British Columbia. We hope to see you at NYE+11 on January 11, 2013, at UBC.

In the spring, we held a Funny T-Shirt fundraiser. One of our talented K members designed several funny, pharmacy-related images and sayings, which we were able to print onto T-shirts and sell to our fellow pharmacy students. This was very successful and we hope to do this again this year.

Are you ready for an international border crossing? We are very excited to host conclave in 2014. We welcome

our fellow brothers of the new Northwest Province and look forward to seeing all of you in Vancouver.

—Erika Smith

ΔN Delta Nu

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First and foremost, I would like to welcome all of my Kappa Psi brethren back to another promising school year. Summer was filled with its own wealth of great times, but there is nothing like the reconnecting of the chapter to start off the fall. For us, it seemed as though we couldn't wait to get back into things. When the school asked for second- and third-years to volunteer for new student orientation, the brothers of the Delta Nu chapter couldn't wait to answer the call and meet the new class. This was a great segue into the following weekend, the first ever Mid-America Province meeting in St. Louis.

As we said goodbye to the old Province in the spring, we were happy to come together with our new Province to join fresh bonds of fellowship and reconnect with old. After house business was settled, the fellowship finished off with a Cardinals baseball game. Though some of us may be Cubs fans in our hearts, it was still great to spend the day down at Busch Stadium cheering with our brothers. A very special thank-you goes out to our brothers in St. Louis for hosting the first meeting of the Mid-America Province. Though we'll be sure to keep in close contact throughout the year, we already can't wait to see everyone in the spring.

Keeping with the theme of renewal, we are pleased to announce that we have had a very fun and successful rush season this year. All of the events planned were filled with first-year pharmacy students looking to find out more about the buzz Kappa Psi had created. The Whirly Ball event was such a great time, many people, especially first-years, stayed around long after the games had finished, hanging out with the chapter to find out why we were such a special organization to belong to. Though our bonfire event had to be slightly altered due to the rain, everyone still had a great time indoors playing volleyball and bean bags in the Health and Wellness Center. Finally, before the first-years took their first pharmacy school exam in biochemistry, the chapter was happy to provide them with bagels and donut holes to start off the day. It was a huge hit, as many



Delta Sigma doing it big with 77 pledges at the third annual Speed Pledging Event for the new Xi Class.

of the first-years walked away with full stomachs, ready to begin the first exam (of many) in their young pharmacy career. Special thanks and appreciation go out to Danielle Smith and her Rush Committee for doing an outstanding job of organizing the events and to Raj Sodhi for putting together the wonderful slide show for the Fraternity showcase and generating the buzz among the first-year students.

The fall has always brought to mind the word commencement: the ending of one thing and the beginning of something new. As we say goodbye to the days of summer, we look onward with promise at the reunification of our house. While all chapters may not have a brick and mortar place to call their own, we all are indeed a part of one house, built eternally on the foundations of industry, fellowship, sobriety, and high ideals. As the days become colder, may we all get closer.

—Steven Prochut

ΔO Delta Omicron

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Once again, the summer came and went all too abruptly, but this year Delta Omicron quickly fell back into the swing of things with the start of the new semester. This year, we again decided to welcome back the School of Pharmacy by hosting a joint barbecue with LKS during the first week of classes. Everyone came out to enjoy hot dogs and hamburgers, and new pharmacy students learned a little bit about Kappa Psi in the process. A new event we held this fall, with the help of many Pocono Grad brothers, was a social at a nearby restaurant. Interested first-year pharmacy students had an opportunity to meet with



Prospective pledges and brothers of Delta Upsilon pause for a quick photo during the annual Masquerade Ball where they enjoyed sparkling cider, appetizers, dancing, and new friendships.

current and graduate brothers and discuss how Kappa Psi can benefit their time as a student and as a professional, all while enjoying a pizza dinner provided by the graduate brothers. Furthermore, some brothers didn't have a minute to "spare" during the start of the semester because the Luzerne County Pharmacists Association bowling league started up, and the Kappa Psi bowling team has become a tradition within our chapter.

In addition to these events, rush took place in mid-September. This year, we held an ice cream social, a bowling night, and a volleyball game. Overall, rush was a huge success and we currently have 12 new and eager pledges. We are very excited about the seven weeks of pledging this year and welcoming new brothers into our Fraternity at the end of it.

Aside from pledging, there are several other events planned for the fall semester. For the Halloween season, we plan to help out with a Halloween party on campus geared toward providing fun and plenty of treats for local, disadvantaged children. Once again, we are excited to be participating in the Light the Night Walk, benefiting the Leukemia & Lymphoma

Society, for the second year in a row! We will also be having our annual Founders Day celebration in November, concurrent with initiation on November 16. Additionally, we are looking forward to hosting several pharmacy-related service events, such as a smoking cessation information session on campus and more projects with the local Volunteers in Medicine. We are certain all of these events will keep us busy this semester, but as always, we are looking forward to spending time with each other and strengthening our brotherhood.

—Theresa Scaramastro

ΔP Delta Rho

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Brothers of Delta Rho ended the much needed summer break and jumped right into the fall semester. During incoming first-year pharmacy student orientation, brothers presented a video creation done by new pledgemaster Ravdeep Ghataorhe. As fundraisers for our chapter, treasurer Matt Brooks designed and sold class



Delta Tau rushees and brothers at the first annual KΨarnival.



Delta Chi brothers and friends set sail and say "Ahoy there!" to a new school year on the Semester Kickoff Cruise.

T-shirts, and corresponding secretary Raxana Putulyan sold scrubs for students to wear.

Delta Rho welcomes with open arms a new Grand Council Deputy, Brother Dr. Jose Rey! Dr. Rey has been a faculty member at NSU for many years and a mentor to collegiate brothers and pledges. He has rather large shoes to fill after previous GCD Brother Dr. Carsten Evans, but is ready and willing to lead Delta Rho through the upcoming years.

South Florida Bahamas Grad chapter brothers co-hosted a leadership development seminar for collegiate and graduate brothers in the area, tied into our annual risk management training from Brother Dr. Daniel Welch. Brother Dr. Marvin Smith was the guest speaker for the seminar which was held on a Sunday night when the doctor was in town from the Bahamas where he resides.

The fifth annual Dance Marathon benefit is being planned with changes to a new foundation in the works.

Previously, we have raised funds in excess of \$20,000 for charity and are planning to make the change to benefit Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Foundation. Other interested chapters or brothers may visit <http://jdchfoundation.org>.

Numerous fundraisers are planned throughout the year to benefit smaller philanthropic causes. Some causes will include an asthma walk with the current Omicron Pledge Class, second annual pink scrub breast cancer awareness fundraiser, hope phones for doctors in Africa, and diabetes walks and screenings, just to name a few. The chapter developed a Philanthropy/Professional Service Committee headed by vice regent Brother Katerina Melomed.

The executive board of Delta Rho would like to recognize the six brothers recently inducted into Rho Chi. Xavier Thompson, Leidy D'Elia, recording secretary Bianca Lezcano, corresponding secretary Raxana Putulyan, Sarah Francis, and Oren

Elharar are among the nationally recognized academic honor society pharmacy professionals. Also, congratulations are in order for Corey Moore, corresponding secretary Raxana Putulyan, Anil Jacob, Alicia Bernstein, and Jeanette Rodriguez on becoming finalists of the clinical skills competition.

Regent Johanna Sierra has implemented a panel of committees with members of the executive board as chairpersons. All active collegiate brothers are assigned to multiple committees. Delta Rho chapter is hard at work to ensure the success of Kappa Psi.

The Professional Fraternity Association awarded the Delta Rho chapter the Outstanding Community Service Award at the 2012 annual conference in New York. Immediate past regent Craig MacDonald was at the award ceremony representing both the chapter and Fraternity as an ambassador. This appraisal follows the award of being named Graduate Organization of the Year in April at Nova Southeastern University's 13th annual STUEYS (Student Life Achievement Awards). Both cited Delta Rho's work with the Dance Marathon for pediatric AIDS. Visit www.pedaids.org for information.

The brothers of Delta Rho are looking forward to a bright future as the chapter continues to grow with each passing year. We are excited to attend the Southeast Province inaugural winter conclave hosted by Epsilon Mu chapter brothers in Orlando, Florida. The fall 2012 semester will continue to prove exciting and challenging as Delta Rho brothers and officers implement new pledging process procedures. ONE FOR ALL AND ALL FOR ONE!

—Matthew Bauman

ΔΣ Delta Sigma

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We would like to begin by announcing how proud we are as a collegiate chapter to be ranked seventh in the nation (top 10 for three years in a row). We are thankful for this recognition and we will continue to work hard to be brothers of this great Fraternity.

Here at Delta Sigma, we are welcoming the fall quarter in Glendale, Arizona, with open arms. We recently had the pleasure to welcome 77 pledges to our brand new Xi Class. We are truly excited for this opportunity to educate these enthusiastic pharmacy students about the Brotherhood of Kappa Psi. This is the largest class Delta Sigma has had and we hope to initiate many brothers in the months to come. Of the many events on the pledge calendar, the one that resonates the most is speed pledging. In this event, groups of pledges move from table to table (just like in speed dating) to get to know the brothers. Questions and scenarios range from serious to not so serious, which always breaks the ice and guarantees a good time! Other Delta Sigma events on the horizon include the serious "interview with the brothers," the always exciting "big bro reveal," and Pacific West Province meeting in Vegas.

Besides the countless hours spent studying the JNC7 or the new Chest 2012 guidelines, Delta Sigma has been busy giving back to the community. We have recently been doing a variety of events to raise money for Kappa Psi's national charitable organization—the American Red Cross. Fundraising efforts have included participating in the Firefly Run and selling Jamba Juice cards. We have also held campus-wide clothing drives, participated in a neighborhood cleanup, and packed meals for the St. Mary's Food Bank and the Feed My Starving Children organization.

Future events include the ADA Diabetes Walk in Phoenix, Safe Halloween on campus, and the Neighborhood Pride Project.

—Paul Nguyen

ΔΤ Delta Tau

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Delta Tau chapter is pleased to welcome 32 pledges as its "Nu Crew" this year. The new pledges were pinned in

a ceremony on September 26. They have already experienced a taste of our chapter through our rush events this year, which included a trip down Fremont Street's zip line, a barbecue, and the first annual KΨarnival. The KΨarnival pitted teams in an epic relay race which tested abilities at aerodynamics, dexterity and balloon popping in between sessions of chicken bowling and turtle racing. The tortoise "Kappa" defeated "Psi" by fifteen and a half shells in an unofficial world record time of 2 minutes and 43 seconds.

Despite the hectic rush period and preparing to host the first Pacific West conference in October, we still found time to participate in a Red Cross Blood Drive and are looking forward to our regular fall philanthropic events.

—Michael Bourdaa

ΔΥ Delta Upsilon

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This year's Rush 2012 was one of our best yet! We had several reoccurring events such as our Around the World Potluck, Beach Barbecue, and Masquerade Ball. For the potluck, brothers brought their favorite dishes from countries around the world to share with our guests. We had a great time again this year at the Beach Barbecue, swimming, grilling and enjoying the sun and new friends. Our annual Masquerade Ball was a hit. The brothers and prospective pledges let their creativity shine as they designed beautiful masks to wear to our formal event.

We are excited to announce that we have a pledge class of 14 capable prospects. They are working hard to learn the history of Kappa Psi and to truly understand why we love this Fraternity so much.

—Nikki Chilson

ΔΦ Delta Phi

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As the summer comes to an end, the brothers of Delta Phi started the school year with a fundraiser at Chili's organized by our new philanthropist, Albert Wang. The event was open to the public where friends and brothers were able to catch up with a delicious dinner while supporting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Our



Delta Phi brothers enjoying the first social of the year at Dave & Buster's. It was a night of good food, games and company!

first social event, planned by Tiffany Meng, was at Dave & Buster's. The brothers had a night of good food, games, and company.

In July, the new executive board went on a retreat to Temecula. There, the board was able to enjoy the sun, bond and discuss ideas for the chapter as well as prepare for Province in Las Vegas. Rush chair Susan Bui has been working hard to come up with rush events that truly allow the brothers to get to know the rushees. Our new rush event, Speed Pledging, will allow one-on-one time with the rushees and provide a more intimate setting to get to know one another.

Please go to ky-dp.sdsc.edu to find out what we're up to at UCSD.

—Christina Yang

ΔΧ Delta Chi

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As summer faded into fall, the Delta Chi brothers welcomed back their classmates with a Kick Off the Semester Cruise around the beautiful Casco Bay in Portland, Maine. The event was open to all students and was a great way for brothers to relax and reunite while introducing the new pharmacy students to Kappa Psi Fraternity.

With 29 new brothers and a new set of officers, planning for the semester has been refreshing and exciting. In honor of National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, the Kappa Psi brothers are volunteering to help safely count and sort medications brought in to designated sites. In October, we will be celebrating National Pharmacy



Epsilon Beta Brothers (L-R) Kim-Ly Nguyen, Kelly Chen, and Anh Phung spend a relaxing afternoon chatting with rushees on the patio at Chris Madrid's on September 13, 2012.

Month with a teacher appreciation breakfast, and brothers will be handing out candy and pharmacy facts to peers.

In November, the brothers have the exciting opportunity to take part in the chairing of a pharmacy career fair on campus at the University of New England. This will be the first time we help out with the career fair, and we know it will be a great way to assist UNE while networking with employers. Hopefully, helping to plan and carry out this event will become an annual activity for our chapter.

Many brothers are also looking forward to the first-ever Northeast Province meeting in Kingston, Rhode Island. Meeting up with other brothers from our region will be very inspiring since we are such a new chapter.

Hopefully, there will be lots of idea sharing and lots of brotherly bonding!

Finally, we are very proud of our regent, Jake Felton, for receiving a Kappa Psi scholarship this year. And, of course, we wish our P4 brothers luck on their rotations and love when they drop by our meetings and events. We can't wait to see what the rest of our second year as a chapter brings.

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With altruistic projects, pledge activities, and a little football competition, the fall semester has kept many of us busy. At the beginning of

All one Brotherhood . . .



Gamma Psi brothers represent Kappa Psi at the Council of Students Picnic at Mercer.

diverse backgrounds and journeys, yet . . .



Epsilon Omicron Brother Vy Bui sings karaoke with a prospective pledge.



Beta Eta Brothers Sarah Bowen, Rachel Mitchell, and Keri Morgan pet lions during their South African rotation.

. . . sharing four common ideals.

September, several brothers participated in a flu clinic at SAPPI paper plant in Cloquet, Minnesota. Approximately 400 influenza vaccinations were administered to employees and their immediate family members. Also, brothers hosted a Kidney Early Evaluation Program (KEEP) health screening offered by the National Kidney Foundation (NKD) for individuals at increased risk of kidney disease. A total of 60 individuals were screened. Another health fair will take place at the beginning of November. Super Science Fridays is an altruistic project being continued in which brothers volunteer at a local elementary school and execute different “science” activities.

Our chapter is proud to report 18 pledges to Delta Psi this fall semester. We held a barbecue at Enger Tower Park located on the bluffs of Duluth with beautiful gardens and walking trails overlooking the city. It was a perfect fall day to reminisce with brothers, eat delicious food, and play yard games. Overall, it was a great turnout! Also, we hosted a city of Duluth tour for the first-year students to allow them to become familiar with popular attractions and common sightseeing venues.

We continued the “U-Pick-’em” NFL football pick the winner which was initiated by a few brothers last year. It allows for some competition as well as contributes dollars to health fairs.

Congratulations to Neil Bland, past regent, for receiving the Frank DiGangi Kappa Psi award. He truly showed his dedication, pride, and spirit to the Fraternity. We wish him luck as he is on his fourth-year rotations. Also, congratulations to all the brothers who received leadership positions for the year. There are several organizations being represented by Delta Psi brothers.

We look forward to a great fall semester with countless ideas on the horizon, informal and formal, and conversing with other chapter brothers at conclave in November.

—Taylor Johnson

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From interest meetings to community service events to rush events, the Epsilon Beta chapter has once again propelled into another great start for the school year! A congratulatory announcement to applaud our incredible chapter for not only winning the



With their painted faces, Tuyen and Nicole are ready to cheer on Epsilon Epsilon Chapter.

2012 Frank H. Eby Scholarship Tray, but also for receiving the Province VII Best Chapter Award for not one, but two years in a row. In addition to this, I am also so proud to say that we have officially broken the Top 10 and are now the 10th best chapter in the nation.

With all awards aside, though, the brothers of Epsilon Beta have already begun making great marks on the community as well as the potential new pledges. On August 30, we held our first informational meeting where the newly elected officers introduced themselves and chatted with interested pharmacy students. Surprisingly, we had such a large turnout that there was hardly enough pizza to serve everyone! Then, with the start of the Labor Day weekend, Kappa Psi partnered with the University of the Incarnate Word’s athletic department to allow brothers and non-brothers to help usher at the UIW Cardinals football game against the visiting Texas College Steers—our first volunteer event for the fall 2012 semester. “It was chaotic at first, but then calmed down once we got the line moving at a steady pace and people to their seats,” explained Brother Amanda Zessin as she and other Brothers Anjanette Garcia, Rudy Yanez, and Rebecca Jimenez held back the anxious crowd as ticket-takers at the gate. While this was going on, Brothers Ankita Patel and Jennifer Ma worked hard at the concessions with the continued lines of patrons curving around the building. “It was tiring,” Ankita described, “but it felt good knowing that I had my brother behind me. “One for all and all for one!” Through professionalism, flexibility, and collaboration, the brothers of Epsilon Beta were able to raise a few hundred dollars for Kappa Psi as well as help UIW athletics turn a successful game day operation. Each brother received two community service hours for a total of 57.5



Epsilon Gamma representing their family lines with matching costumes in the annual Sibling Sadies brother-bonding event.



Got Kappa Psi? Epsilon Epsilon pledges come out to show their team spirit.

hours, making it our most successful community service event yet.

But our chapter’s altruistic acts don’t just stop there! On Saturday, September 8, ten of our brothers volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House on Lewis Street, a “home away from home” for families to stay close by their critically ill children at little or no cost. Brother Brittany Wolda mopped the floor while Brothers Samantha Reyna, Irene Tran, Chi Pham, and Liz Kallarackal baked

cookies and were dubbed the “Cookie Monsters” by the person in charge. Brothers Gabrielle Garcia and Anjanette Garcia took on vacuuming the area while Brothers Nathaniel Oyefeso, Marcus Martinez, and Jonathan Jean wiped the windows. “I was totally unaware of the mission of the organization [Ronald McDonald House] prior to volunteering, but once I found out all about it, I was happy to know I was helping out for a great cause!” stated Nate. After everyone was done sweeping, dusting, and mopping, Irene Tran smiled and said, “The most important thing I got out of this volunteer event is that as a professional, we should not only look forward in our career but also take a step back and realize the struggles people face outside of the pharmacy realm and lend a helping hand.” Undoubtedly, it was both a benevolent and self-gratifying experience!

A fun and friendly eat-out after school at Chris Madrid’s marked our chapter’s first rush event of the year on Wednesday, September 12. Brothers, alumni brothers, and eager rushees gathered on the patio together as they enjoyed burgers and fries, iced cold tea, and long, delightful



Epsilon Eta brothers (L-R) Sarah Dubra, Robert Garcia, Christine Heng, and Michael Ruden spent a week with epileptic children at Camp Boggy Creek.



Epsilon Iota brothers at the Back-to-School Retreat!



Epsilon Mu brothers and pledges gather for a photo before serving breakfast at the Ronald McDonald House.

chats under blue and green umbrellas. Faculty Brother Dr. Helmut Gottlieb and his son also came out for a refreshing lunch and drinks and to mingle with fellow Kappa Psi brothers. The following Tuesday, on September 18, all brothers convened around a tree at the Feik School of Pharmacy as regent Brother Marcus Martinez and Dr. David Maize gave a brief speech and moment of silence to commemorate the three-year memorial of Brother Michael Gres' entry into the Grand Agora. Brother Michael Gres, we miss you and you will continue to live in the hearts of many.

At our second rush event on Friday, September 21, brothers and rushees sang their hearts out on Karaoke Night at Crabby Jacks Seafood Restaurant. "It was mad fun," Brother Nathaniel Oyefeso exclaimed after he and Brothers Jonathan Jean and Ray Ali took to the stage. The next day on September 22, the brothers of Epsilon

Beta participated in two more volunteer events—the AIDS Walk at the Blue Star Complex on South Alamo Street and the UIW Cardinals football game at Benson Stadium against the visiting West Texas A&M Buffalos. "It feels good to help the community," Brother Irene Tran remarked, "but it's even better when you have fun doing so." On Saturday, September 29, helpful brothers will also join in on the Buddy Walk at Heroes Stadium with kids who have been diagnosed with Down syndrome, coordinated by the National Down Syndrome Society, to celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness Month in October.

Overall, the officers and committee chairs have once again done an outstanding job at starting the year off! Our chapter looks forward to preparing not only for our annual Co-Rush Barbecue event to be held at Brackenridge Park with Kappa Psi and Phi Delta Chi on

Tuesday, October 2, but also for the Southwest Province meeting in Dallas on the weekend of October 19–21.

—Kelly Chen

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Epsilon Gamma's Founders Day: Drive for Five Mario Kart Birthday theme means that we, as a chapter, have had the "drive" for five years, hence the driving reference leading us to Mario Kart! On Saturday, August 4, brothers and alumni came together and dressed in various Mario-themed costumes to strengthen brotherly bonds, play picnic games and, of course, enjoy some barbecue. We were also grateful to be joined by Brother Johnny Wong, Collegiate Member-at-Large.

We also celebrated our second annual Sibling Sadies, an event for all the family lines to show off their brotherly bonds and wear matching costumes. In the week preceding Sibling Sadies, we created the idea of "Random Acts of Kappa Psi." Various grams were sent to the brothers with anonymous personalized messages of appreciation and random memories. For our off-campus brothers and alumni, we sent them personalized e-mails with a fun greeting and, of course, their own set of anonymous messages and memories. Finally at the end of the week on September 15, we came together with our family lines in matching costumes and enjoyed a night full of Polaroid pictures, reminiscing, and Hawaiian food.

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Once again, a good time was had by all at this year's Founders Day barbecue on August 25. Brothers in and out of town, along with a brother from Delta Eta, came together to celebrate the fourth birthday of Epsilon Epsilon. The Kappa Psi Cooking Crew prepared a mouthwatering barbecue featuring burgers, hot dogs, fajitas, fresh fruits, and appetizing snacks. It would simply not be a birthday without cake and lots of it. Brothers and prospects were greeted with warm welcomes, fantastic food, and good music as they arrived. Time was spent catching up with recently graduated brothers and

getting to know the potential pledges, making this another successful rush event. As tradition, the celebration came to an end with cutting of the Kappa Psi birthday cake and taking pictures. What a better way to spend a Saturday than by enjoying the company of brothers and prospects.

Epsilon Xi kicked off the semester with a series of magnificent rush events. On Saturday, August 8, active brothers and rushees headed out to Bob Hall Pier for a day of fun in the sun. To facilitate the process, brothers provided rides to the rushees and then caravanned off to the beach. Delicious hot dogs, hamburgers, and jalapeno poppers were already cooking when the caravan arrived. What an awesome Cooking Crew! Through food and fun, the event functioned as a way for the actives to get to know the incoming P1 class. It also offered a chance for the new class to see Epsilon Xi for what it truly is—a family. Brothers and rushees played Frisbee, swam in the ocean, and soaked up the sun all afternoon. Everyone knew this was one of the last chances to grab some Vitamin D before the semester began. Overall, the event was a huge success thanks to the hard work of Margarita Cavazos, our pledgemaster. Everyone left the beach with more melanin and fond memories.

The brothers of Kappa Psi, along with pledges, started the athletic season off well this fall. Our first game against the Interceptors turned out to be one exciting win. What made this night thrilling was the amazing support from actives and pledges coming together. Although we lost our second game against the Young Guns, we still put up a good fight and never gave up. Our third game against Drug Cartel (Phi Delta Chi and Co.) seemed like the most important flag football game of the season. We came prepared with a huge support group, face paint, and cheers for our team. Our opponent was up 6-0 during the first half, and it seemed like we were running out of time during the second half. Amazingly, Kappa Psi pulled through as a team and scored a touchdown, thanks to our MVP of the night, Jenna Thornton. The night resulted in a satisfying win with a score of 10-6. Actives and pledges gathered around with cheers and high fives to celebrate our sweetest victory of all! Regardless of wins and losses, these events brought us closer together.

The Texas Adopt-a-Highway program was originally brought to the attention of Amber Bacak by the Philanthropy Committee brothers. It was a great way for Kappa Psi to help



Epsilon Xi pledges and brothers volunteering at the Oregon Food Bank.

out in the Kingsville community. About 90 percent of litter is removed by contractors paid for by tax money. Kingsville could be using that tax money to install sidewalks or simple stripes down the road. The brothers would be helping beautify the city of Kingsville in more ways than one. Kingsville needed help and the brothers were up to the challenge. Once the adoption process began, it required more patience than previously anticipated. TxDOT was going through a coordinator change at the same time our Kappa Psi application went in. Many, many e-mails later, we have our sign. We are very excited for our involvement with this national program and are proud of the brothers for stepping out of their comfort zone and helping the Kingsville community.

—Alireza FakhriRavari

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Epsilon Zeta chapter had a busy 2011-2012 with many firsts. We successfully followed through with our usual philanthropy and social activities. We started by putting smiles on

the faces of two children when we chose their names from the Angel Tree® and provided them with necessities and goodies to enjoy the holiday season. We also put together our first annual fall social event, Pharm-al, to go along with our annual spring formal, The Apothecary Ball, and both were a great success. We continued our favorite outings with an October bonfire followed by a group trip to the local corn maze.

We are most proud of the newest addition to our philanthropy fundraising—our first annual Apothecary Dash, a 5K walk/run to raise money for Relay For Life. In a matter of two months, during the spring semester, the EZ chapter worked hard to pull together sponsors, supplies, refreshments, awards, etc. to run the first of many 5Ks to come. Although the rain was pouring, 115 brothers, runners and other members of the community came out to support a great cause. Not enough thanks can be given for all the helping hands we received to make the event happen on such short notice. We were ecstatic to hear our efforts paid off when we were told we raised the second highest amount of money for Relay For Life at ETSU with \$3,500 donated. This year, we aim for first.

We have already kicked off the 2012 fall semester with a new

Province, big plans, new brothers, new committees, and plenty of ideas to help our college and community.

—Ashley Ulsenheimer

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The end of summer/beginning of fall paved the way for our P2 brothers to have two months of IPPE rotations, and our P4 brothers started their APPE rotations to mark their last school year. In July, four of our brothers clocked in 400 volunteer hours at Camp Boggy Creek. These are free, weeklong summer sessions in Eustis, Florida, for children from 7 to 16 years of age who have life-threatening and chronic illnesses. Brothers Christine Heng, Robert Garcia, Michael Ruden, and Sarah Dubra spent a week with epileptic children, assisting them in their daily and recreational activities.

In August, five current and two alumni brothers attended the FSHP 46th annual meeting in Orlando, Florida, and later the same month, three of our very own represented Kappa Psi at the FPA council meeting also held in Orlando. In accordance



Epsilon Omicron brothers (L-R) Christina Guarino, Jeff Geraci, and Ariana Savovic pose with the letters "EO."



Brothers of Epsilon Pi at the Idaho Food Bank.

with our Raymond James Stadium fundraising traditions, we teamed up with brothers of Epsilon Mu and Epsilon Sigma and worked hard at a Bucs preseason game on August 17. Although it was all work and no play, we truly enjoyed each other's company and further strengthened our fraternal bonds with them.

Epsilon Eta is definitely taking a lead on campus this year by holding numerous leadership positions and participating in a vast number of volunteer activities. So far, we have attended orientation events to welcome the incoming class of 2016, and some brothers were involved in the National Drug Take-Back Day on September 29.

October is a very significant month for pharmacists and also for our chapter. Events we have planned for Pharmacist Month include but are not limited to: Script Your Future campaign, organized health fairs, brown bag events, a breast cancer walk, and the Generation Rx project in collabo-

ration with the Bradenton/Sarasota Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc. Rush events this year are strategically coupled with philanthropic activities. We are planning on having a canned food drive, clothing/shoe drive, a cleanup of our adopted beach, and a bowl for a cure event.

Lastly, in November, we plan on having the Movember campaign on campus. We will be raising money for men's health—especially cancers affecting men—and benefiting LIVE-STRONG and the Prostate Cancer Foundation. We shall also be participating in the Light the Night Walk in Tampa, Florida, on the 10th. This is the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's annual fundraising walk to pay tribute and bring hope to people battling cancer. This is our chapter's fundraising Web site and we will be ecstatic to receive any donations. <http://pages.lightthenight.org/sun/Tampa12/kappapsipharmaceuticalfraternity>

—Bella Mogaka



Epsilon Rho brothers and pledges develop stronger bonds by bowling together.

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The brothers of Epsilon Iota celebrated the end of the summer with a "Beach & Camping Back-to-School Retreat." We spent the day on the beach, enjoying the sun, playing games and sports, and hanging out in rafts on the lake. Our night ended with more quality brotherhood bonding, playing games around a bonfire and enjoying some awesome barbecue.

Our rushing also began this fall! We started off with a "Mini-Olympics/Ice Cream Social," where four teams competed in not-your-average Olympic games, with everyone coming together afterward for some cool ice cream on a hot day! Our next event was our annual "Iron Chef" cook-off, where teams are given a secret ingredient and compete to see which team can come up with the best dishes using that ingredient. We held an info session for our chapter, as well as a "Career Night," where distinguished California Northstate University faculty/Kappa Psi alumni shared their personal experiences and wisdom and related how their choices led them to where they are today. Our last event was a "Grab-A-Date" scavenger hunt, where two brothers were sent on a "date" with two rushees to downtown Sacramento, exploring some hidden gems in the city.

Throughout the whole rush process, Epsilon Iota stayed connect-

ed with the community through immunization events! On September 15, the brothers took part in the Sutter Surgical Hospital North Valley Health Fair. Along with administering more than 300 flu vaccinations to the North Valley community, the brothers also held a booth to promote health education and medication adherence through the "Vial of Life" project, an effort to hand out free "vials" that patients can fill with their medical information in case of an emergency, and the "Script Your Future" campaign. On September 27, the brothers also participated in Sacramento State University's bimonthly flu clinic, giving flu vaccinations to the university's students.

The Epsilon Iota brothers have also kept our Brotherhood strong with brotherhood luncheons, movie nights, study groups, and even an Arts 'N' Crafts night! At the moment, we are preparing to welcome in a new group of potential brothers and continue to strengthen and grow our family here at California Northstate University.

—Davin Ly

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The brothers of Epsilon Lambda have kicked off the 2012–2013 year with a busy start. The EC met during the first week of classes to finalize the fall semester events and enjoyed a fun hour of gymnastics afterward at Sky High Sports. Rush Week was a great success highlighted by an intra-chap-

ter kickball game and a trip to Laser Quest. The pledging process took full swing in the last weeks of September, and we eagerly anticipate adding new brothers to our chapter. Later this fall, we will have our annual pledge cook-out where we will enjoy more fellowship with our future brothers.

Currently, we are hastily preparing to host LUCOP's third annual Hygeia Bowl, which is a class vs. class football tournament that reserves bragging rights for the whole year. Last year, the Class of 2014 took home the trophies in both the men's and women's tournaments. Several more service projects, including trips to the Ronald McDonald House, Boo at the Zoo, conducting a bone marrow registry at LUCOP Pharmfest, and a date with Habitat for Humanity, are on the books for this semester. We are looking forward to an awesome year within the Epsilon Lambda chapter as both our numbers and relationships continue to grow.

—Justin Kirby

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The start of the fall semester was truly an event to look forward to for Epsilon Mu because of the opening of our campus at a new location as well as the upcoming inaugural Southeast Province that is to be hosted by our chapter on November 16.

For the rush events, the new semester began with a Welcome Back Social at Dave & Buster's, which was open to the entire campus. The turnout was great; we were able to meet many new students and catch up with our classmates. Furthermore, we also participated in the annual Student Organizational Showcase event. This is where student organizations get an opportunity to speak to the new first-year students about what their club has to offer. At our booth specifically, we were able to meet with many new prospects who expressed interest in KΨ. Following the showcase, our first rush event included more than 30 rushees. As the rush events began to narrow down, so did our choice for pledges. Out of 32 pledges, 17 bids were given and all were accepted. The four pillars will be instilled and we look forward to completing this journey with our potential brothers.

As for the preparation of conclave, we have been planning diligently since the start of summer and cannot wait to present it to everyone in



Epsilon Upsilon rushees and brothers enjoy a game of softball during Rush Week.

November. It is an honor to host the first conclave for the new Southeast Province, and we are excited for a gathering of both old and new brothers. We look forward to seeing you there!

—Timmy Do

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Epsilon Xi started the school year off with a very successful rush period. This year, we have been very fortunate to have such an active group of first-year students who have shown a great interest in Kappa Psi. At the end of rush, we welcomed our second largest pledge class consisting of 30 pledges. Our chapter is very excited to see what the pledges have to contribute to our chapter in the coming weeks since a good number of them have expressed interest in organizing different community outreach events. They have already put together their first project where 40 Kappa Psi pledges and brothers volunteered at the Oregon Food Bank. Our active brothers are definitely impressed by their energy and determination to become brothers, and we can tell it is going to be a very successful year.

During the past few months, Epsilon Xi has also been very successful at fundraising. Fourteen brothers participated in the Portland AIDS Walk and made \$590 to help fight HIV/AIDS. Also, we have already had three fund drives, bowling and selling magnetic name tags and T-shirts, which have allowed us to raise more than \$850 for our chapter in just two months!

Finally, Epsilon Xi would like to congratulate all of our brothers and

pledges who received school scholarships this year. Out of 95 scholarships given, 45 went to Kappa Psi members. Our new pledges are also following in the footsteps of the brothers of Epsilon Xi. This will be the second year in a row that the APhA and ASHP president-elects will be Kappa Psi pledges. This is a great accomplishment for our chapter and it is just one more reason that makes us proud to be part of such a wonderful Fraternity.

—Gianna Firpo

EO Epsilon Omicron

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Since Epsilon Omicron's last update, our chapter has doubled in size and we couldn't be prouder of our accomplishments. New officers were elected for the 2012–2013 academic year and we are proud to present: Jeff Geraci, regent; Jonathan Allen, first vice regent; Candace Villeneuve, second vice regent; Renée Clapp, secretary; Ryan Lindenau, treasurer; Laura Pochylski, historian; Christine Rotella, chaplain; Greg Blette, pledgemaster; Lan Dinh, first sergeant at arms; Danny Basri, second sergeant at arms; Laura Conrad, immediate past regent; and Nicole Gong, webmaster.

The school year started off with a bang as Epsilon Omicron helped with new student orientation and hosted the annual orientation picnic. So far, the brothers have hosted two rush events with huge success: a beach barbecue and a karaoke night. They are looking forward to finishing out the rush season with two more events and anticipate much involvement and some quality prospective pledges from the P1 class.



Illinois Grad Brother Nishil Patel mans the fundraising table at Mid-America Province.

The brothers from Epsilon Omicron are also excited to attend the first-ever Mountain East Province assembly hosted by Beta Kappa on October 26–28. This will be the first Province meeting for many of the brothers and they are looking forward to forging new bonds and friendships with the other chapters of this new-found Province.

Epsilon Omicron continues with philanthropic activities, such as volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, and will be setting up an event with the Red Cross in the near future. Activities are also being planned to try to strengthen the ties between EO and the Buffalo Graduate chapter. Committees are proposing some sporting event outings and a bowling night for the two chapters, and a joint philanthropic event is also in the works.

—Laura Pochylski



Ada Grad Brother Dan Karant gives Gamma Delta Brothers Austin Pifer and Madalyn McMinn some advice during the Ohio Northern homecoming weekend.



Ada Grad Brothers Bo Ream, Chris Tolliver, and Art Marinaro share some laughs catching up at the ONU homecoming weekend.

ΕΠ Epsilon Pi

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The officers of Epsilon Pi met to go over the previous year and plans for the coming academic year. Many philanthropic events, social events, and rush have already begun.

At the Idaho Food Bank, 12 brothers bagged and boxed more than 3,500 pounds of pinto beans and learned just what the Idaho Food Bank does for kids and families who are less fortunate. It was truly humbling and we feel grateful for the opportunity we have to help those in need. The Idaho Food Bank relies heavily on volunteers and we look forward to returning. Epsilon Pi has decided to make the food bank our focus this year as we volunteer and have fundraisers to support our community.

About 23 potential pledges attended our first rush event and we had a

chance to get to know some of them and share the benefits and perks of Kappa Psi. Our second event was a success as many brothers and potential brothers were in attendance. Group activities were conducted to see attributes of those involved as well as other activities for all of us to get to know one another. We ended the night with ice cream and socializing. The future pledge class looks promising as Epsilon Pi continues to grow at ISU and in the community.

—Jared Muai

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As a newly founded chapter, Epsilon Rho has its first pledge class. The pledging process began with rushing, which was very exciting, and many students expressed interest in joining the Brotherhood of Kappa Psi.



Athens Grad Brothers (L-R) Shawn Gahagan, Jake Hampton, Chris Bullard, Chris Johnson, and Junior Ikpeme having a blast as Brother Chris Johnson ties the knot.

Our brothers were able to make a very good impression on the potential pledges. We can be proud to say that the brothers of Epsilon Rho have formed a strong relationship and it shows! We would like to acknowledge our vice regent and pledgemaster, Brother Theresa Terpstra, for all of her hard work in preparing for and organizing new events as well as all of the active brothers for helping out. We are thrilled to keep working and getting to know our pledges. Pledge meetings are fun and educational; as we get to know our potential future brothers, we hope we are sharing with them the meaning of brotherhood and Kappa Psi. Pledging is a component of the preparation of new brothers for the future in pharmacy. It teaches them life lessons and hopefully makes them feel a part of the family which bonds us for life. We want to be sure pledges who will join our brotherhood will be worthy and motivated to continue to build upon the foundation that will support the future of the Epsilon Rho chapter.

—Sylwia Kulik

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The start of the fall semester has been very busy. Our first volunteer event was the Schaumburg Shuffle, which is a 5K race that donates its proceeds to local charities and Rotary International. We then kicked off with a very eventful Rush Week for our new Class of 2015. Our Pledging Committee and brothers worked hard to make Rush Week fun and successful for rushees. Activities included speed pledging, softball, game night, and a potluck.

Epsilon Upsilon is fortunate to have the addition of a new brother, Holly Edwards, which now brings us to 20 active brothers. We have also been studying hard; 89 percent of our chapter received the Scholarship Award for having a GPA of 3.0 or above last spring.

A few of our brothers were able to attend the first Mid-America Province meeting the weekend of September 7–9 in St. Louis, Missouri. It was a very exciting moment in history to be able to attend the inaugural meeting and witness the election of Province officers. But it wasn't all business. The group was able to sightsee around St. Louis and meet brothers from other chapters. We look forward to the fall as we continue with pledging and forming stronger bonds within our chapter.

—Linda Ngo

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The brothers of Ada Grad recently celebrated homecoming with the brothers of Gamma Delta on the campus of Ohio Northern University. The weekend was packed with activities. To kick it off, we hosted a meet and greet with the alumni, brothers, and pledges of Gamma Delta. It was refreshing to see the excitement in everyone's eyes as students listened to old stories from the alumni. It was also great to see alumni enthusiastic about what events were taking place on campus. Saturday saw the annual homecoming parade followed by the tailgate luncheon. Brothers then met for our homecoming meeting and finished the night of brotherhood with a banquet where Gamma Delta historian Amanda Lanker put together a great tribute to the alumni with a slide show of our history from 1920 to pre-



Iowa Grad brother Anna Battcher poses with Ronald McDonald.

sent. Everyone enjoyed a laugh looking back at photos of ourselves from our college years. The next meeting will be held on December 1.

—Cameron Van Dyke

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AZ Grad would like to extend a warm hello to all of our brothers out there. We are looking forward to the upcoming Pacific West Province fall assembly. There will be at least two from our chapter attending, and we look forward to meeting new brothers, getting reacquainted with those we have not seen in a while, and adding our input at the assembly.

While we have new officers who have been installed, our goal is to continue the hard work the officers before us started. The Arizona Grad chapter will be striving in the upcoming months to increase communication amongst brothers and will also be working with both collegiate chapters in the area to help increase retention rates in the Fraternity. It is with the help of strong brotherly bonds that a graduate chapter succeeds.

To all brothers out there, take care and stay safe. If you have any questions about the Arizona Graduate chapter of Kappa Psi, please e-mail regent Matthew Bertsch at kappapsi-azgrad@gmail.com.

—Matthew Bertsch

Athens Grad

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Fall has been a very busy time for the Athens Graduate chapter. In



Iowa Grad brothers enjoy Adventureland, Summer 2012.

August, the brothers attended the inaugural Atlantic Province conclave. It was a weekend full of fellowship as brothers strengthened current bonds and created new relationships with other chapters. Athens Graduate chapter would like to congratulate the new Atlantic Province EC and wish them luck in the arduous task of guiding this new Province.

These past few months mark the start of two important annual traditions—Gamma Phi rush and pledgship and University of Georgia football. This year, 14 potential members returned bids and began the pledgship process. Athens Grad was fortunate to have several brothers involved in this and look forward to helping guide these young men into becoming great brothers and great future pharmacists. In addition to fall pledgship, our beloved Bulldogs are off to their best start in years and the Athens Grad hopes they can continue their tradition of excellence as the season continues.

Besides all the excitement going on in the Athens area, it has been a busy time for engagements and weddings. Brother Chris Bullard recently became engaged while Brothers Chris Johnson, Robb Hutcherson, and Jake Hampton all tied the knot. The Athens Grad chapter congratulates these brothers and wishes them plenty of luck and happiness in the years to come.

—Abe Duncan

Atlanta Grad

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The Atlanta Grad chapter kept busy this summer, helping Gamma Psi plan and host the last Province IV and the first Atlantic Province conclaves. It was great to have brothers as guests in our city. Other recent Atlanta Grad activities include going to a couple of Braves games and getting together to watch Monday Night Football with Gamma Psi. Now that fall has arrived and vacations/planning conclaves is over, Atlanta Grad is looking forward to our monthly dinner meetings as well as assisting with Gamma Psi events.

—Johnathan Hamrick

Buffalo Grad

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This summer and early fall have been busy for us here at Buffalo Grad. In August, we attended the final Buffalo Bisons game of the season. In September, we hosted our annual CE event. This year's presentation, Diabetes in Special Populations, was given by three of our very own brothers and hosted at D'Youville College, the home of the Epsilon Omicron chapter. Several of our brothers also volunteered their time at various sites throughout western New York in the National Drug Drop Off event held on September 29.

Upcoming events for Buffalo Grad include participation in the American Diabetes Association's Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes, where we are hoping to once again be among the top fundraising teams. We are also eagerly anticipating the very first Mountain East Province meeting in Pittsburgh at the end of October! Finally, we will be closing out the year with our annual food and winter clothing drives, and are looking forward to assisting the brothers of the Epsilon Omicron chapter with their next pledge class in the spring.

We are always happy to welcome new brothers to Buffalo, so if you or a brother you know is in Buffalo, moving to Buffalo, or just coming to visit, we would love for you to join us! Feel free to contact Brother Matt Sciara at BuffMattKY@yahoo.com, join our Yahoo! group, or check us out on Facebook (Kappa Psi Buffalo Grad).

—Stephanie Brian

Buies Creek Grad

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Fall is upon us in Buies Creek and we are looking forward to all the activities that fall brings. We will support Delta Lambda as they host the sixth annual Brie Anne Reynolds Memorial Golf Tournament. Brothers look forward to attending Campbell University's homecoming festivities, tailgating with our fellow graduates, and supporting the football team.



Los Angeles Grad Brothers Patrick Chan, Kevin Lau, Douglas Chang, and Eric Gupta at the Epsilon Gamma Founders Day.



Pittsburgh Grad Brothers Chris Miller (Beta Kappa) and Trisha Oefinger (Delta Epsilon) prepare to cut their wedding cake.

Kim Lewis was able to attend the inaugural Atlantic Province conclave in August and represent Buies Creek Graduate chapter. We are looking forward to the second annual Atlantic Province meeting in our own backyard in January.

—Erin Bastidas

Georgia Grad

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The brothers of Georgia Grad have had a busy summer. We attended both the last Province IV and the inaugural Atlantic Province conclaves that were hosted by Gamma Psi in Atlanta, Georgia. Two of our brothers were elected to offices in the new Province as well. Brother Bryan Summerford was elected Historian while Brother Jason Milton was elected to serve as Satrap of the Atlantic Province. They have been hard at work serving both the chapter and the Province.

We are currently in the middle of a great football season as the Georgia Bulldogs are 5-0! We are very active in partnering with our Gamma Phi brothers at tailgates and can always be found on the winning side of the Baggo Boards. Georgia Grad has also attended a couple of Atlanta Falcons games and look forward to supporting them some more later on in the season. As the festivities of fall are upon us, we look forward to our annual trip to the Washington Farms corn maze and attending the Gamma Phi Homecoming Low Country Boil. It has been an exciting time for us and we can only imagine what the next few months have in store!

Illinois Grad

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Every year Kappa Psi is making history. This year's excitement is Province Realignment. Illinois Graduate attended its first Mid-America meeting in September. It felt like the good ole college rush meetings. There were new and old faces, presentations, candy and popcorn. It was a wonderful weekend of camaraderie.

Giving back to the community has always been Illinois Graduate's mission. To continue making history, in November, I-Grad will host its first workshop geared for pharmacists in Chicago. I-Grad not only conducts workshops for its collegians during the school year but now for our pharmacists. The program will be a series of professional development seminars conducted by our very own graduate brothers. Each workshop will be independent of each other. The first workshop will be conducted by Dr. Nicholas Popovich, Professor and Head of the Department of Pharmacy Administration at the University of



LA Graduate brothers precepting at a health fair sponsored by Western U: EG Brother Vanessa Diaz, LA Grad Carly Pioli, LA Grad Russell Yee, and EG Brother Suluck Chaturabul.

Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy, on writing letters of recommendations and references. It's highly recommended for all preceptors who can attend.

On November 15th, I-Grad will be hosting its annual charity event. Proceeds will go to the Ronald McDonald House by the University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital. This year's event will be held in the Chicago's West Loop neighborhood at Haymarket located on Randolph Street. After our event, a live brass band will perform for those interested. Bring everyone you know to support this great cause.

On top of all the upcoming events, I-Grad will be conducting a year-long fundraiser selling capsule-shaped earphones for \$5 each pair. There are many colors to choose from: red, pink, blue, green, yellow, orange, black, and white. Keep a pair in the glove box or the gym locker as a spare or give them out as stocking stuffers for this Christmas season. One dollar from each pair sold will be donated to the Kappa Psi Scholarship Foundation. For more information regarding any of I-Grad's events, please visit ilgradky.synthasite.com.

—Elaine Moy

Iowa Grad

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This summer has been fairly uneventful since our annual summer meeting with the exception of one thing—we were once again recognized as number four of the Top 10 graduate chapters for 2012. We are honored and elated to be awarded this

distinction, and it is a true testament of the dedication and leadership that our graduate brothers bring to our chapter. Iowa Grad will be meeting again in November at the Northern Plains Province assembly and will host a winter meeting in January 2013. We are also starting to plan a meeting concurrent with the Province assembly hosted by one of our collegiate chapters, Beta Chi, in the spring of 2013. We are always seeking any interested brothers who would like to join Iowa Grad. If you are interested in joining, please visit our Web page (www.iowagrad.org) and contact one of the officers.

—Deanna McDanel

Los Angeles Grad

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Members representing Los Angeles Graduate chapter (LA Grad) were on hand to enjoy our national pastime this summer as we hosted an evening at the Texas Rangers/LA Angels baseball game on Saturday, July 21. The game was attended by 13 brothers, family, and friends. LA Grad members Eric Gupta, Carly Paoli, and Mary Wen, along with other graduate Brothers Chen Chen, Micah Hata, Wen-Li Lao, Sam Shimomura, and SueAnn Wang, had a great time watching the game even though it was extremely hot that day and the Angels got beat pretty bad by the Rangers. (However, SueAnn visiting from Houston Grad was pretty happy.) The following day, we continued our summer fun by attending the "Pageant of the Masters" in Laguna Beach, California. LA Grad Brothers Patrick

Chan, Douglas Chang, Eric Gupta, Brian Jung, and Jon Nakao, as well as Kappa Psi Brothers Chen I Chen, Lien Duong, Theresa Lin, Anhdao Nguyen, and SueAnn Wang, were in attendance with family and friends to watch this very unique living art show. Continuing our support of the Epsilon Gamma chapter (Western University of Health Sciences), Patrick Chan, Eric Gupta, Kevin Lau, Ken Tran, and Aaron Yup attended Founders Day, held graciously at LA Grad Brother Douglas Chang's home on Saturday, August 4. The theme, Mario Kart, was well attended by more than 40 active and alumni brothers. The "Balloon Battle" was brought to life and the competition was won by the host, Doug. The event was a fun-filled day of food, laughter, games, and memories. Friday, August 10, was our last LA Grad hosted baseball game of the season as we set up a Mariners at Angels game for all of our brothers from the Washington area. LA Grad Brothers Michael Birmingham, Eric Gupta, Jeannie Kim, and Vickie Pon, along with Pomona Grad Brother Joanne Tuquero, Gamma Nu Brothers David Odabashyan, Ricky Patel, Utsav Patel, Albert Tasmin, and Mike Tran, and friends witnessed the Angels come from behind for a victory over the Mariners! On Saturday, August 11, Eric Gupta had the honor of addressing the new Class of 2016 at Western University of Health Sciences' White Coat Ceremony where he encouraged student pharmacists to never lose their enthusiasm and to push the profession of pharmacy forward and make our services known.

LA Grad continued their professional endeavors with Brothers Henry Chang, Sandra Chiang, and Carly Paoli precepting a Western U APhA-ASP health fair. We just held our quarterly business meeting on Monday, September 24, and we are happy to report that Sandra Chiang and Carly Paoli were elected as our delegates to the inaugural Pacific West Province assembly in Las Vegas, Nevada.

—Patrick Chan

Minnesota Grad

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The brothers of MN Grad chapter have been busy storing their water skis and wakeboards and dusting off their snowshoes and ice skates getting ready for winter. In July, MN Grad brothers enjoyed a weekend of brotherhood and family fun at the Haag's Annual BBQ Weekend Extravaganza. One of the highlights of the weekend is the Iron Chef style



Southeast Florida & Bahamas Grad brothers donated pizza and beverages for the chapter development seminar with Delta Rho.

friendly competition to raise money for the Kappa Psi Foundation. This year, the secret ingredient was "bacon" and \$100 was raised. George Konstantinides won the Fan Favorite award with his mango chutney bacon crostini and Tracy Anderson-Haag won the Judges award with her bacon jam on cheesy corn bread muffins. Fun was had by all who attended! Many Thanks to the Haag's for hosting.

In September, eight MN Grad brothers traveled to Greece and Turkey with KV Grad brothers from across the country. Our group of 15 spent 10 days traveling throughout Greece and four days in Istanbul, Turkey. Each day was a new adventure of sightseeing, moped/bus riding, swimming, boating, and brotherhood fun. One of the highlights was the nightly family-style dinners and sharing our favorite part of the day. The brotherhood and memories of this vacation will keep us smiling for years to come.

This fall, we started a new Professional Development Committee, which will work with both Epsilon and Delta Psi to promote the profession of pharmacy and work towards developing future pharmacists. The committee is currently working on a CV review project for our collegiate brothers and we look forward to many new exciting opportunities for this committee in the future.

Fundraising is underway with the sale of Happenings books. These coupon book sales help finance all the philanthropic activities and scholarships Minnesota Grad contributes to.



The brothers of Pomona Grad at Epsilon Gamma's Sibling Sadies Social.

Thanks go out to Becky Fahrenbruch for organizing and promoting this activity.

The next MN Grad formal meeting will be Saturday, February 2, 2013. Look for details to be available on the list serve. If you are interested in keeping up with MN Grad happenings, contact Christy Askew at chris11122@aol.com to be added to the list serve.

—Sandy Johnson

Pacific Grad

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The Pacific Graduate chapter has been enjoying our warm California summer. We were able to cool off, along with the brothers of Gamma Nu, at the annual Luau fundraiser at

Brother Ross Chang's home on the Delta. Many Pac Grad brothers were in attendance and are always happy to enjoy a day in the sun.

Gamma Nu chapter hosted their annual Red Rager back-to-school event in September. Pacific Graduate chapter brothers were in attendance to show the collegians some of those old school dance moves from back in the day, back when the Dougie was actually Doug E. Fresh. Also in September, Gamma Nu chapter held their annual brother retreat. Pacific Grad brothers went along for the outdoor camping adventures in order to share stories about our collegiate days and help to foster the four cornerstones of our Fraternity.

Pac Grad brothers have also been busy with extracurricular activities in



Wisconsin Grad Brothers Lori Hammes Joas, Kirstin Shuda, Chrissy Brueckbauer Gruber, and Chrissy Denising Chambers reunite before a Badgers home game.

order to break from the daily grind. To test our physical limits, many brothers participated in the Tough Mudder challenge in Lake Tahoe and Diablo Grande. The extreme nature of this event ensured that we depended on our brothers to accomplish the grueling task. We highly recommend other chapters compile teams and tackle this event!

Wedding season continued on into late summer. Weddings are a great time to reconnect with brothers while sharing in the love of the bride and groom. To make sure that the Kappa Psi bonds are truly present, Pac Grad treasurer Dr. Donald Floriddia has been the officiant at two recent weddings. If he ever decides to retire, we are certain he has a second profession waiting in the wings!

Pac Grad brothers also attended the San Francisco 49ers home opener against the Detroit Lions. Pac Grad brothers have also organized another outing to Candlestick Park to watch the 49ers host the Buffalo Bills. The team's current motto is definitely fitting when thinking of our Kappa Psi brothers. "Who's got it better than us? Nobody!"

—Ethan Anderson

Pittsburgh Grad

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Congratulations to two Pittsburgh Grad brothers, Chris Miller and Trisha Oefinger, on their wedding this summer. Several brothers were able to attend and celebrate the Kappa Psi couple. Pittsburgh Grad has been meeting regularly and making plans for the next couple of months, including increasing relations with the colle-

giate chapters in the city. The grad chapter is kicking around plans for a grad ski trip in early 2013. If any brothers in the Pittsburgh area are interested in joining up with the chapter, please contact Liz (Poole) Van Dyke (kyglindabk@gmail.com) for information on our upcoming events.

—Liz Van Dyke

Pocono Grad

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The Pocono Graduate chapter has been busy both hosting and participating in events recently. In August, we hosted the fifth annual John Vercinski Memorial Golf Tournament to raise money for the Disabled American Veterans Department of Pennsylvania. Brothers enjoy this event each year and it benefits a great cause. In September, we hosted an event with Delta Omicron brothers at Rodano's pizza in Wilkes-Barre to help recruit new brothers, and everyone had a nice night of brotherhood. Pocono Grad continues to help Beta Omega as they plan necessary house renovations.

We are also proud to announce that our vice regent, Adam Welch, was awarded "Pharmacist of the Year" at the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association annual meeting. Congratulations, Adam.

—Kimberly Metka Welch

Pomona Grad

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The past few months have been full of fun events for the brothers of the Pomona Grad chapter! In August, we were proud to celebrate the fifth

anniversary of our collegiate chapter, Epsilon Gamma. The Founders Day event was an awesome night where the brothers dressed up as their favorite character from Mario Kart in support of the "Drive for 5" themed event. It's truly amazing to watch our young collegiate chapter grow stronger each year, and we support them in every way possible! Being the local graduate chapter of Epsilon Gamma, this event provides the alumni of Pomona Grad the opportunity to give back and acknowledge the hard work of the collegiate brothers over the past year. In September, Epsilon Gamma held their second annual Sibling Sadies event where the family lines of our Fraternity wore a family-themed costume to the party. With our graduates now joining the "working world," we cherish these events and love staying involved to keep our family bonds strong as both chapters continue to grow each year. We are definitely looking forward to the first Pacific West meeting next month, and we will see you all in Vegas.

—Matthew Toshiharu Furukawa

Providence Grad

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Providence Graduate chapter brothers continue to demonstrate leadership in our profession and outstanding community involvement throughout the state of Rhode Island. Many brothers gathered and were recognized for their leadership on September 27 at the RIPA President's Dinner at Foxwoods Resort and Casino in nearby Connecticut, which coincided with the New England Pharmacists Convention at the same location. Brother Dan Lefkowitz was installed as the Rhode Island Pharmacists Association president. Brother Lefkowitz also was honored with the NCPA Pharmacy Leadership Award and the McKesson President's Award. Brothers David Feeney, Bob Tortolani, and Brett Feret were chosen to serve on the RIPA Council of Administration. In addition, the immediate past president of RIPA, Brother Jef Bratberg, received the RIPA Presidential Leadership Award, and PGC Brother Michael Simeone was honored with the prestigious NASPA Bowl of Hygeia Award for his years of outstanding community service. That same evening, Brother Kenny Correia was awarded the Pharmacists Mutual "Distinguished Young Pharmacist of the Year" award.

In other news, Past Grand Regent Dr. Norman A. Campbell was elected this past summer as APHA honorary

president. Dr. Campbell will be installed at the upcoming APHA meeting in March of 2013 in Los Angeles, California.

Congratulations, brothers. We are all proud of the achievements made by these members of our beloved Fraternity.

—Karl Kehrlé

South Dakota Grad

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It has been the usual quiet summer for South Dakota Grad, but with the changing of seasons, things are picking up. During the SDSU Jackrabbits football season, we have been promoting brotherly ties by participating in pregame tailgating, inviting current students and alumni. In October, brothers have organized a brown bag event that will allow pharmacists and pharmacy students to collaborate with elderly patients. The goal is to educate these patients on their medications and supplements as well as screen for any potential problems with their current medication regimens. Also in October, we will have the SD Grad fall meeting. Our main priorities with this meeting are to discuss our collegiate housing and the election of chapter officers and delegates for our newly realigned Northern Plains Province. We are looking forward to the interesting and rewarding challenges of building the foundation for a new Northern Plains Province at fall convave in November.

—Andrew Gillen

Southeast Florida & Bahamas Grad

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The Southeast Florida & Bahamas Graduate chapter brothers are looking forward to our first convave meeting with the new Southeast Province in Orlando this November. For this inaugural meeting, we are planning on having a record turnout with well over half of our graduates in attendance. Immediately following our September meeting at Nova Southeastern University, we held a chapter development seminar for the brothers of the Delta Rho chapter. We also look forward to assisting our local collegiate chapters with their upcoming activities. Delta Rho and their pledges will be participating in the American Lung Association's Asthma Walk in Fort Lauderdale as well as their Glucose Games, and Delta Upsilon will be holding their health fair and Buddy Walk all in the month of October. Brother Ralph Dello is a recruiter with

Steven Douglas and has several positions available throughout the country. If you are interested, contact him at: rdello@stevendouglas.com. If you are a graduate brother living in South Florida or the Bahamas and would like to join us, please contact Ryan Ritchie at rritchie2009@gmail.com or Marvin Smith at bahamadrugdoc@gmail.com.

—Ryan Ritchie

Wisconsin Grad

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Wisconsin Grad has been working hard to strengthen relations with Beta Psi over the past few years. Grad brothers now attend all Beta Psi chapter meetings, and two WI Grad officers have been elected as Co-GCDs for Beta Psi. The two chapters worked together to send Province V out in style and will road trip together across the Northern Plains Province, spreading the Scennie love to the brothers of our new Province.

Wisconsin Grad owns the Beta Psi house, just a few blocks from the School of Pharmacy, and strives to offer the lowest rent in the area. Beta Psi handles the day-to-day operations of the house, but when a big project comes up, the Grad brothers jump in to help. The big project this year is the installation of a shed in the backyard. Grads and actives pitched in to build the foundation, haul gravel, water concrete, and raise the shed.

Fall in Wisconsin is all about the WI Badgers, and WI Grad provides tickets for both football and hockey for the brothers to purchase. The annual meeting coincides with a pregame celebration at the Beta Psi house, and the annual homecoming party at the house is always a highlight of the year. If you are in Wisconsin during football or hockey season, or have moved to the area, contact us at wikappapsi@gmail.com.

—Lori Joas



Pi chapter is selling The Tervis tumblers for a fundraiser. If you would like one, please contact jdao@purdue.edu.

Atlantic Province

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The brothers of the Atlantic Province were very excited to hold the first meeting after the enacting of realignment. The brothers of Gamma Psi hosted the meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, in mid-August. The inaugural meeting served as a great opportunity for brothers from varying backgrounds to come together in a fashion so as to start fresh and create new traditions. In the past, we've all been at Province meetings where brothers who have attended many meetings are recognized. It's refreshing to see a time where elder and younger brothers are on the same page and experiencing fraternal growth from the same perspective.

The Mid-America Province has already begun work to establish the Province and to create our vision and direction. We have a great group of officers and leaders who will lead our Province.

—Bryan Summerford

Mid-America Province

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The Mid-America Province recently held their inaugural assembly, hosted by the Gamma Pi Chapter in St. Louis, Missouri. The brothers of Gamma Pi graciously planned our first meeting, filled with time for fellowship as well as important business. Brothers in attendance were fortunate to experience what St. Louis has to offer firsthand, with a beautiful view of the Gateway Arch and Mississippi riverfront just outside the hotel. This assembly was particularly exciting as it was the first time many of us were meeting each other.

During the weekend of the assembly, brothers of the Mid-America Province participated in the second annual charity event for St. Baldrick's Foundation, coordinated by Gamma Pi at St. Louis College of Pharmacy. For this occasion, a number of Kappa Psi brothers raised money and had their heads shaved in support of research for childhood cancers. In all, the event raised a grand total of approximately \$5,300. Brothers attended a fun meet and greet event on the rooftop of the Hyatt Regency at the Arch, which included hors d'oeuvres and music. On the last night, brothers gathered for a formal dinner and danced the night away on St. Louis' premier Washington Avenue. To wrap up the fun-filled weekend, brothers were able to experience an important St. Louis pastime—a Cardinals baseball game at Busch Stadium. Together, these events helped the Mid-America Province



Some Brothers of Gamma Pi enjoying the Cardinals baseball game at the Mid-America Province meeting. (L-R): Ben Cao, Rebecca Nolen, Lauren Palmier, Jessie Kim, Melanie Maassen and Maryanne Lee.

develop lasting friendships as we joined with chapters previously from Provinces V and VII.

However, the meeting was not all about having fun and getting to know each other. Very important business also took place. During the assembly, the Province made important initial decisions regarding Province by-laws and elected new officers for the Executive Committee including Satrap Neil Patel (Illinois Grad), Vice Satrap Belma Muharemovic (Gamma Pi), Secretary Kelsey Johnson (Chi), Treasurer Malory Toebben (Gamma Pi), Historian Candace Dunn (St. Louis Grad), and Chaplain David H. Kim (Chi). Province brothers decided to host biannual assemblies in hopes of allowing more time to fellowship at future meetings. The Mid-America Province is excited to announce we are already anticipating our next Province assembly meeting, to be held the weekend of February 8, 2013, which will be hosted by Rho chapter from Lawrence, Kansas. We hope to see you there!

The brothers of Mid-America Province would like to thank the Gamma Pi chapter for making our first assembly so enjoyable. We would like to extend special gratitude to the Planning Committee members and its Co-Chairs, Lauren Palmier and Malory Toebben, for their countless hours of hard work. We would also like to thank visiting brothers and the Grand Officers, including Grand Counselor Michael Courmoyer, Grand Ritualist Latha Radhakrishnan, Graduate Member-at-Large Harry Marcelin, and Collegiate Member-at-Large Johnny Wong, for their attendance. Finally, we would like to express our gratitude to our Province Supervisor, Tracy Anderson-Haag, and our Assistant Supervisor, Abe Duncan, for their assistance throughout the Province meeting. Without all

of your support, the first assembly of the Mid-America Province would not have been a success.

—Candace J Dunn

Northwest Province

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Many things have happened since Grand Regent Kali Weaver ordered a realignment of our Provinces and renamed our former Province X the Northwest Province in August. Many exciting changes have also occurred in terms of chapters, as we will be officially welcoming Epsilon Chi of Utah into our Province after their chartering ceremony in October.

Since school began, I have been so excited to hear about the great number of students interested in rushing Kappa Psi and the stories of great pledge classes in our Province. It looks like Kappa Psi has been doing a great job in recruiting highly qualified pledges, and brothers have been representing Kappa Psi well by upholding the four pillars.

As ASHP is quickly approaching in Vegas and APhA in Spokane, I hope to see many KΨ brothers attend these meetings and represent our Fraternity.

—Theresa Nguyen

Pacific West Province

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Pacific West Province is looking forward to our first Province meeting hosted by the brothers of Delta Tau in Las Vegas, Nevada, October 12–14. The brothers of Delta Tau have been working hard to ensure a memorable and productive meeting as we complete our transition to Pacific West Province with elections of the inaugural board and induction of new Pacific West Province by-laws. We look forward to seeing all our brothers at this historic event.

—Kevin Hutchinson

Promoting Graduate Involvement at the GCC

By Harry Patrick Marcelin, Graduate Member at Large

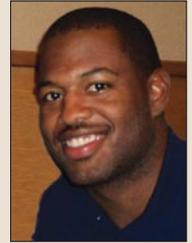
Grads,

Do you remember the first GCC you went to? I remember my first GCC. It was the 54th GCC at Clearwater Beach, FL, in 2009, and I attended as a grad. I had no idea what I was getting into, but boy am I glad I ended up going. That GCC trip changed the way I viewed our fraternity and understood what brotherhood for life meant. This ultimately energized my passion for our beloved fraternity. As a collegian I had an opportunity to meet a couple of grads who had passion for Kappa Psi, but I really never understood what graduate involvement meant. I foolishly thought that Kappa Psi was just a collegiate thing. My perspective of this changed when I had an opportunity to see all of these grads that were so passionate about Kappa Psi. My biggest surprise that I not only met grads that were my age, but I saw grads with more active years in the fraternity than years in my life that were arguably having more fun than some of the collegians at that GCC! I wanted to know why people were looking forward to a meeting that was held once every two years.

As I spoke to these grads, I finally understood what kept them coming year after year. This GCC event is more than just a meeting or a gathering—GCC is a FAMILY REUNION! I talked to grads who would share stories about their collegiate experiences and past GCC experiences. I saw grads catch up with grad brothers with excitement and nostalgia of being around familiar friends and family. I saw grads include me and other new grads into various grad events such as dinner outings, grad receptions, and other mentoring sessions. I had an opportunity to catch up with brothers I met at previous province meetings. I had an opportunity to meet new brothers, got a chance to make my own

fun GCC experiences, and since then, have been able to share my past GCC experiences with my fellow graduate brothers. Grads, if you have never gone to a GCC—the 56th GCC in St. Pete, FL, is the one to go to. I implore you to talk to any grad that been to one. I guarantee after five minutes, you will be on your way to booking your plane tickets to Florida.

My fellow grads, although the fraternity is comprised primarily collegians, it is up to us as grads to pay it forward and show collegians what it means to be a brother for life. We preach to our collegians to stay active in the Fraternity and to make a lifelong commitment to our family. What better way to do this than to come out to GCC and share your story with a collegian? Donate your time at GCC to sit at a career round table and share your experiences with a collegian. Take a collegian out to lunch after one of the breakout sessions. Show a collegian a good time at GCC and make them want to never miss a GCC ever. The only way we can do that is by coming out to a GCC. I challenge my fellow grads to make a commitment and come to St. Pete. Believe me when I tell you—a simple gesture like buying a meal for a collegian or a having a casual conversation during a break out session with a collegian can help cultivate a collegiate brother to having an ah hah moment and finally understand what the phrase brotherhood for life really means. Let's walk the walk and show collegians that we mean what we say. The time is now. Will you join me? I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at GCC. We are going to have a blast!



Looking forward to seeing all of you at the 56th GCC at the Tradewinds Resort in St. Pete, Florida. We are going to have a blast!



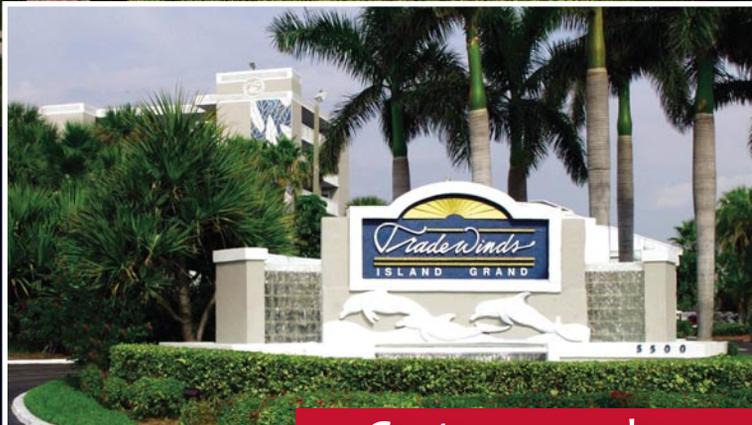
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