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The Journey Continues



From the left:
Laura Briscoe and
Ambili Prasad

The Alpha Iota Chapter of Phi Delta Chi has been established at the University of Georgia for 73 years and continues to grow and strive for excellence. Founded on May 29 1937, Alpha Iota is proud to be the oldest pharmacy fraternity and the only co-educational fraternity at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy. The Chapter currently consists of 66 Brothers who through much hard work and dedication to our Chapter earned 4th place in the annual Thurston Cup Competition at last summer's 13th Leadership Development Seminar. Our Professional and Service projects brought home 3rd place nationwide. Our leadership in the Chapter and throughout the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy also earned us 3rd place in the Grabenstein Leadership Award. Alpha Iota was ranked in the top ten for six out of seven award categories of Phi Delta Chi for 2009-2010. This has been a huge honor for our Chapter to be recognized for all of our hard work and to be one of the best Chapter in Phi Delta Chi. Alpha Iotas have proven beyond a doubt to the nation that we are capable of many great things and have many amazing Brothers and Alumni who continually support the Chapter.

Our professional projects have been a great source of pride for our fraternity and our profession. Radio Rx continued in the Fall for another great season lead by Lucy and Annie O. Unfortunately, the WUOG 90.5 FM discontinued Radio Rx in the spring, but Patrick and Dobry did a great job of making an educational video on influenza and how to prevent the spread and broadcasting them on YouTube. Phi Delta Chi hosted Organizational Hour in the Fall with Dr. Reno Law from Northside Hospital and spoke about his job in the ICU. Our Sexual Health Board was displayed again at Dawgtoberfest and the Multicultural Health Fair with the assistance of many Brothers speaking on the importance of good sexual practices and handing out condoms to promote safe sex to the students of the Uni-

versity of Georgia and the Athens community. To emphasize the importance of sexual health to the student of UGA again, our board was displayed at Tate Center, student's activity center, on Valentine's Day. In the spring, we hosted a Brown Bag Clinic at Iris Place with the assistance of Faculty Brother Dr. Keith Herist. Many elderly people came with many medication and health questions and were very appreciative of our services. Our Window Display topic this year of "Fiber: It's what moves you" was presented at many pharmacies all over the Athens area. We were able to reach about 450 people in the community to educate them on the importance and benefits of Fiber with a brochure that covered the basics and recommended intake of fiber as well as good sources of fiber. The Pledges took on an awesome Professional Project by putting together a board and information about Medicare Part D during open enrollment to help educate the people in Athens about how to sign up and important items to look for when making these important decisions. Over 90 people were reached in this project over a 3 day period.

We have continued our Service Projects throughout the year with helping out at the Northeast Georgia Food Bank, playing Bingo at Morning Side Assisted Living, and donating prom dresses to Project Cinderella so high school girls have something to wear that memorable night. We had over 100 people participate in our yearly St. Jude 5K in the fall and raised nearly \$1500. We continued to support St. Jude in the spring with our annual Letter's for St. Jude drive as well. We signed up to participate in Habitat for Humanity in the spring, but it was unfortunately rained out. The Pledge's Service Project this year was putting on a Halloween Party for the Garnett Ridge Boys and Girls Club. They put on many activities for the about 50 kids such as games, races, crafts, and face painting to name a few.

Our many social activities continued throughout the year. Our traditional Meatfest was hosted at Alumni Merinda's home this fall were Brothers and classmates got together for football, games, and Shuang's grilling skills. Throughout the pledging period we hosted Progressive Dinners, potlucks, movie nights, and pumpkin cravings to get to know our future Brothers. Our Pledges threw an awesome Halloween Party with prizes for Best Costume and Sexiest Costume which Brother Julianna took home with her trucker costume that so many will never forget. We had 18 active Brothers and 4 Alumni Brothers go to Gatlinberg Winter Retreat this year and had a great time building bonds with Brothers all over the country. In the spring, Ray captioned our soccer team, the Flu Shots, where we finally scored in the games. Many Brothers showed up to support the team and had a great time cheering them on. Go Flu Shots, Stink 'Em! As always, Formal was a fun night hosted by Grace and Thuy with Alumni and 4th year Brothers coming back to celebrate the semester closing and move our 4th year Brothers to Alumni status. Our last official social event, Low Country Boil was hosted at Huggins's house where several of us enjoyed the good food and good times of hanging out before finals.

Our newly formed Fundraising Chairs also did a great job of raising money for our Chapter. They worked hard at selling merchandise on Visitor's

Day and Orientation to new students. They also put on a Valentine's Day Bake Sale and a Bubble Tea Sale at Tate Student Center for the students at the University of Georgia.

The bonds of Brotherhood have continued to run deep into our Chapter as the year has progressed through projects, parties, and trips. We are as always a very diverse group of individuals that enjoy coming together not only to grow and develop our field of Pharmacy, but also to come together as Brothers and support each other through school and through life. There are some difficult times with having such a large Chapter every now and then, but the Alpha Iotas have persevered and become stronger through the process. There are many good things ahead for our Chapter and I know I am excited to see where we go. Never forget our motto Alterum Alterius Axelio Eget meaning Each Needs the Help of the Other and our reflection, "Let us give our best efforts to our Brothers" and our Chapter will continue to grow and succeed.

Worthy Chief Counselor

Laura Briscoe

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Letter from the WCC



Letter from the Editors

For this year's Crucible, we aim to give you a more concise pictorial glimpse of what Alpha Iota does throughout the year. This edition is, by no means, an exhaustive list of everything that we have done, but rather, it features notable events and projects. Various Brothers have provided their perspectives on those features. We begin the survey with Pledges. This section features our Bulldog pictures taken during the pledging process. Bulldog statues are placed all around the city of Athens, GA including the campus of UGA. Each is uniquely designed and they are a result of the "We Let the Dogs Out" project by a local organization to help raise money for various charities. Each pledge is required to have their pictures taken with a different Bulldog statue. It is one of the many traditions of Alpha Iota. Throughout this section, each pledge offers their most memorable moment during pledging. The next section features social events. Jennifer Lee and Lopa Joshi will give you an inside look into our yearly Halloween party that was hosted by the pledges. Next, Paula Phetsadasack writes about this

year's winter retreat. It was arguably one of the best and biggest we have had. Service projects follow with Jennifer Huggin's recollection of St. Jude 5k for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. We raised around \$1,600 for that cause. Last, we present the professional projects. RadioRX has been a jewel of Alpha Iota and Annie O. gives reasons as to why. This year, we began a new professional project aimed to inform people of the internet era on various health topics. Phoeny Li gives her perspective on our new PDC Youtube project.

We hope you enjoy this year's publication and we would like to thank all who have helped to make this publication possible. AAAE.

Sincerely,
Trac Nguyen and Shuang Ouyang

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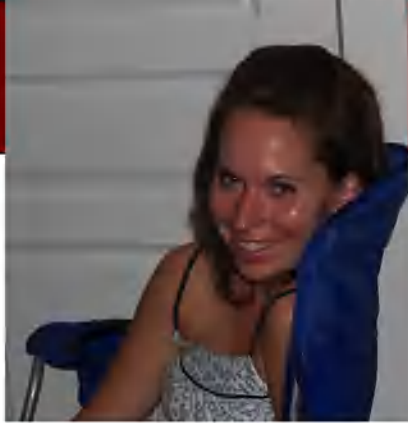
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WCC Laura Briscoe

Serving as WCC this past year has been a very enriching experience for me. Alpha Iota has been my passion for the past 3 years and I am very proud of how far we've come. In terms of the Thurston Cup, I came in as a new Brother to the 9th ranked Chapter in the nation and had the honor of accepting our 4th place award at LDS in Madison, WI with Shuang and Annie O. In terms of Brotherhood, I have seen some awesome graduate Brothers, who have thankfully come back, and was fortunate enough to make connections with them. Also, I have seen some great pledges that were initiated into our family. I had the honor of helping Shannon and Ray bring in our 18 new Brothers this year and am so excited to come back and see how they will grow into the fraternity. Words cannot express how much Alpha Iota and all the Brothers mean to me. This has been one of the most memorable years so far and I am sad to leave this place, but I am excited to come back as a 4th year and alumnus to see everyone. I know Alpha Iota is in good hands with Shannon and Ray in charge. Brothers, never forget who we are and what Brotherhood means. Most importantly, have fun and enjoy your time in school with your Brothers. AAAE, Brothers for life!



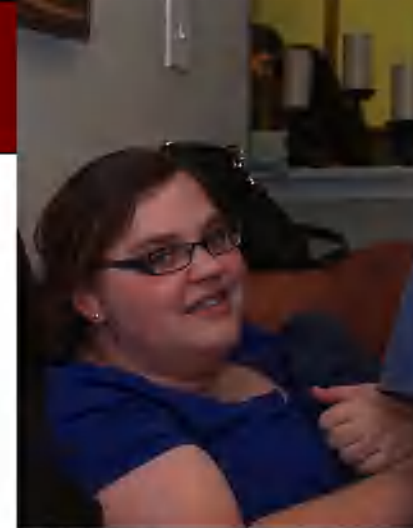
WVC Ambili Prasad

Serving as WVC for this past year has been an amazing experience. I have learned so much and it helped me look at the workings of the fraternity from a different, deeper perspective. Although I wanted to be WVC so I could give back to PDC, I must say that I got a LOT out of the experience in terms of becoming more familiar with the bylaws and Robert's Rules. No matter how crazy things got sometimes, the Brothers always stepped up and made things happen, and it was great being a part of that. I loved working with WCC Laura and I hope I was able to lighten her load every once in a while. Through all the laughter and tears and ups and downs this past year, I have enjoyed watching Alpha Iota grow as a Chapter and my Brothers grow as individuals. I can't wait to come visit next year as a fourth year Brother and be amazed by our accomplishments as a Chapter! I am very grateful for all the memories Phi Delta Chi has given me over the past three years. Brothers for Life



WKRS Paula Phetsadasack

I cannot believe my time serving as WKRS is over. I vividly remember searching endlessly for retreat cabin options and typing up minutes at every meeting. I have enjoyed my duty of organizing all of my Brothers' information, sending out minutes, and most of all, planning for retreat. From the very beginning, I planned on taking our winter retreat to a new level and renting bigger and nicer cabins. During the fall semester, I did have some trouble with time management, but with the help of the other officers, I was able to plan retreat at newer cabins. It has been a fun and enriching experience serving as WKRS for the 2009-2010 school year. I believe I was able to give back to the fraternity, as well as learn more about other Brothers and planning in general.



WKF Stephanie Peccia

I have really enjoyed being an officer and serving the Alpha Iota Chapter, and I know I will definitely enjoy it again.



WC Jayme Bristow

I've had a great time this year as Worthy Correspondent. The job has had its ups and downs between trying to round up all the necessary reports and the satisfaction of a job well done. Overall, I know that I have given my best efforts to my Brothers and in the end, I wish the best of luck to Whitney and hope that she finds more and better ways to be the best PDC WC ever!



WAL Heidi Hesprich

Being the Worthy Alumni Liaison this past year has really given me a great opportunity to meet some amazing people. For me, the biggest part of Phi Delta Chi is the brotherhood and sense of family, which was solidified by each and every Alumni I had the privilege of meeting. I would like to thank the Alumni for their involvement in helping our chapter thrive. Alpha Iota is lucky to have such dedicated Alumni who manage to stay involved via phone and e-mail even when they live states away. I look forward to seeing you all in the Fall, and know that Jennifer will do a great job as the new WAL.

Incoming



WCC Shannon Sulik

I'm very excited about being WCC for the upcoming year. My previous experience running pledge meetings will definitely help next year in chapter, especially since Ray and I have worked so well together last year. Perhaps the whistle will make a comeback! Being WCC will be a difficult job, but I am ready to do my best to aid the progress of the chapter. I've worked closely with Laura throughout pledging as well as during the time between elections and the end of the year, so I hope I'll be prepared to represent the chapter at this year's Grand Council in Buffalo. PDC has been a big part of my pharmacy school experience and I can't wait to be more involved in my (potentially) last year in Athens.



WMA Shannon Sulik

Being WMA was a fun but challenging experience. It was very rewarding to watch all of the pledges make it through the pledging process. I enjoyed the unique position of being WMA because it offers an opportunity to get to know the pledges as well as be the advocate for all of the pledges throughout the semester. Ray and I worked together very well and we were constantly in communication with each other to make sure rush and pledging ran smoothly. But I'm not sure if my voice will ever recover from singing the drinking song so many times! Toan and Stiles are going to do an excellent job as WMA and WIG next semester and I can't wait to meet the next pledge class they bring in.

WIG Ray Dwan

I enjoyed being this past year's Worthy Inner Guard. It was a wonderful and fun experience being able to watch our pledges grow and bond with each other and finally becoming brothers of PDC. This experience has made me grow closer to PDC. I know my successor, Chris Stiles, will make a great WIG next year. He has the fire and enthusiasm that will make pledging a memorable experience for the next generation of Alpha Iotas. I can't wait to see what new brothers he and Toan will welcome into PDC next year!



WP Trac Nguyen

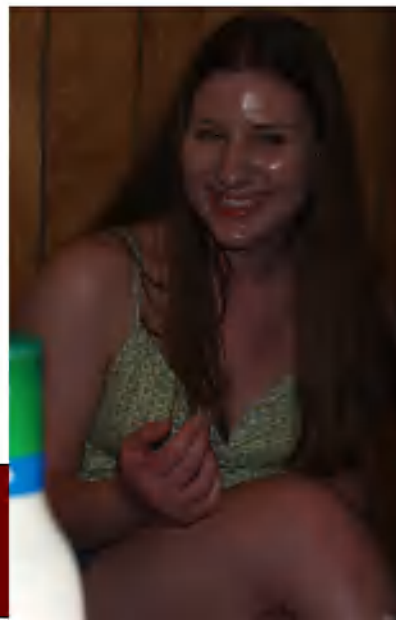
As I look over the hundreds of pictures collected over the past year, I feel extremely proud and appreciative of having the opportunity to serve. We are a great group of people and we have accomplished so much. Here's to another great year! I wish the best of luck to Kristie! You'll do great!

WKRS Jennifer Lee

I'm extremely excited and honored to be elected Worthy Keeper of Records and Seals. As part of the crew for planning retreat, I get to bring in my passion for cooking and show my creativity in creating menus for my Brothers. I will be in a position to be more involved with PDC and the inner workings of our Chapter. Being WKRS requires me to utilize my organizational abilities, and I will take this opportunity to perfect this important skill. I'm looking forward to growing as an individual as well as serving my Brothers.

WVC Ray Dwan

I am looking forward to working with Shannon again as her sidekick in the WVC position. We are excited for this upcoming year and have plenty of new ideas that we want to try out. Laura and Ambili did a great job in improving our fraternity and strengthening our brotherhood this past year. This is a path on which Shannon and I will continue.

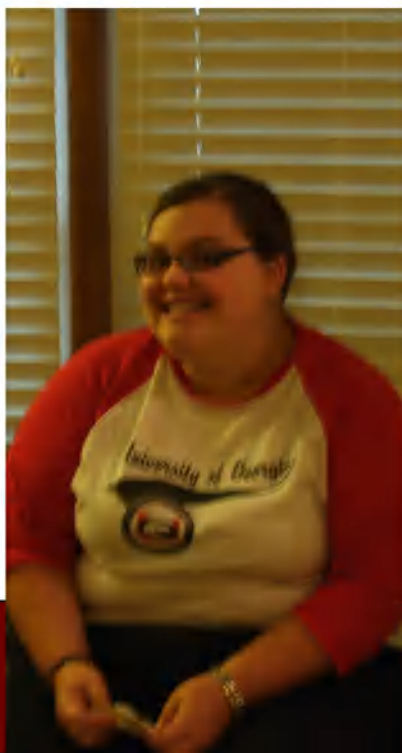


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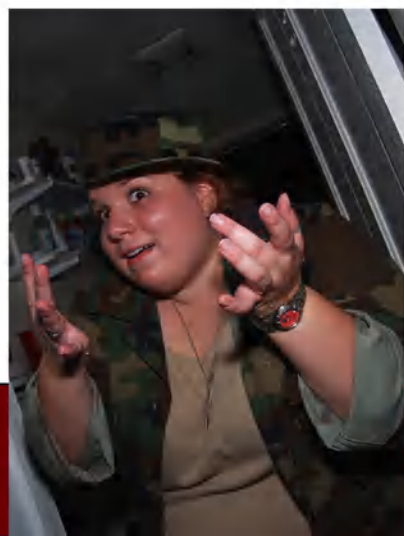
WKF Stephanie Peccia

I am thrilled and honored to be serving as the Worthy Keeper of Finance for a second year. Over the last year, I have made several changes in our finances and hope to expand upon that next year. I plan on making as many improvements as possible while maintaining our current, favorable financial status.



WC Whitney Holcombe

I am very excited about being the next Worthy Correspondent. I know I have some big shoes to fill from the past three WCs, but I am anxious to begin. I can't wait to show the National Office the awesome Alpha Iotas that I know! I hope to encourage the Chapter in maintaining the projects that we are currently involved in and to expand into some new activities that we haven't done before and will enjoy.



WAL Jennifer Gaddie

I'm genuinely looking forward to working with everyone this next year, and I'm delighted to have been elected as the new Worthy Alumni Liaison. I've had the opportunity to make friends with a number of Brothers over the last two years and am particularly excited to connect alumni and faculty with our chapter as a whole. We tend to go our separate ways when we graduate, but as always, "each needs the help of the other". What better way to exemplify our motto than through unrelenting involvement? I will strive to keep our alumni connected and encourage each and every one of the Brothers to further our relationships with each other!



WP Kristi Carlile

I am really excited about being elected Worthy Prelate for 2011-2012! I'm looking forward to the opportunity to serve my fellow brothers throughout the upcoming year by documenting all of the great events in which Phi Delta Chi participates.



WMA Toan Tran

When I rushed for Phi Delta Chi, my interest for the fraternity grew as I was able to learn more about not only my pledge brothers but also the older brothers. It has given me the opportunity to form new bonds that would last beyond my pharmacy school years. My goal as the incoming WMA is to show others a different side to pharmacy school through brotherhood. I want them to experience the impact that this fraternity can offer them through service, academics, brotherhood, and a home away from home. I hope that Rush and Pledging will be as memorable to the future pledges as they were for me.



WIG Chris Stiles

As the incoming Worthy Inner Guard, I aspire to impart the fraternal spirit, history, and tradition of PDC within our pledges. My primary goal as WIG is to recruit potential Brothers who will uphold our traditions and put forth their best efforts for their fellow brothers and toward advancing the field of pharmacy.

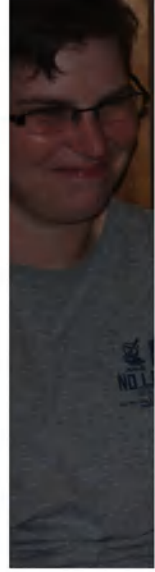


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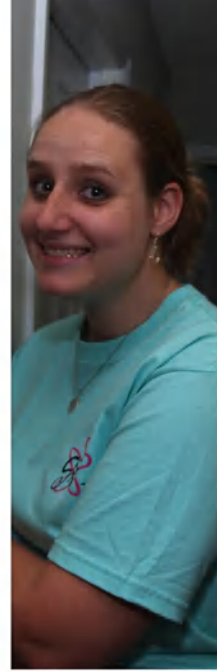
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Sarah Thompson



Lucy Webb and Annie O



Jennifer Huggins

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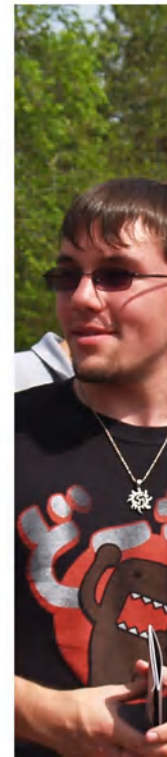
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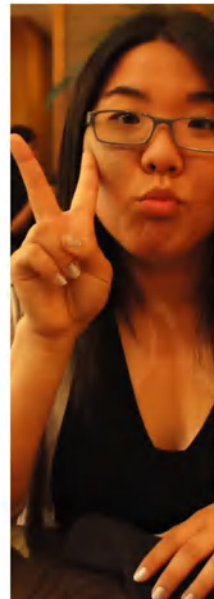
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Chris Dobry and Patrick Tu

Grace Lee and Thuy Nguyen



Jessica Chen



Spring



Class of 2011

Joe "Scout" Andrews
 Jennifer "Soulja Boy" Boykin
 Evie "In Demand" Cowan
 Ashley "Janis" Hannings
 Abby "Go-Chay" Hobbs
 Diana "Socal" Houng
 Melinda "Debonair" Kezer
 Michelle "Shark" Li
 Jessica "Authentic" Noice
 Erin "Tradition" O'Rourke
 Jennifer "Flow=OH" Riner
 Edward "Thriller" Yabut

Class of 2012

Rejena "Catifly" Azad
 Hilary "Sideways" Boretz
 Jayme "LL Cool Jane" Bristow
 Vanessa "Rocky V" Clark
 Jennifer "Barracuda" Fries
 Annie "Belle" Kenealy
 Ryan "Brady" Markham
 Julianna "Strong Arm" Murphy
 Shuang "Headliner" Ouyang
 Annie "Ohana" Oyanontaruk
 Ambili "Maestro" Prasad
 Carmen "Mix Tape" Ward

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Members:
 Row 1: Joe Andrews, Ray Dwan (Worthy Inex Guard), Trac Nguyen (Worthy Prelate), Paula Phetsadasack (Worthy Keeper of Records and Seals), Ambili Prasad (Worthy Vice Counselor), Laura Briscoe (Worthy Chief Counselor), Jayme Bristow (Worthy Correspondent), Stephanie Peccia (Worthy Keeper of Finance), Shannon Sulik (Worthy Master-at-Arms), Heidi Hesprich (Worthy Alumni Liaison), Jennifer Boykin
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 Row 3: Diana Houng, Melinda Kezer, Michelle Li, Michelle Mach
 Row 4: Jessica Noice, Erin O'Rourke, Jennifer Riner, Edward Yabut
 Row 5: Annie Kenealy, Ryan Markham, Julianna Murphy, Shuang Ouyang
 Row 6: Matt Perri (Advisor), Randall Tackett (Advisor), Keith Herist (Advisor)
 Row 7: Rejena Azad, Hilary Boretz, Vanessa Clark, Jennifer Fries
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 Row 10: Whitney Holcombe, Charles Wang, Jessica Chen, To-My Dinh, Chris Dobry, Charles Durham, Lopa Joshi, Ah Hyun Jun, Katherine Kwon, Grace Lee, Jennifer Lee, Phoeny Li, Thuy Nguyen
 Row 11: Ami Patel, Chris Stiles, Charles McDuffie (Faculty), Michael Bartlett (Faculty), Paul Brooks (Faculty), Sukhmani Sarao (Faculty), Jim Bruckner (Faculty), William Wade (Faculty), Warren Beach (Faculty), Henry Cobb (Faculty), Toan Tran, Joanne Yi

NOT PICTURED: KRISTI CARLILE

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Class 2013

Michel "Croft" Alexander
 Crystal "Aweso" Beal
 Joshua "Gump" Breeden
 Ray "Txt Ofndr" Dwan
 Jennifer "Betty C" Gaddie
 Heidi "Einzige" Hesprich
 Jennifer "Capt Ice" Huggins
 Cam "Cicada" Nguyen
 Nhu-Y "Bella Luna" Nguyen
 Trac "ΑΣ" Nguyen
 Stephanie "B&A Rhymes" Peccia
 Paula "Nike" Phetsadasack
 Shannon "Scully" Sulik
 Sarah "I-Trip" Thompson
 Lacie "TID URI NA" Tjerina
 Patrick "Tu Fly" Tu
 Jeffrey "GPS" Wang
 Landon "Piston" Watts
 Lucy "Sweep" Webb
 Angie "=-" Zhou

Class of 2014

Whitney "Millie" Holcombe
 Charles "Nom Nom" Wang
 Kristi "Cake Boss" Carlile
 Jessica "Care Bear" Chen
 To-My "Cloud 9" Dinh
 Chris "Chronos" Dobry
 Charles "Ludacats" Durham
 Lopa "U BN Joshied" Joshi
 Ah Hyun "Haru Haru" Jun
 Katherine "Regulator" Kwon
 Grace "La Chaton" Lee
 Jennifer "sfz" Lee
 Phoeny "Crescendo" Li
 Thuy "Chanel" Nguyen
 Ami "Dr. Merabba" Patel
 Sara "Rockstar" Pennington
 Chris "Wiles" Stiles
 Toan "Cue" Tran
 Joanne "Jo King" Yi

pledges



“This year, our Chapter welcomed 18 new pledges at the Pinning Ceremony, including two second-year pledges. Unfortunately, one of the pledges was sick with the flu, so we gave her a make-up ceremony. All the pledges were very excited to finally get their pins and take the next step to become a PDC Brother.”

- Shannon Sulik, WMA

Dinner at a local restaurant with the new pledges



Ah Hyun Jun Pledging for PDC was one of the best decisions I made in my life. Although the pledging process wasn't easy, it brought my pledge class very close. My favorite moment from pledging is the informal initiation. I will never forget that night! I am so glad that my pledge class all made it together.

Lopa Joshi The PDC pledging process is definitely very rigorous, but the best part is that we have several opportunities to get to know the brothers and pledges very well and are able to develop a strong brotherhood. My favorite activities were interviewing the brothers to get to know each of them, throwing the annual Halloween party, and face painting kids with the Boys and Girls Club of Athens.



Charles Durham

There once was a Pledge named Charlie
 Who thought joining PDC would be gnarly
 Of pledge tasks there were a heap,
 And on Facebook did he creep,
 But now with Brothers can he sip his barley.



A Pledge Meeting with Brother Shannon and Brother Ray



Pledge Meeting commencing

Chris Dobry During the pledging process, my favorite part was the interviews. Getting to know all of the brothers (and some, a LOT more in depth than I had originally thought, but those were the great interviews) was a major part of pledging, but also the best. The highlight though was receiving my pledge name (Chronos, totally awesome btw). Definitely the best moment.

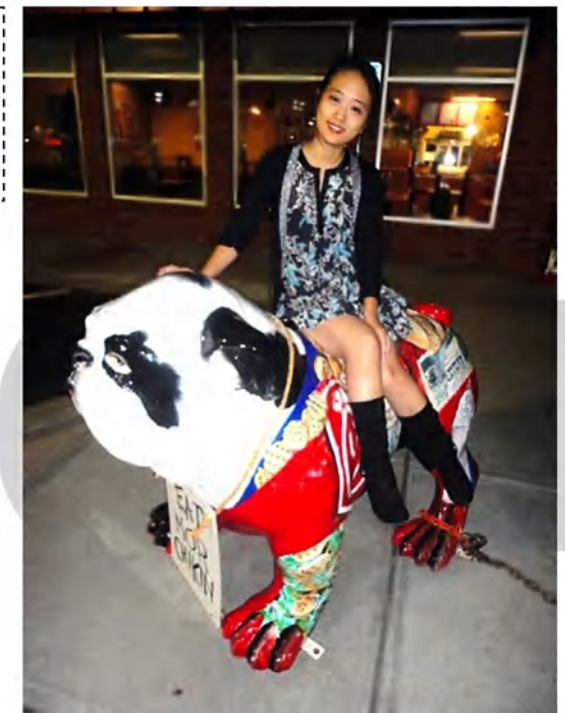


The new pledges took a moment for a quick photo to commemorate the beginning of the pledging process.



To-My Dinh Being a part of this organization really allowed me to experience a different side of pharmacy school, outside of academics. It gave me the opportunity to meet new upperclassmen as well as form lifelong friendships. I look forward to forming more memories and laughter with my new brothers.

Clockwise from Left
**To-My Dinh, Chris
Dobry, Grace Lee**



eighteen

bulldog pictures

It is a tradition of Alpha Iota to have pictures of pledges taken with the infamous Bulldog statues dispersed around the UGA campus and the greater Athens area.

Joanne Yi I'll be honest. My pledging experience with PDC was tough. I remember that. But because of what I went through, it opened my eyes to truly understand what AAAE is and what brotherhood is about. I learned things about people and about myself. And regardless what happens to us in the end, I will always

Kristi Carlile The thing I enjoyed most about the pledging process was informal initiation. It was such a fun night and was a great opportunity to bond with my fellow pledges and the Brothers. I'll never forget it!

Phoeny Li The best part of pledging with Phi Delta Chi was getting to know each brother and fellow pledge as people, more than just names and faces. One by one, brothers and pledges emerged as my new friends—warm, genuine, diverse, and interesting people whose company I was increasingly excited to become officially affiliated with. Now I'm so proud to call myself a brother, and I look forward to becoming more than a name and a face to

Charles Wang As a second year pledge, I found it difficult to balance the pledging process and the rigors of second year pharmacy school. Both demanded a lot of my time. But with the help of my pledge class and all my friends that were already in PDC, I found a good balance that allowed me to enjoy the entire pledging process and obtain the academic goals I set for myself.



Chris Stiles Throughout the pledging process I really enjoyed the fact that we were required to work with our fellow pledges to produce a variety of projects. This gave me the opportunity to learn a great deal about each individual in my pledge class and has opened the door to many strong friendships. This was certainly one of my favorite aspects about pledging for Phi Delta Chi.

Katherine Kwon It was my first time pledging for any type of fraternity, so I learned many new aspects of working together. There were moments of confusion but also times of laughter. I have always been a person more of actions than words. Pledging taught me the importance of both. Most importantly, I created a link to a second family that I know I will be honored to keep for the rest of my life. Go PDC!

Jessica Chen PDC's pledging is not the first pledging that I have been involved in, therefore, I fully expected all the hard work, memorization and time. However, even with all the "pledge work", I felt that PDC was different; more professional and geared to what would help me in my pharmacy profession. I know that the relationships I built during pledging will only grow, benefiting me, not only in my professional life, but also my personal

Jennifer Lee My favorite part of the pledging experience was working with all the pledges and organizing the annual Halloween party. Not only did I understand the true meaning of AAAE, the Halloween party also turned out to be a huge success!



Toan Tran My favorite part of pledging was making the paddles. We all supported each other as we gave each other ideas and suggestions for the paddles. It was also great to see each paddle go from start to finish.



Newly Initiated Brothers joins the family



Thuy Nguyen The Phi Delta Chi pledging process has truly been memorable. It has taught me much about the meaning of brotherhood and has greatly enriched my pharmacy school experience.



Ami Patel Each pledge activity has left lasting impression in my mind, one way or another. One of my favorite pledge task was organizing the Halloween party for the school. It was very nice to see the success of our task on everyone's face as they came to the party and enjoyed themselves with us!



social



"In a tradition celebrated across the nation, the Brothers of Alpha Iota gathered to celebrate Founder's Day. This year, we held a dinner the evening of the holiday at Outback Steakhouse. In addition to Collegiate Brothers, members from the Alumni Chapter and Pledges joined in the event. It was a great opportunity for current Brothers to bond and meet up with old friends and the Pledges to learn about of our history."

- Charles Durham





Halloween Party

By Lopa Joshi and Jennifer Lee

This year's annual Phi Delta Chi Halloween Party was hosted by the Alpha Iota Pledges at Abel Kusovschi's house, a fellow first year who graciously opened his home to a fun-filled night including tasty refreshments, spectacular costumes, and loads of entertainment. All of the Pledges worked together to put forth their ideas and meticulously plan out the details of the event. Grace Lee carefully budgeted the necessary items, including decorations, food, and beverages. Thuy Nguyen and several other pledges enticed the first-year pharmacy students with individually crafted bat-shaped invitations and lollipops, a small preview of the exciting time everyone had at the party. Phoeny Li, Lopa Joshi, and Brother Jeffrey Wang, under the guidance of Brother Shuang Ouyang, prepared assorted flavor Jell-o refreshments, while Whitney Holcombe and Jennifer Lee made delectable Oreo balls with Brother Jennifer Gaddie's help.

All the Pledges arrived early to adorn the house with spooky cobwebs and other Halloween-themed decorations. Assorted munchies were artfully arranged in the dining room. Candle-lit carved pumpkins at the entrance welcomed each of the guests including numerous Brothers, College of Pharmacy classmates, and significant others, dressed as various gods and goddesses, famous celebrities, Mr. Mrs. Potato Head, genies, law enforcement officers, and an unsympathetic CVS pharmacist, to name a few. Gift card prizes for Mirko's and Inoko's restaurants were awarded to Abel, the KISS rockstar, for most creative costume and to Brother Juli Murphy, the sexy truck driver, for sexiest costume. Those in attendance danced the night away under a black light, while having the opportunity to watch a highly entertaining glow stick performance (one of the many interactive pledge tasks) in a mosh pit by Lopa, Joanne Yi, Trac Nguyen, Shuang, and others. Throughout hosting this festive event, the Pledges forged a true brotherhood and succeeded in putting on a frightfully awesome Halloween party!





Retreats

Summer Retreat
at Tugaloo State
Park

Summer Retreat:
Alpha Iota hosted
summer retreat by
camp fire within
the grounds of
Tugaloo State Park



Winter Retreat

By Paula Phetsadasack

Our Chapter's Winter 2011 Retreat was like embarking on a new adventure. It was our first time having retreat at the River Cabins in Ellijay, GA. Much excitement filled the air as we drove up a spiraling road to our cabins. On the first night, we opened Formal Chapter. Laura made announcements regarding the retreat agenda and Brothers nominated Brothers for chair positions. Thereafter, all Brothers designed their brown bags for other Brothers to write happy notes for. Before the night ended, Brothers challenged each other in games of pool and foosball, relaxed in the hot tub, and helped build a bon fire outside. Friday morning, Trac gathered all Brothers in the main area to have our group picture taken. Trying to fit all of the 50 Brothers in the picture was a challenge, but we succeeded! Then we voted on a time and day to hold chapter for the fall semester.

By 11 AM, we began with the chair elections and going over any changes made to the Bylaws. Following lunch, committee meetings and committee reports took place. Once all business was complete, all Brothers were introduced to and participated in Laura's new, creative brotherhood activity. The game was easy to carry out, as we had a spacious main room. After a busy day, Brothers enjoyed a nice dinner, Laura and Paula made some closing announcements, and Formal Chapter was closed. Brothers enjoyed their last night together with the amenities the cabin had to offer. On the last evening, it also snowed and view was amazing. We could glance outside and see the snow fall and the river flowing freely. It is also important to mention that retreat was even better with the presence of some 4th year, Augusta, and alumni Brothers!



Faculty Appreciation Breakfast



5K for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital



Bingo at Morningside Assisted Living Community

St Jude 5K

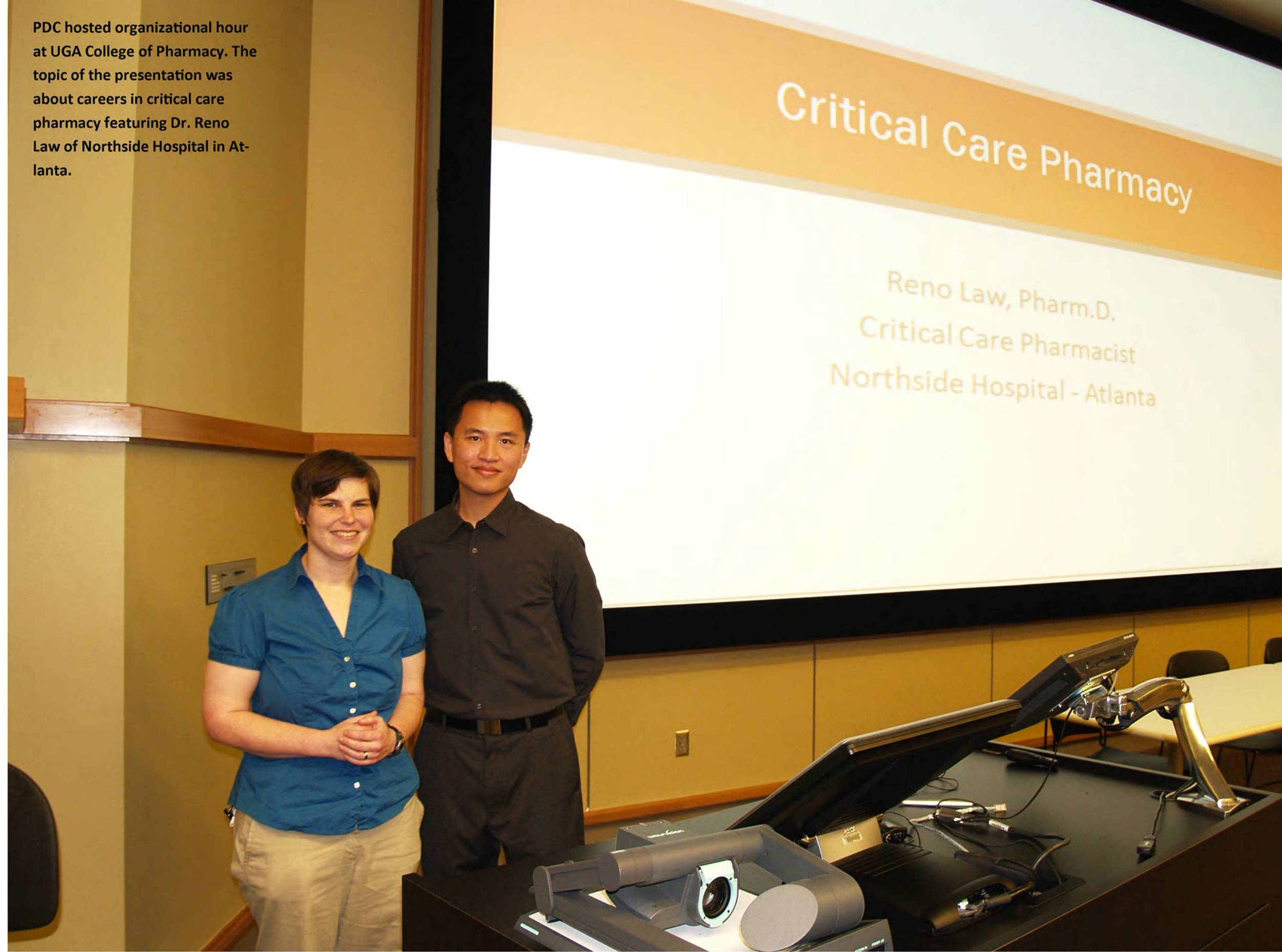
By Jennifer Huggins

This year, we held our 6th annual 5K Run/Walk for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital on October 3, 2010. We had a little over 120 register this year and raise about \$1,600 for St. Jude. There was 100% participation from the Alpha Iota Brothers (including a few 4th years on rotations and Alumni) whether it was on race day or helping with the planning, getting sponsorships, t-shirts, food, and registration. Brother Cam Nguyen put her heart and soul into the race and finished third for the women. Brothers and pledges helped set-up and clean-up as well as marked all of the corners on the race course so no one would go astray. Many of the area's local restaurants and businesses donated gift cards which were given to the top 3 finishers for both male and female and also raffled off to all participants. It was great to see the Athens community come out and support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Hopefully next year we will continue to have success with this event and increase our participation and money raised for St. Jude!



Professional

PDC hosted organizational hour at UGA College of Pharmacy. The topic of the presentation was about careers in critical care pharmacy featuring Dr. Reno Law of Northside Hospital in Atlanta.





PDC Youtube

By Phoeny Li

This semester, our chapter created and publicized the first installment of a future series of YouTube videos for educating the general audience on various health topics. Episode 1 covered the basics of influenza, including symptoms, treatment, and prevention. This two-minute long production features the contributions of several brothers and was an unexpected challenge for our chapter.

The video project was in fact a replacement project for RadioRx, which had been our signature professional project until this semester. RadioRx was a health-related, interview-based radio show that we broadcast every week via the University of Georgia radio channel, 90.5 WUOG.

Unfortunately, RadioRx did not survive WUOG's re-evaluation of all of its programming for the new semester. Due to an unprecedented influx of program applications, WUOG discontinued RadioRx in favor of trying new program ideas.

In face of this surprise setback, our brothers brainstormed together at an emergency meeting and discussed our best ideas for new projects. As a result, one new initiative became a brown bag event, and the other the educational video. When we launched the creation of the video, however, we discovered that it would be a much more involved project than RadioRx ever was, requiring more time and the input of many more brothers at a time. We wrote (and rewrote) the script, we cast the roles, we edited and produced. The process for a complete product was much more dynamic, requiring us to shoot multiple versions of our ideas, refining our design, until we created something we liked.

RadioRx

By Annie O

Radio Rx this year only took place during the fall semester. Topics for the semester included summer safety tips, rabies, immunization, food born illnesses, addiction, sleep hygiene, and herbal usage. See some of our experiences below!

- Lucy and Annie O. got together with Shuang to talk about how to enjoy all of the fun in sun and how to stay away from harm like heat stroke and insect bites.

- During another show to prepare for the winter months, Dr. Sukhmani Sarao educated the listeners on what immunization is and why it is essential, especially for college

students. Shannon, Jennifer Gaddie, and Nhu-Y were present at the station with Dr. Sarao to run the show.

- Ray, Cam and Patrick interviewed Dr. Timothy Long, an expert in infectious diseases, about food borne illnesses relevant to the recent recall on salmonella-infected eggs.

- During the prescription drug abuse show, Dr. Susan Blank, an expert in addiction medicine for over 10 years, discussed signs to look for a suspected drug addiction and steps to take when we suspect someone we love to be addicted to drug.

- Our last show was about herbal supplement usage. Juli and Ambili talked to Dr. George Francisco regarding the differences herbals and FDA-regulated drugs, potential risk associated with herbals, and what to do before taking herbal supplements.



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