



# THE CRUCIBLE

*2014-15*

# A LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

Dear Brothers,

We hope you enjoy looking through the 2014-2015 edition of Alpha Iota Chapter's Crucible. This past year has been a blast. Although we had our ups and downs, we were able to overcome any obstacles along the way and ended the year strong. I hope as you looked through The Crucible you are reminded of how strong our brotherhood is. We are honored to have served as Worthy Prelate and Worthy Alumni Liaison and can't wait to see what next year has in store for all of us!

Sincerely,  
Hyun Kim and Nathan Wayne

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# A LETTER FROM THE WCC

Once again Alpha Iota writes off another year in our history

books. We started the 2014-2015 school year with eight Brothers attending the Leadership Development Seminar in Tampa, Florida. LDS gave the Brothers the opportunity to forge new connections with collegiates from other Chapters, but it also gave us the opportunity to rekindle bonds with Alumni. The Brothers got to spend some quality time with Alpha Iota alumna Lexie Turner and we deeply appreciate all her wonderful advice – it has definitely helped our Chapter reach new heights!

This year Alpha Iota had the privilege of working with the Phi Delta Chi National Office as well as with Brothers from the Southeast Region. We received a National Office Chapter visit from our Southeast Regional Director for Collegiate Affairs and Gamma Zeta Alumnus, Kyle Wheatley, and Texas Chapter Alumni Treasurer and Alpha Omega Alumnus, Sara Miller. Brother Kyle started the visit with a discussion on what Alpha Iota Brothers believed to be the strengths and weakness of our Chapter. He and Brother Sara Miller answered questions that we had and gave us advice on how to improve and our Chapter overall. Perhaps our biggest accomplishment this year was our opportunity to host the Southeast Regional Olympics. Brothers from Chapters throughout the PDC Southeast Region came over to lend their support and participate in the field day. The day's events included

relay races, teambuilding exercises, tug-of-war, a barbeque cookout, the tour of Athens, and a banquet and award ceremony to conclude the day's festivities.

Brother Eric Trinh graciously hosted Summer Retreat at his family's Lake Lanier lake house. Winter Retreat was held at the usual Stoney River and Edgewater Lodges in Ellijay, GA. With the help of WVC Joe Angelini and WKRS Kasandra Hour, we were able to keep the Brotherhood well-fed and provide endless hours of entertainment and brotherhood activities while guessing whose Brother's baby picture it was in our annual game of Jeopardy.

Rush! Rush! Rush! Alpha Iota despite turning 78 years old still continues to grow. This year our Chapter welcomed 26 new Brothers into our fold - totaling our active Brother count to 85. I am very excited and very proud that Phi Delta Chi is being represented well throughout the College of Pharmacy by many Brothers who have received scholarships and prestigious awards. Alpha Iota continues to take pride in our long tradition of leadership within the College of Pharmacy due to our Brothers' extensive involvement and acquired leadership positions in many other student organizations.

This year the Professional/Service Committee continued our participation in the College of Pharmacy's Dawgtoberfest, as well as our Tim-

othy Road Adopt-A-Highway and Northeast Georgia Food Bank service projects to help our local community. This year we initiated more professional projects such as the vitamin poster board presentation and a vaccine poster board presentation at the Talmadge Terrace – Lanier Gardens Retirement Community. The seniors enjoyed what we had to say – especially about the shingles vaccine! Another new event that happened this year was our first Alumni Networking Luncheon. We invited PDC Alumni from various pharmacy practices and matched them up with current Brothers who were interested in their field of work. Brothers and Alumni were able to learn more about each other over a delicious meal and allowed the opportunity for active Brothers to reconnect with Alumni Brothers. We hope to continue these projects and come up with different ideas to help advance the pharmacy profession. Professional/Service also did an outstanding job coordinating our annual St. Jude Children's 5K walk/race. Though the weather did not cooperate as much as we had hoped for we were able to register over 30 participants and raised over \$1,000 for St. Jude!

From organizing Carnivore Carnival (previously known as Meatfest), Homecoming Tailgate, Progressive Dinner, and the Holiday Party, Social Committee has been very busy! This year's Spring Formal theme, "007 Casino Royale" was held at Trump's Catering. Aside from enjoying delicious food and dancing beneath the star-domed dance floor, we recognized the accomplishments of our Brothers most notably our Faculty of the Year, Ashley Hannings, and Alumnus of the Year, Whitney Holcombe.

Let's not forget about our Fundraising and Scholarship Committees either. Fundraising hit the ground running with t-shirts sales including our new "Dawgxcycline" shirts, which became a fan-favorite. The Valentine's Day Bake Sale was a huge success as well. Due to the new professional dress code next year, Fundraising has also been working on a new College of Pharmacy polo shirt design that provides a dress alternative for pharmacy students. This year we amended our bylaws to add a co-chair position to the Scholarship Committee, thus taking the burden off of our

WVC who has previously in the past been the only Scholarship Chair. By doing so, they were able to implement new ideas and help Brothers with their scholastic progress. Some exciting new projects that Scholarship committee initiated were bathroom drug cards - to help pharmacy students study for their weekly drug card quizzes (wherever they may be), and pizza trivia nights after Chapter meetings to help Brothers review materials before their test that week.

As you can see, Alpha Iota has been quite busy! I only provided a brief synopsis of what Alpha Iota has been up - please continue reading to find out what all our Brothers have to say! It certainly has been an honor and privilege to serve as WCC this year. All of this could not have been possible without the blood, sweat, and tears of our Committee Co-Chairs and Brothers. While it has been a challenging year, my goal as WCC was to make Alpha Iota better than when I found it – and I hope I did just that.

AAAE,  
Jeffery Cheung AI 999  
Worth Chief Counselor



# BROTHERHOOD

Let us each honor **PHI DELTA CHI**. Let us do good because it is a pleasure. Let us practice

the virtues and war against vice. Let us keep burning the light of wisdom.

Let us respect the aged and instruct the young. Let us cherish

family. Let us be true brothers Let us refrain from

excess. Let us hear much, speak little, and

act well. Let us be just. Let us give

our best efforts to our

**Brothers.**

In December of 2010, I graduated from the University of Georgia with a Biology major, a minor in Korean, and little to no direction for my career. I was not sure where to go with my life so I went back to my parents' house to figure out what I was going to do. After a year of staying at home, I realized that it was not the direction I wanted to go and started working as a technician at a Kroger pharmacy. After working for a year, I started looking into pharmacy school. My first interaction with a Brother of Phi Delta Chi started when I went to a UGA College of Pharmacy open house. I spoke to a collegiate Brother who was representing the school. We shared similarities in that we were both non-traditional students who had been in limbo after receiving an undergraduate degree. Speaking to a Brother who shared a similar path with me motivated me to study arduously for the PCAT. I scored in the 88th percentile and close to a perfect score on the science sections. The encouragement that the Brother had given me was the first taste of what brotherhood and PDC stood for.

I matriculated into UGA pharmacy school in the fall of 2014 and went to all three rush events that the Brothers had set up. I took a lot of time and effort to try and get to know each Brother and rushee as well as I could. I was able to get a bid and eventually became a Brother. Throughout the year, I interacted with my pledge class and older Brothers. This would culminate in a trip to the 2014 Leadership Development Seminar in Tampa, Florida where I had the most interesting experience as a Brother up to that time.

At LDS, I couldn't help but be shocked at the level of passion Brothers from other chapters had for PDC. One Brother, who had come all the way from California, started crying at how divided her chapter was over issues, such as pledging and different cliques within the chapter fighting with each other. While I thought the passion was peculiar, I couldn't help but wonder what motivated a Brother to become so emotional over their chapter.

As my second year started I saw a rift within our own chapter. The second year class had taken most of the executive positions within our chapter. Since the less experienced Brothers were being put into positions of power, they did not understand the traditions and logistics of the fraternity as well as the third year class. There was a massive amount of miscommunication and the chapter as a whole suffered from it. One of the consequences was an alumni speaking boldly about our lack of involvement and communication

with the alumni. This concerned me, and I decided the best place to get help with complications within the chapter was to speak to the Brothers who had come before us. I spoke to my faculty advisors and a national officer from my chapter to figure out what the best direction to take for the fraternity was. Building a bridge with the alumni became a passion of mine and, in 2015, I ran for and won the position of Worthy Alumni Liaison. I spoke to the alumni who spoke boldly to us at the PDC event, and I realized that a lack of communication was the biggest problem within our chapter. In order to have a stronger chapter we needed to consistently communicate and work together for the common goal of fostering brotherhood and maintaining tradition. One of the ideas that I had as WAL was to send out videos to the alumni chapter in order to get them to know the Brothers of the collegiate chapter. I consistently spoke to the collegiate Brothers explaining my vision for the videos. Since I was able to communicate clearly to them, the videos were produced efficiently, and the alumni thoroughly enjoyed seeing the faces of the collegiate chapter.

The Brothers of my chapter are what keep me motivated to stay as an actively involved Brother of PDC. The brotherhood that they cultivate keeps me out of my comfort zone and helps me actively solve any issues that may arise. The passion that they have for PDC encourages me to push myself as an individual and make the chapter consistently stronger for the future.

AAAE,  
David Kim AI 1020



# TOP AGENTS

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# LDS

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR



“Until today, I still have no regret and am so glad I went to LDS. This conference has taught me so many important leadership skills, and I was able to learn more about my capability and myself. One of the highlights from this trip was an opportunity to meet many Brothers from across the nation. On top of that, this trip has allowed me to get to know more about the Brothers of Alpha Iota; I seriously enjoyed our endless road trips and late nights conversations.”  
Trinh Tran

“The most important thing I learned at Leadership Development Seminar was not about leadership. LDS did give me an opportunity to improve my leadership skills, and I learned to take risks and be bold; however I also learned something that was far more valuable in the long run. Seeing the amount of passion and love for Phi Delta Chi from other chapters inspired me to become a stronger Brother and leader for Alpha Iota.”  
David Kim

“Deciding to go to LDS was a decision that I will never regret. Besides being able to hang out with 7 awesome Brothers from Alpha Iota, it was great being able to meet Brothers from across the nation. LDS provided me with the tools and knowledge on how to further develop my leadership skills.”  
Kasandra Hour



“My favorite part of LDS was meeting so many unique and interesting Brothers from all over the US. I enjoyed learning about the different histories and traditions of each Chapter as well as the Fraternity as a whole. I would recommend all future Brothers to attend LDS in order to not only enhance personal leadership skills but also to get outside of our “Alpha Iota” bubble, meet other Brothers, and learn about Phi Delta Chi!”



“My group at LDS was called ‘Body Mass,’ and throughout the course of the week, I gained tips on leadership that I was able to use during the year thanks to everyone’s input. I really enjoyed hanging out in the beautiful Tampa sun and getting to know Brothers from all over the country. I also hung out with the legendary Lexie Turner and had my first legit sushi meal at a nearby restaurant!”  
Brittany Thompson



### Outgoing WCC: Jeff Cheung

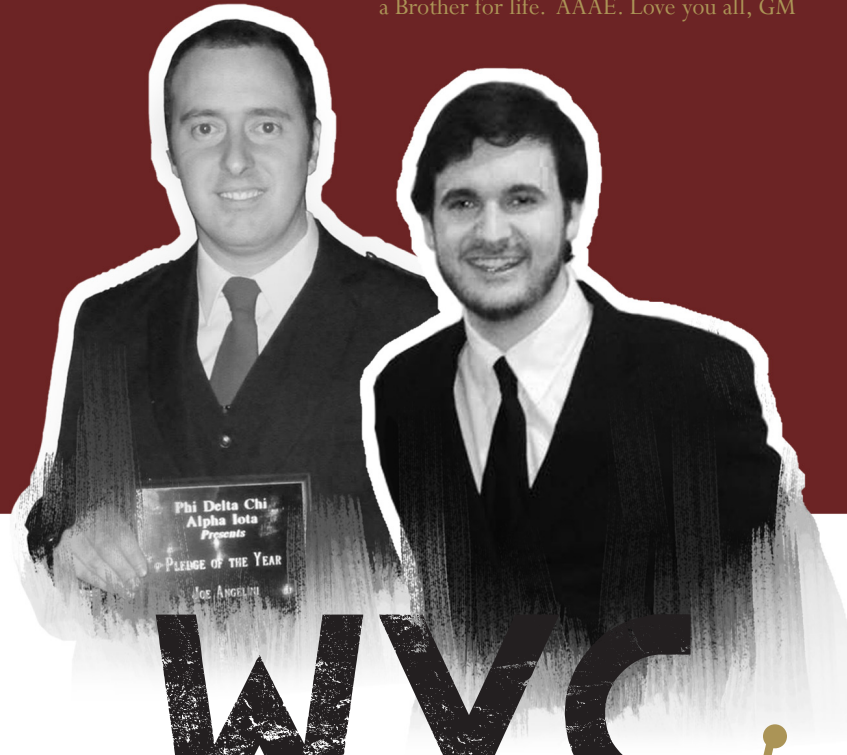
It has been an honor to serve as WCC this year. As WCC for this year, I wanted to continue the great job Alpha Iota has been doing and to continue our climb in the Thurston Cup rankings this year. Being WCC has been the most challenging but yet most rewarding and humbling experience I have ever done. It has shown me my strengths and weaknesses and taught me things that I could never have imagined if I was not in this position. I can tell you right off the bat that being WCC was never an easy job, but I could not have done it without the help of my executive board and committee co-chairs. Without their hard work and dedication, none of this would be possible!



# WCC

### Outgoing WVC: Joe Angelini

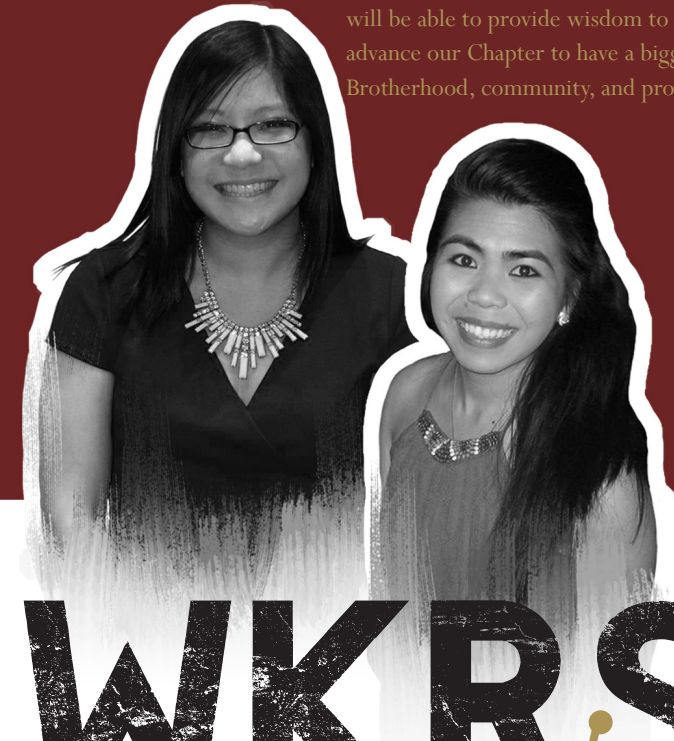
Whew-eee! The last year as WVC has been one of the most special of my often reminded old life. I'm not going to sugar coat the ups or the downs. From the many tasks, adversaries, scheduling, conflict, ignorance, support or lack of, P2 year, and vagueness in my duties, this has been one challenging year for me as WVC. My only goal and hope was to leave my position and our Fraternity with the tools and resources it needed to reach its potential. I was faced and rewarded with so much more though. My only advice for our next WVC is to never be discouraged nor satisfied. I've been truly blessed with opportunities to learn and see my own potential growth as well as the Brothers. It is a gift to have you all in my life, and be a Brother for life. AAAE. Love you all, GM



# WVC

### Outgoing WKRS: Kasandra Hour

It was both an honor and a privilege to serve as WKRS for this past year. During my term as WKRS, I've learned a lot about developing my organizational, leadership, and time-management skills. Preparing for two retreats was a big undertaking; however I could not have successfully managed retreat without the help of my fellow Brothers. Even though our Chapter faced some obstacles this year, the bonds of our Brotherhood persevered and we were able to overcome such challenges. My hope for our Chapter is that we learn from our previous mistakes and will be able to provide wisdom to future Brothers to advance our Chapter to have a bigger impact on our Brotherhood, community, and profession.



# WKRS

### Incoming WCC: Nathan Wayne

I am deeply honored to have been elected as the next WCC, and I'm ready to embrace the responsibility and hard work of what is to come. I look forward to guiding Alpha Iota through the next year and helping our Chapter achieve our goals. We have an excellent set of upcoming officers and co-chairs who are determined to make this year the best that Alpha Iota has ever had! We have the full potential to go above and beyond any expectations we set for ourselves!

### Incoming WVC: Sean Hawkins

I am looking forward to becoming the Worthy Vice Counselor next year. I would like to bring all of the experience I have gained and use it to improve our Brotherhood. Joe did an amazing job with building the scholarship committee and making it a more active role of the WVC. I hope to continue what he started and help facilitate communication among all of the committees. I am excited to be a part of every committee and help our fraternity be even more successful!

### Incoming WKRS: Trinh Tran

I am ecstatic to be elected as the Worthy Keeper of Record and Seal and to be on the Executive Board again. Being a Brother of Alpha Iota, I have learned so much about myself. This past year, I have had a chance to be surrounded by many great people, and I want to continue giving back to the chapter before I leave for rotations. Many people told me this job can be time consuming, but with my past experiences, I believe I can be great at it. Being a WKRS, one of my biggest jobs is to plan for the Retreat- and I have to say, I am BEYOND excited to plan and organize for my first summer retreat.

# OFFICER STATEMENTS



### Outgoing WKF: Ruchita Amin

I am honored to have had the opportunity to serve our Chapter as the Worthy Keeper of Finance this past year! This position has many challenges, and although it has been a tough year, I feel I have learned so much from the Chapter and the position. It is hard to believe it has already been a year since I was entrusted with the position. The Chapter is currently in the green. We had a great year in fundraising and we are definitely in a solid financial standpoint! As WKF, I centralized our methods for tracking all expenses for each event, creating invoices for vendors, and created numerous templates to help keep a consistent flow in how we document finances to avoid confusion. Van has a great deal of experience in finance, and I know she will do an amazing job as WKF next year! I would like to thank the Chapter for allowing me to serve for the past year, and I wish Van all the best!



### Outgoing WAL: Nathan Wayne

Wow! This year has been a busy year for alumni relations! The Chapter and I worked hard this year to build stronger relationships with our alumni. We realized that we had fallen out of touch with the alumni in the past few years, and I was fully committed to changing that. The initiation of the PDC Pen Pal Program this year has helped us to reach out and show that we are eager to build stronger bonds between collegiates and alumni! It was my honor to work with all the alumni this year and congratulations to Whitney Holcombe, alumni of the Year!



### Outgoing WC: Brittany Thompson

Being WC has been fun, as I have had to present our chapter happenings in a creative and aesthetically-pleasing way. I can definitely say that my Microsoft Publisher skills are at an all time high. I'm looking forward to another great year for Alpha Iota, and I'm willing to help Amanda in any way necessary. I think that her idea to create an AAP committee is awesome!



### Incoming WKF: Van Bui

I am very honored and excited to be elected as the new WKF. I will give my best effort to serve the Chapter and am looking forward to start this wonderful journey with all the Brothers.

### Incoming WAL: David Kim

Through my two years of being a part of Phi Delta Chi, as a pledge and a Brother, the most fascinating thing to me is the tradition of Alpha Iota. The tradition is from both the big Brothers in the collegiate chapter and the alumni who have come before us. Every passionate Alpha Iota alumni that I have spoken to has encouraged me to become a stronger leader, and this is my opportunity to get to know more alumni and develop deeper connections with the traditions of Phi Delta Chi. Alpha Iota's pen-pal program, newsletter, and "I am Alpha Iota" video project are three ways through which I want the entire collegiate chapter to develop more meaningful relationships with alumni. The collegiate Brothers putting their trust in me to be their WAL meant a lot to me, and I will give my best efforts to the chapter as a collegiate and future alumni Brother.

### Incoming WC: Amanda Colpetzer

I feel incredibly honored to have been selected as Worthy Correspondent by my Brothers of Alpha Iota. While I know this position requires the utmost attention to detail and creativeness, I look forward to continuing our tradition of excelling in the eyes of the National Office through our correspondences. Through this position I hope to bring together a more uniform and cohesive chapter in which every Brother will have the opportunity to contribute their ideas and visions to the Dale E. Doerr Achievement Award Program. I look forward to making connections and tying strong bonds not only between our chapter, but also with other regional and national charters and offices.

# OFFICER STATEMENTS

### Outgoing WP: Hyun Kim

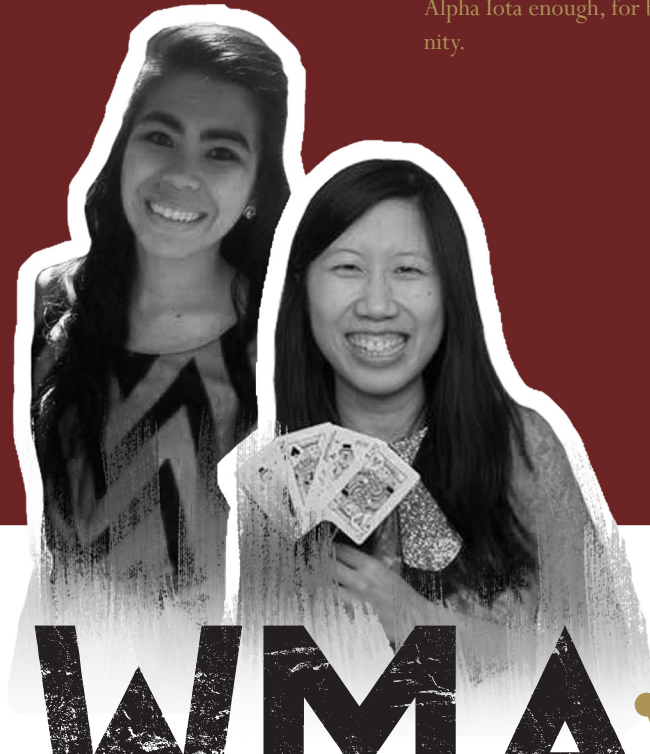
It's been a privilege to be able to hold an officer position as Worthy Prelate this past year. As a Worthy Prelate I attended a lot of PDC events and was able to get to know a lot of the B Brothers. I had a great time taking pictures and learning how to use photoshop and managing the website. I'm very excited for Priyan to take the position this upcoming year and can't wait to see all of his great ideas come in play.



# WP

### Outgoing WMA: Trinh Tran

I am honored and privileged to have been the Worthy Master At Arms for this past school year. It was definitely one difficult and challenging task, but I have to say, I could not have done it without my partner in crime, WIG- Sean Hawkins. Being a WMA, it has taught me so much about managing my time wisely and planning ahead of time. One of the things I enjoyed the most about being a WMA was planning for all the Rush events and coordinating all the pledge meetings. This job has given me an opportunity to go outside of my comfort zone and interact with different group of students. I can't thank the Brothers of Alpha Iota enough, for believing in me and giving me this opportunity.



# WMA

### Outgoing WIG: Sean Hawkins

It was an honor to serve as the Worthy Inner Guard this past year. I gained so much experience and enjoyed educating a new class of Brothers along the way. It was great to work with Trinh. I think we balanced each other out. I am excited to see what the new Brothers will bring to the Alpha Iota chapter. I have high hopes for Jacqueline Liu and David Bailey next year. I know they will do a good job!



# WIG

### Incoming WP: Priyan Lad

I'm super excited to be the Worthy Prelate for 2015-2016. I know next year is going to be one of the best years, because I have so many new ideas and changes I want to make that will help make it awesome. I know it is going to be an uphill battle trying to tackle all these new duties, but I know I will have the support of my Brothers to make it all happen. The most exciting part will be capturing all the great moments that we will have. I'm looking forward to see what's in store for Alpha Iota next year and am glad to be a part of it!

### Incoming WMA: Jacqueline Liu

My pledge semester of PDC was one of my favorite experiences in pharmacy school; it was a time where I learned to branch out and become more than the shy girl I had always been in my life. I want to create an environment where others can grow and develop as I had. I hope to initiate a fantastic pledge class full of active Brothers dedicated to service, the pharmacy profession, and brotherhood. Here's to a successful pledge semester!

### Incoming WIG: David Bailey

I cannot wait to start my duties as the new WIG for PDC. This family has done so much for me by providing support and brotherhood. I am ready to share what PDC has to offer with the incoming students, and I know that with our help, the students will be able to do their very best and become successful pharmacists. The pledges will have a fun time learning what PDC is all about, and I will make sure that they live by the words of our motto: AAEE.

# OFFICER STATEMENTS

# LEADERSHIP

# SCHOLARSHIP

## Organization

## Leadership Role

## Brother

Academy of Managed Care Pharmacists	Secretary	Vidhi Doshi
American Society of Consultant Pharmacists	Membership Chair	Jeff Cheung
Dean's Student Advisory Council	Co-chair	Jeff Cheung
	Co-chair	Lillian Otieno
Georgia Society of Health-System Pharmacists	Treasurer	Bao Nguyen
Phi Lambda Sigma	President	Darryl Patman
	Vice President	Jeff Cheung
	Secretary	Payal Kakadiya
	Treasurer	Mandi Kyle
Student National Pharmaceutical Association	Vice-President	Lillian Otieno
Regional Conference Committee	Co-Chairs	Lillian Otieno & Aimee Shin
	Co-chair	Marin Abosaud
	Co-Chair	Cassandra Clark
	Co-Chair	Priyan Patel

## Scholarship

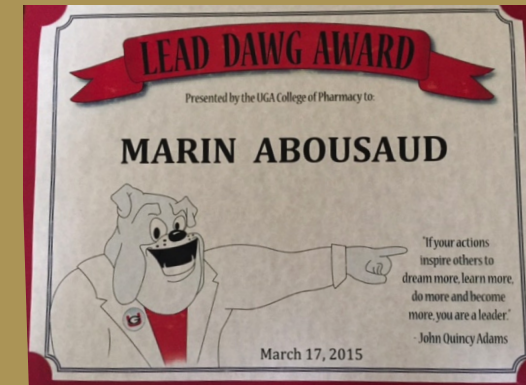
## Recipient

Rick and Robbin St. John Endowed Scholarship	Payal Kakadiya
Cardinal Health Scholarship	Baotrang Nguyen
David and Jane Chu Scholarship	David Kim, Brittany Lawrence, Trinh Tran, Xin Wang
College of Pharmacy Faculty Scholarship	Kyley Makanani, Nirali Naik, Andrew Russell
CVS Scholarship	Sean Hawkins
Ferrell "Al" Dixon, Jr., Endowed Student Scholarship	Drew Watkins
Jim Furman Student Scholarship	Aimee Shin
Ed Giles Pharmacy Scholarship by Northwest Georgia Pharmacist Association	Gail Smith
Albert W. Jowdy Scholarship	Huldah Abaidoo, Ruchita Amin, Shaily Doshi, Joung Woo
Kroger Endowed Student Scholarship	Hyun Kim
Reagan Roland Lykins Memorial Scholarship	Nathaniel Wayne
Wayne C. Olsen Memorial Scholarship:	Stephanie Coleman
Fred M. Peterson MD Endowed Student Scholarship Fund	Jeffery Cheung
Pharmacists Mutual Companies Scholarship Award	Baotrang Nguyen
Pharmacy Scholarship Support Fund	Michelle Vu
Walgreens Diversity and Inclusion Excellence Award	Lillian Otieno
Walmart Endowed Student Scholarship	Vidhi Doshi

# SCHOLARSHIP

# LEAD DAWG

# AWARD

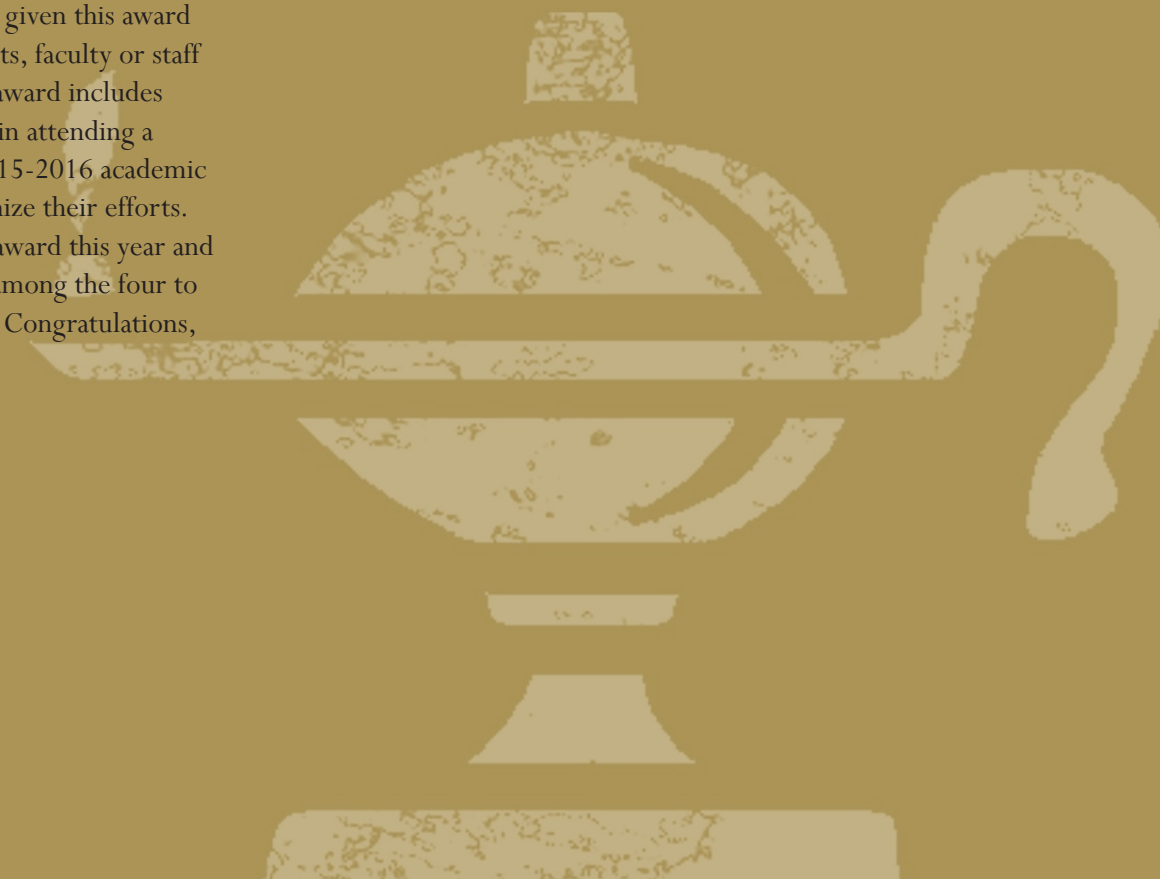


By Hyun Kim

“I am honored to be nominated by my peers and professors as the Lead Dawg for the Class of 2018. I always strive to do my best in any leadership role I assume, so it is really nice that my peers acknowledge all my hard work and dedication. It makes my position much more enjoyable and rewarding, giving me even more of an incentive to do the best that I can. I’m very thankful for this award and appreciate all of my peers and professors support.”

Marin Abousaud

The Lead Dawg Award is given each year to students who are serving as leaders and doing great things within the College of Pharmacy and the community. Students who are given this award are nominated by other students, faculty or staff members in the College. This award includes travel funds to aid the student in attending a professional meeting in the 2015-2016 academic year and a certificate to recognize their efforts. Four students were given this award this year and Brother Marin Abousaud was among the four to receive this prestigious award! Congratulations, Marin!



## 4.0 GPA Presidential Scholar

Michelle Kho

Nathan Wayne

Marin Abousaud

Michelle Vu

Youn Jeoung

Ruchita Amin

Charles Zhu

## Rho Chi Scholar

Bao Ngyuen

Kasandra Hour

Mandi Kyle

## 3.5 GPA Dean’s List

Shaily Doshi

David Bailey

Justin Moore

Andrew Quach

Ryan Shin

Sean Hawkins

Priyan Lad

Jacqueline Liu

Christina Huynh

Alex Lam

Tiffany Somerville

Jackleen Fan

Shane Peters

Natalie Labrador

Naderia Hussein

Rosalyn Reese

Cassandra Clark

Kasandra Hour

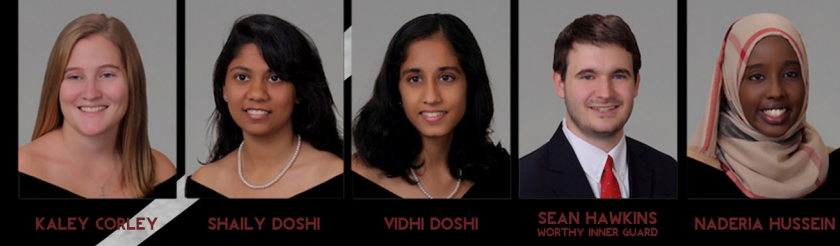
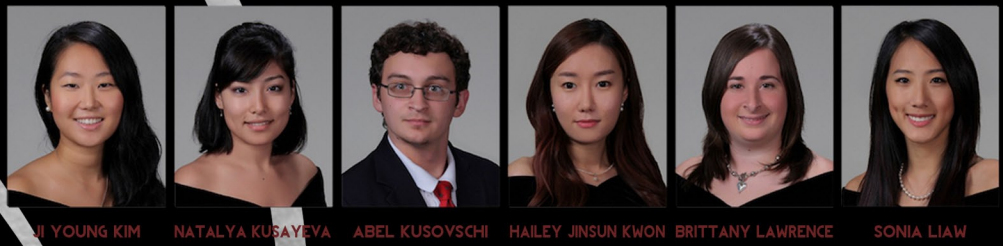
Jenny Woo

Rachel Darsey

Regina Gim

Angelina Cho

Natalya Kusayeva



# TRAINING

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# RUSH

Trivia Night at Blind Pig  
By Trinh Tran

For the first rush event, the Brothers of Phi Delta Chi invited rushees to join them in a battle of wits at the Blind Pig Tavern. There was a big turnout, and everyone enjoyed the beautiful weather. The Brothers began meeting the rushees and enjoying delicious food such as chicken fingers, pasta salad, and vegetables. After eating, everyone divided up into teams. The range of trivia topics included pharmacy, sports, geography, movies, and music. It was a close race that ended with a recount of points. In the end, the winners were awarded with T-shirts and other goodies.



Cookout at Memorial Park  
By Trinh Tran

What a better way to end our three weeks of rush events than having an outdoor picnic? Every year, the Alpha Iota chapter has our third and final rush event at a local park in Athens. It was a beautiful afternoon when all the Brothers from the chapter and approximately 30 potential pledges gathered at one location to just have a good time. The Brothers arrived at the park early and started prepping the burgers, hotdogs, and many delicious side dishes. By the time the pledges arrived and settled down, food was ready to be served. Many Brothers interacted and mingled with the potential pledges and got to know them better. At this event, we also had Aimee Shin, one of the then fourth year students, with us. Many pledges asked her questions about her past experiences with Phi Delta Chi and how life outside of PDC was. Before everyone left, desserts were served - we had cookies and brownies!! This event was a big success, and we couldn't have done it without all of the Brothers of Alpha Iota, and those who came out.

Bowling at Showtime Bowl  
By Sean Hawkins

At the second rush event, the Brothers hosted a bowling night at Showtime Bowl. Unfortunately, there was not as large of a turnout, but the Brothers were able to spend more time with the rushees. We were able to answer more questions about Phi Delta Chi and pharmacy school in general. Everyone took turns alternating between bowling and indulging in snacks and finger food. There was a lot of friendly competition between the Brothers and potential pledges. Overall, everyone had a great time and bowling was a success.



# PLEDGING



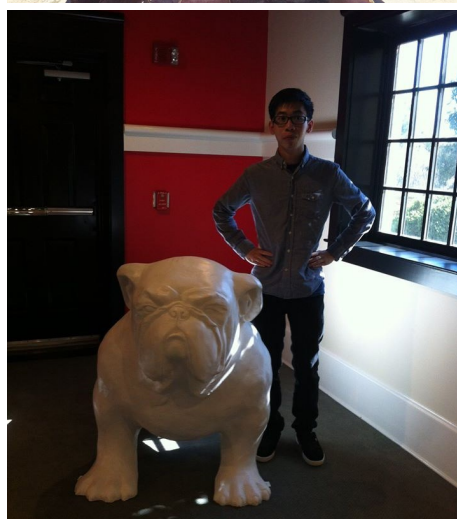
“My favorite part of pledging was getting to know such an amazing group of people through our various social and professional service events. The experiences that I had with my fellow pledges through pledging helped me step outside of my comfort zone and form great friendships that I hope will last beyond pharmacy school. I also enjoyed receiving lovely goodies during Big-Little week and getting to know the other Brothers better at different events including the Homecoming Tailgate and Progressive Dinner.”

Rachel Darsey



“The best moment of pledging for me was when it was over! Just kidding! I loved getting to meet the first years that pledged with me through all of the events we did! We actually did some great things in the process like feeding the local homeless with food that WE prepared. I loved the game night we had with the brothers, and I loved the progressive dinner evening that ended in us getting bigs. It was hard, but I’m glad I did it. And now I’m proud to belong to the PDC family!”

Andrew Russell



“Thousands of miles away from home, I felt isolated in this new world of Georgia but this amazing group of pledges and brothers made this new locale a place where I can safely call home. I can proudly say that if I were able to travel back in time, I would hug my past self and say that I took a beautiful chance in pledging for PDC and that everything will be alright.”

Alex Lam



“My favorite part of pledging was going through everything with my fellow NIBS. It was not an easy 1, 2, 3 step process to get into the fraternity, but knowing that there are people who are going through the same thing as me for the same reason helped me understand the true meaning of a fraternity. We struggled and strived together, and we supported and helped each other through times of hardship. We hung out, had fun together and made each other laugh and cry, smile and frown. It’s truly a process to be remembered.”

Sarah Nguyen



“My favorite part was of pledging was doing the interviews with all the brothers. It was a great way to really get to know them better.”

Priyan Lad



“The most satisfying part about pledging was the chance to get to meet a diverse group of wonderful individuals that I wouldn’t have otherwise!”

Charles Zhu



“My favorite part of pledging was Informal Initiation. It was a fun bonding experience with the other pledges, and I also got a huge laugh from the entertaining drug consultations!”

Jackleen Fan





“My favorite part was getting to know both pledges and brothers. I never would have thought I would meet so many people in just my first semester of pharmacy school!” - Shelley Yang



“Big-Little Week was my favorite part of pledging; receiving the gifts each day and having to guess who could have been my Big so much fun. The Big-Little reveal was also so much fun; it was creative and was a nice opportunity to spend time with other PDC members I did not have many other chances to talk to during the pledging process.” - Dawanna Cuyler



“The most favorite part of pledging is getting to know many great brothers on a more personal level for the interview on the current PDC brothers and decorating paddle for the bigs.” - Kim Ba



“I really enjoyed the Paddle Party at Parin’s house. It was fun seeing everyone’s creativity, and all the pledges were willing to help each other. It was also funny seeing Michelle Vu skip around the apartment complex asking people for halloween candy. I feel like we were able to bond that night.” -Rosalyn Reese



“Best part about pledging? Being able to go through it all with people who are just not friends, but Brothers and becoming a part of an awesome family. The pledging process let me get to meet a bunch of amazing people and appreciate the great feeling of a home away from home.” - David Bailey



“My favorite part of pledging was the cookout rush event where I got to sit and talk with the brothers, and I decided I wanted to be a part of this group!” - Tiffany Park



“I don’t have one favorite thing in particular, but I really enjoyed the interviews with all the brothers, Big-Little Reveal, and Big-Little week. The interviews made it easy to make a connection with all the brothers in our chapter and to speak to everyone. I liked how we had to find a balloon with our name on it for Big-Little reveal; it made it fun. And obviously Big-Little week was great because we were showered with gifts from our awesome bigs.” - Marin Abousaud



“The best part about pledge for me was doing the interviews with all brothers. It was great way for me to get to know everyone.” - Parin Patel



“My favorite part about pledging was getting to know all the Brothers and my fellow pledges on a more personal level--we’ve been through so much together, with more to come, and I feel that this is a bond that can never be broken.” - Cassandra Clark



“My favorite part of pledging was getting to know all of the great and super friendly and helpful brothers, Big-Little week, and the Big-Little Reveal. Also probably making Trinh’s awesome paddle and seeing her face when I gave it to her.” - Michelle Kho



“The favorite parts about pledging were Big-Little week, Progressive Dinner, and Big-Little reveal.” - Van Bui



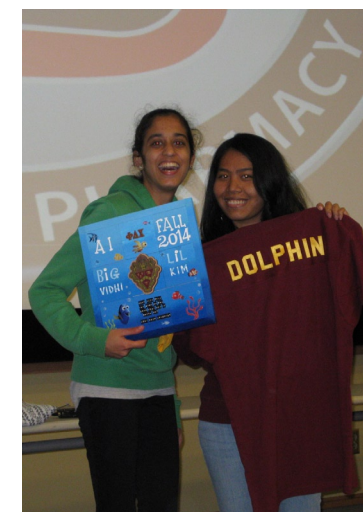
“In the span of less than one semester, I built ties and made memories with the fellow pledges that made them feel like family. I loved seeing what each person had to contribute and how it culminated in our Bigger Vision homeless shelter service event and game night social event.” - Michelle Vu

# PADDLE EXCHANGE

By Trinh Tran

The Alpha Iota chapter has a tradition of having jerseys and paddles exchange after the Formal Initiation. During this event, each big brought their little's jersey with their pledge name sewn on the back, and each little brought their designed paddles for their big. This year the paddle exchange was done at the UGA College of Pharmacy. Everyone walked through the door with a big smile and excitement. After everyone settled down, the Worthy Master at Arms called each big/little pair up to the front. Before revealing the pledge name, each big described

and explained why certain pledge name was chosen. After the pledge name was revealed, the little showed the paddle he/she made for their big. They too described and explained why they made a certain paddle for their big before the exchange. After everyone had a turn to reveal his/her paddle and jersey, it was picture time! It was a very successful evening, all the bigs were satisfied with their paddles, and all the little were happy with their pledge name and their official PDC jersey. The Brothers decided to have dinner at one of the local restaurants in Athens to end this good night.



“What I enjoyed most about pledging were the opportunities that we got to hang out with our fellow pledges and we didn't even realize that the bonds between us were growing stronger; those moments that weren't planned and can never be repeated exactly, like watching Van sculpt David Bailey into the Mr. Pharmacy he was born to be.”  
- Justin Moore



“What I enjoyed most about pledging was getting to know people. And seeing people working together to accomplish a common goal was very dear to me.”  
- DongWoo Shin



“My favorite part of pledging was finding and befriending people with similar interests and hobbies. I'm pretty terrible at most (video and non-video) games despite my love for them, but it was still an experience playing with both fellow pledges and brothers!”  
- Regina Gim



“My favorite part of pledging was Informal Initiation - it was such an awesome and fun bonding experience, and I wish we would have done it a few times! I also really enjoyed Big/Little Reveal - everyone was so happy and excited to find their counterpart!”  
- Tiffany Somerville



“My favorite part of the pledge process was working with the fellow pledge class to finish pledge tasks. I liked getting together to make paddles and working together to make sure all the tasks were completed!”  
- Angelina Cho



“My favorite part of pledging was getting to know the brothers more through interviews and getting to experience everything Athens has to offer through various pledge tasks.”  
- Amanda Colpetzer



“My favorite part of pledging was big-little week. I will never forget being duped by my big when she gave me a lump of coal one morning and surprised me later that day with really thoughtful gifts. Most of all, I really loved the encouraging notes she included with each gift. They made me feel more at home when I was still adjusting to my new life in Athens.” - Christina Huynh

# SUMMER RETREAT

By Kasandra Hour

In August 2014, the Brothers of Alpha Iota gathered together for our annual summer retreat in Gainesville, GA. This year, Brother Eric Trinh graciously volunteered to host our Chapter at his family's lake house, just a 5-minute walk from Lake Lanier.

As Brothers began to arrive, Brother Kasandra and her food crew began to prepare dinner with a big pot of spaghetti. After dinner, the officers opened up Formal Meeting to allow preparation for the events for the entire fall semester. Once the rituals were completed for the night, Brothers played a game of 21, ran around the house while playing Sardines, and simply just hung out for the night.

In the morning, the Brothers had a hearty breakfast of eggs and bacon. Everyone put on their jerseys and proceeded to march down to the lake for our customary lakeside photography session. Afterwards, each committee met to plan their events for the whole semester. Once all the business was out of the way, Brothers began to let loose and have fun. Several Brothers even completed the ALS Ice Bucket challenge! Brother Jeff and Joe planned several exciting activities including an egg toss and the magic carpet game. Eventually, they split up the Brothers into different teams to allow for some friendly competition in "PDC Alpha Iota Olympics" (as a preparation for the upcoming South Eastern Regional Olympics!)

By the end of the day, Brothers were ready to eat and satisfied their hunger with some delicious, cheesy quesadillas. After dinner, Formal meeting was closed and everyone headed down to the beach for a bonfire. The night ended with a round of Pass the Gavel to give Brothers a chance to express their thoughts and wishes for the upcoming semester. Overall, retreat proved to be both productive and entertaining as it allowed Brothers to bond through various activities!



# WINTER RETREAT

By Joe Angelini

It was a late start to Winter Retreat this season as it occurred during the first weekend after school let back in, and a large incoming class had to figure out how to get to the remote cabins of Eljay, Georgia. Spirits were high upon arrival and although the cabins had not been heated, it was very cozy as 56 of the active 63 P1-P3 Brothers were in attendance. In addition to this, we had a few of our fourth years come take a break from rotations and even one of our alumni, Whitney Holcombe!

After the long trip, Brothers were eager to dig into the traditional Friday night dinner and decorate a fun brown bag into which others could place meaningful notes. A fun icebreaker was played to loosen us up before chapter was opened, suspended, and then Brothers were on their own to play games and have fun. Spirits were high well into the early morning as Brother's played cards, pool, and danced the night away.

We started the next morning by donning our Greek letter jerseys and having a photo shoot for group pictures! Saturday was a very brisk morning outside, but that didn't prevent the Brothers from participating and competing in more brotherhood activities. Several hours of activities occurred throughout the day. Many included challenges and obstacles where Brothers worked in a team to overcome an obstacle and in fun spirits, to beat the other teams. A special thanks to fourth year Brother Hamilton Wen for taking charge of a couple of the activities while on break from his APPE's.

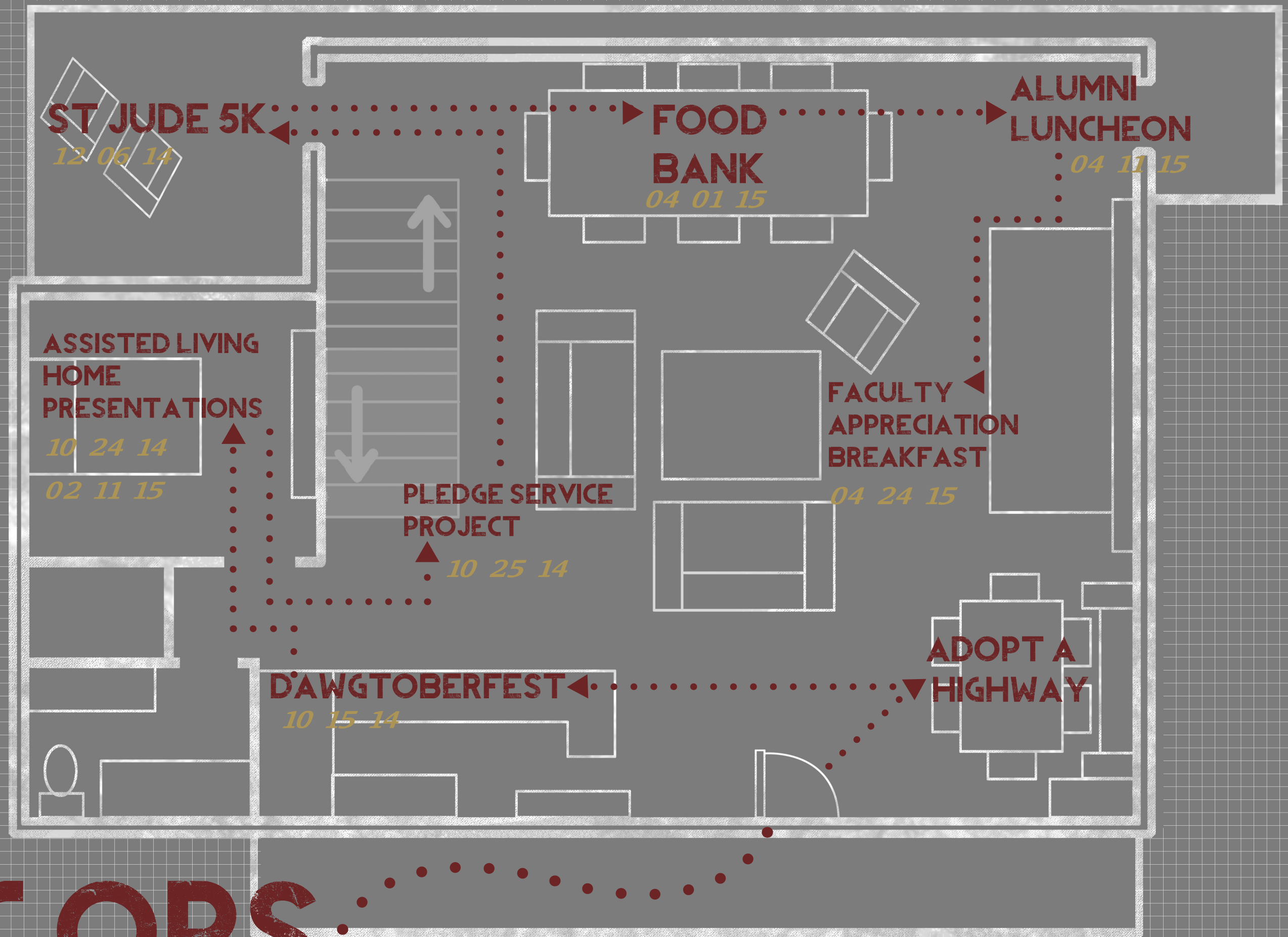
The brisk cold weather also didn't prevent some Brothers from playing in the ice cold Cartecay River. While some went in fully clothed, others went more dressed down and in swimming trunks for a dip before running up to the warmth of the hot tubs. A small group of men (and one lady too!) spent a good part of the afternoon chopping up wood to use for a large fire later that night. Others spent their free afternoon playing more games and bonding during the free time. The afternoon was wrapped up with Brothers competing in a team Jeopardy competition hosted by Brother Joe Angelini. Categories included Brothers, Alumni, Drugs,



UGA history, Phi Delta Chi history, and Know-A-Bro (Baby Pictures!).

Dinner was served up hot off the grill, and another special thanks to P4 Brothers Hamilton and Sukeun who braved the very frigid night time temperatures while serving as the Chapter's official grill masters! After filling our bellies the meetings were officially put to a close. Brothers then shared their thoughts with each other and let it out in whatever way they wanted in what we like to call, "pass the gavel." Finally, it was another night of freedom before we closed shop and headed home in the morning. Another late night, and even more memories that will last a lifetime from another great Winter Retreat!





# SPEC OPS

FEATURING THE WINTER RETREAT CABIN FLOOR PLAN

# ADOPT A HIGHWAY

By Naderia Hussein

Adopt a Highway began simply as a service project for the pledge class of 2011, but for our chapter it has evolved into a yearly bonding event amongst Brothers. The mile of Timothy Road from Ruthwood Lane to St. James Drive in Athens Gathering is a source of pride for the Brothers of Phi Delta Chi who wake as early as 7:30 A.M. on a weekend in cold, wet weather to beautify the highway. Odd discoveries made along the trail include things such as an animal scapula and large chunks of glass. Teaming up with Brothers I seldom get an opportunity to talk to was the most exciting part! It has created a whole new meaning to TRASH TALKING!



# DAWGTOBERFEST

By Nathan Wayne

Dawgtoberfest is an annual community health fair held in October and hosted at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy. Several organizations affiliated with the College of Pharmacy as well as some non-affiliated groups provide health screenings and information to the community. The event is free of charge and all students attending the university, faculty, staff, and members of the Athens community are encouraged to attend. Brothers of the Alpha Iota Chapter of Phi Delta Chi serve the community by presenting an educational tri-fold poster emphasizing the health benefits of practicing safe sex. As an addition service to the community Phi Delta Chi distributes free condoms and packets of personal lubricant at the event.

The Brothers of Phi Delta Chi provide service to our school by volunteering at the faculty supervised health screenings stations. These stations include registra-

tion, blood pressure measurements, body-mass index assessment, and cholesterol screenings. In addition, the Brothers who are vaccination certified volunteer to administer the influenza vaccine to members of the community, fellow students, faculty, and staff. Phi Delta Chi Brothers are actively enhancing the profession of pharmacy by gaining valuable experience during the health fair. Also, the Brothers encourage members of the community to develop a close relationship with a local pharmacist. By presenting the education tri-fold poster and interacting with patients in the health screenings we are able to promote the field of pharmacy by being an example of how the role of a pharmacist is constantly developing.



# ASSISTED LIVING HOME PRESENTATIONS

## VITAMINS

By Shaily Doshi

This year has been a great year for Phi Delta Chi in terms of professional events. After being elected as the professional/service co-chair in the fall semester, one of my biggest goals was to create stronger and more professional events that would benefit both the students and the community to whom these events were directed towards. This year, as a team, we were able to start a completely new professional event that involved presenting on different health topics to members of an elderly living facility.

The first presentation was on, "Over the Counter Medications and Supplements", in which we grouped these medications into the different classes, e.g. analgesics, ear and nose treatments, digestives, allergy and cold medications. While presenting on each of these medication classes, some of the key points presented were: what are the common side effects, what are the drug interactions to watch out for (since it was the el-

derly community, we directed these interactions more towards the common medications they may be taking, e.g. blood pressure medications) and who should take extra care while taking it for example, people with decreased kidney function or those with liver abnormalities. In this presentation, we also showed the elderly community how to read labels and what parts they should pay attention to such as the active ingredient, dosage and side effects.

We were able to get 75% participation from Brothers and also get one of our faculty advisors, Dr. Ashley Hannings, involved with the presentation. This ensured we had a pharmacist available on the day of the presentation to supervise and answer any clinical questions. This presentation was a great success overall since both the Brothers and the residents enjoyed it greatly as both parties involved were able to learn something new and Brothers were able to apply their clinical skills. We look forward to continuing such presentations and expanding to different communities in Athens. This is an excellent way of promoting the profession of pharmacy, which really justifies our mission: to advance the science of pharmacy and its allied interests and to foster and promote a fraternal spirit among Brothers.



## VACCINATIONS

By Naderia Hussein

PDC's Professional Service provides opportunities to put our didactic learning into practice by doing patient education presentations at Talmage Terrace Retirement Community. This past spring we were able to do a presentation on adult vaccinations: tetanus, pneumococcal, zostavax, and influenza. Eleven Brothers banded together in the creation of the slides and eight Brothers spoke at the presentation. The hot topics among the attendees were new clinical guidelines regarding pneumococcal disease and how and where to get a zostavax vaccine. The residents did not hold back on questions, but luckily, our faculty advisor, Brother Dr. Hannings, filled in the gaps of knowledge. I really admired Dr. Hannings' finesse and communication skills. This was my first patient-oriented presentation, and I was a little nervous, but this experience has increased my confidence for future endeavors. It was a great learning process for both the Brothers and residents at Talmage Terrace, and I hope we continue to do this in the future!



# PLEDGE SERVICE PROJECT

By Tiffany Somerville

The Fall 2014 Pledge Class of the Alpha Iota chapter of Phi Delta Chi sought to make their service project as impactful as possible to the community, looking to give back to those who need it most. We choose to donate our time and best efforts to the Bigger Vision of Athens Homeless Shelter.

Bigger Vision of Athens is a nonprofit, faith-based shelter that operates during the winter months, mainly between September - April. They open their doors to the community, offering a spot in one of their 60 beds, a hot meal, showers, and a facility to do laundry if necessary. The Shelter is open to men, women and women with children.

Our pledge class collaborated to make a feast for these patrons that would seek refuge at the shelter one night in October. We prepared two different types of roasted chicken, meatballs, spaghetti, veggies and much more, enough to feed about 100 people, which allowed the guests to have larger or additional servings of food. We placed tablecloths over the tables and decorated the tables with seasonal leaf cutouts. We plated and served the food to all the patrons as if they were in a restaurant. Not only did they love the

food, they were so appreciative of the kindness demonstrates through the service that we provided.

After dinner, we cleared away their plates and trash and sat and talked to them, listening to stories about their lives and discussing more current events, like sports and news. It was a truly rewarding experience, and has blossomed into an activity that I hope the Alpha Iota chapter of Phi Delta Chi will work to maintain annually.



# FOOD BANK OF NE GA

By Naderia Hussein

The mission of Food Bank of Northwest Georgia is to work toward ending hunger by distributing emergency food to those in need. Seventeen Brothers participated in the weekly Wednesday packaging of the food packages containing canned beans, milk, juice, cereal, snacks, apples, and bread. Everyone gathered in a circle and continuously looped around until we ran out of food to package. In the beginning, I was a poor packager because I forgot to include important food groups like grains and milk. I hope those kids don't hate me too much! Once I got the hang of it, we started making a speed game of who gets done first or who can overtake who in line, but NOT forgetting anything! Before we knew it all the food packages were done in under an hour, a new record for the food bank!



# FACULTY APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

By Nathan Wayne

Each year the Brothers of the Alpha Iota Chapter host a Faculty Appreciation Breakfast. We are so grateful for everything the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy faculty do for the students, and we host this event as a token of our appreciation. This year the faculty and staff enjoyed breakfast trays from Chick-fil-A, homemade bacon and eggs, fresh brewed coffee, and much more delicious breakfast foods! Currently, Phi Delta Chi is the only student organization at the college that holds any type of appreciation event.



# ST. JUDE ANNUAL 5K

By Shaily Doshi

The annual St. Jude 5k was on December 6th this year at the UGA race course. This year a lot more Brothers were able to participate, which even increased participation from friends! A lot went into the planning of the 5k and a lot of challenges were faced, but all were overcome by the strength and perseverance that Brothers showed at the event. Since the date was a little late this year, there were some rain showers in the morning and it was a little cold as well, but all Brothers and participants were present and just as enthusiastic to run. Due to this endurance we were able to raise more than \$900 benefitting St. Jude. Throughout the challenges faced, Brothers of the Alpha Iota chapter represented the motto of our fraternity "Alterum Alterius Auxilio Eget" and thus this year's annual St. Jude 5k was a great success. We hope you can attend the 2015 St. Jude 5k in October!



# ALUMNI LUNCHEON

By Michelle Vu

What happens to a Brother after graduation? How do we get the quality Brother face-to-face time that was so essential during pledging and in chapter meetings? It is easy to meet someone when they are in the same building day after day, but not when they have graduated and dispersed. After months of careful planning, budgeting, and emailing, the alumni luncheon on April 11 gave us the opportunity to get to know and connect with these Brothers we do not see on a daily basis. The networking-style arrangement consisted of alumni Brothers experienced in academic, community, and hospital pharmacy as well as rotations and residencies. Over twenty-five Brothers welcomed four P4s and eight alumni from Alpha Iota, Alpha Omicron, and Alpha Omega. We had an afternoon of Mediterranean

food, prize raffles, good stories, and some quality piano-playing at the Fireside Lounge in Rooker Hall. The professional networking atmosphere was balanced with the awareness that we were brought together not only due to our professional goals but also our brotherhood. Beyond the experience the alumni shared, we left feeling encouraged by P4 Hamilton Wen, who asserted, "Don't let yourself down. Remember this is your dream; this is your ambition, pharmacy. You can get there. If you ever think that you can't handle it, think again because you are some of the best people out there... I believe in you. UGA believes in you. Dr. Wolfgang believes in you. You believe in you. You guys can definitely do it."





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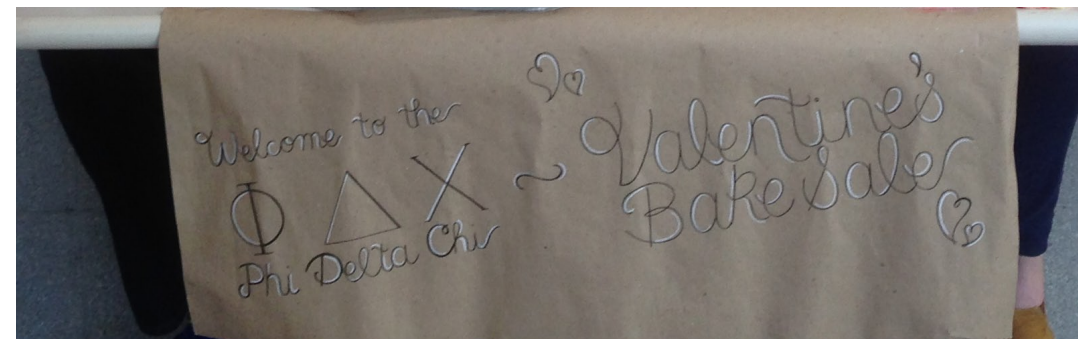
# FUNDRAISING

By Ruchita Amin

This year, the Fundraising Committee utilized the talents of many Brothers to help raise funds for our chapter! Brothers Natalie and Kaley designed a new t-shirt with a prescription for the new drug “Dawgxycycline” that flew off the shelves (so to speak!) in the fall semester. The committee dedicated the fall semester to sales of other t-shirts such as the Count by 5’s, College of Pharmacy, and Dr. Cobb shirts, which helped raise \$1470! The spring semester began with our annual Valentine’s Bake Sale where the brothers of the chapter donated various baked goods (cookies, cake pops, brownies, etc) to be sold to the student population.

The Fundraising Committee also sold our signature “Prescription for Love” vials filled with either M&Ms or Skittles. Our very own Brother Andrew Quach designed a new Polo shirt for both men and women to

accommodate the change in the College of Pharmacy’s dress code. He began sales this past spring for shirts to be picked up in the fall. The Fundraising Committee also sold the yearly ADR books to the rising P3 class for Dean Francisco’s Adverse Drug Reactions course in the following semester. The Committee’s next big fundraising venture was the sale of flowers and water at the College of Pharmacy’s Graduation Ceremony. We started exploring this avenue last year, and it was a success, so we made it another one of our annual fundraisers. It was a huge success, and all the bouquets that Brothers put together were sold!



# HOMECOMING TAILGATE

By David Kim

The Brothers of Phi Delta Chi had our annual homecoming tailgate on October 4th, 2014. It was a beautiful day where the social committee set up a tent filled with finger food and a BBQ filled with hot dogs, hamburgers, and jalapeno poppers. Several 4th year Brothers and a couple of alumni came to the event, and it was an amazing way to catch up with the Brothers. I spent the majority of my time doing interviews with the pledges and building a closer relationship with them. We capped off the event with a raffle where people won various PDC related items.



# CARNIVORE CARNIVAL

By Jacqueline Liu

Meat from wings to pizza rolls to steak and veggie burgers and potato salad for the vegetarians. Football with the only team worth knowing about (aka UGA, for those who still bear loyalties to their undergrad college). The best company an upcoming pharmacist could ask for.

In other words, it's time for PDC's annual Carnival Carnivore! A time for Brothers and pledges to relax and eat their stress away as UGA crushes the opposition, and Arkansas happened to be the unlucky victim that day. Brother Jason and his better half lent their beautiful house

to the occasion. There was an amazing back yard and a quite impressive man cave in addition to cats and a giant dog. Best of all, I got to see my paddle hanging on the walls next to the paddle of my twin Vidhi.

After eating mounds and mounds of food, Brothers and pledges mingled, completed interviews, and watched the game which UGA won 45-32. The pledges even went out to the back to collaborate in building a fire in the fire pit. I did my best to throw a football around with fellow Brothers, even though my hand was too small to fit around the football. Maybe that's why one of my throws veered so badly that it landed in a muddy trough of water. Oops.

However, the purpose of Carnival Carnivore is not to show off football skills but to instead build brotherhood and the bonds that will last a lifetime, and I believe we did just that. Thank you to everyone who made it a success!



# PROGRESSIVE AND REVERSE PROGRESSIVE DINNERS

By Naderia Hussein

Progressive Dinner gives us the opportunity to get to know the pledges one-on-one. For my group, Brother Joe Angelini took the cooking reigns at our Italian themed dinner. He made an amazing lasagna made from scratch (family recipe) accompanied by garlic bread which received rave reviews from pledges and Brothers alike! We shared funny family stories, laughed together about odd fears, and discussed music preferences. Then we headed to the party ice cream social house where we had big and little reveals!



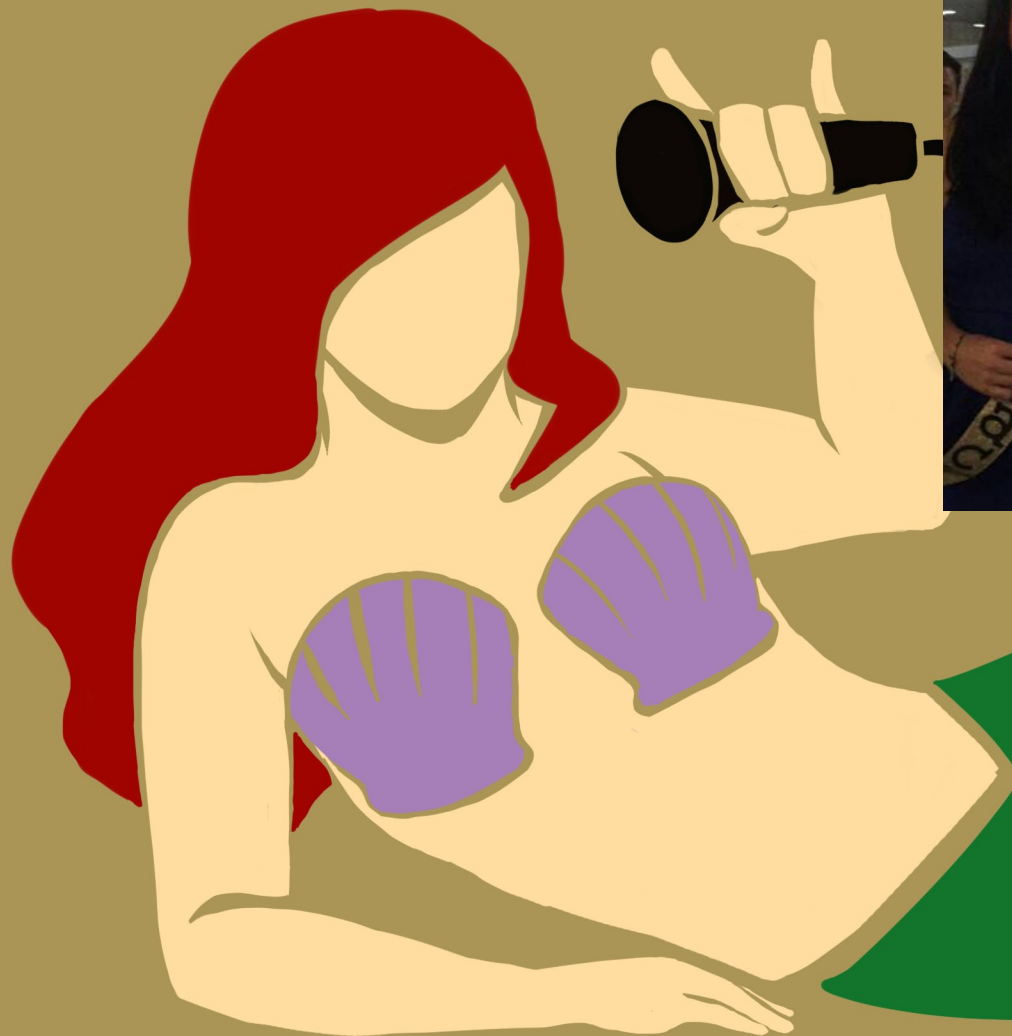
By Ryan Shin

Reverse Progressive Dinner is an opportunity for newly initiated Brothers to show their appreciation for the older Brothers. It is the opposite of Progressive dinner in that instead of the older Brothers serving food to the pledges, the newly initiated Brothers host the older Brothers in their homes to serve them a full course meal. Each brother is assigned to a group and travel to assigned houses that will serve them appetizer and entree. The event is designed to promote teamwork among the newly initiated Brothers. It is held in the beginning of Spring Semester each year.

With the diversity that PDC brings, variety of foods with influence from many different cultures was served. The NIBS worked very hard to accommodate to selective diets such as Paleolithic diet, lactose intolerants, and vegetarians. Some of the entrees that were included were Taco dips, Nachos, spinach pinwheels, quesadillas, chicken tacos, omurice, vegetarian chili, and baked chicken with baked potatoes and chili. At the end of the evening, the Brothers converge to one final house to enjoy dessert and socialize. Some of the desserts that were served included almond bites, cheesecake, ice cream, and brownies. With a bit of coordination and love for each Brother, this event is successfully carried out to start off the semester with a blast!

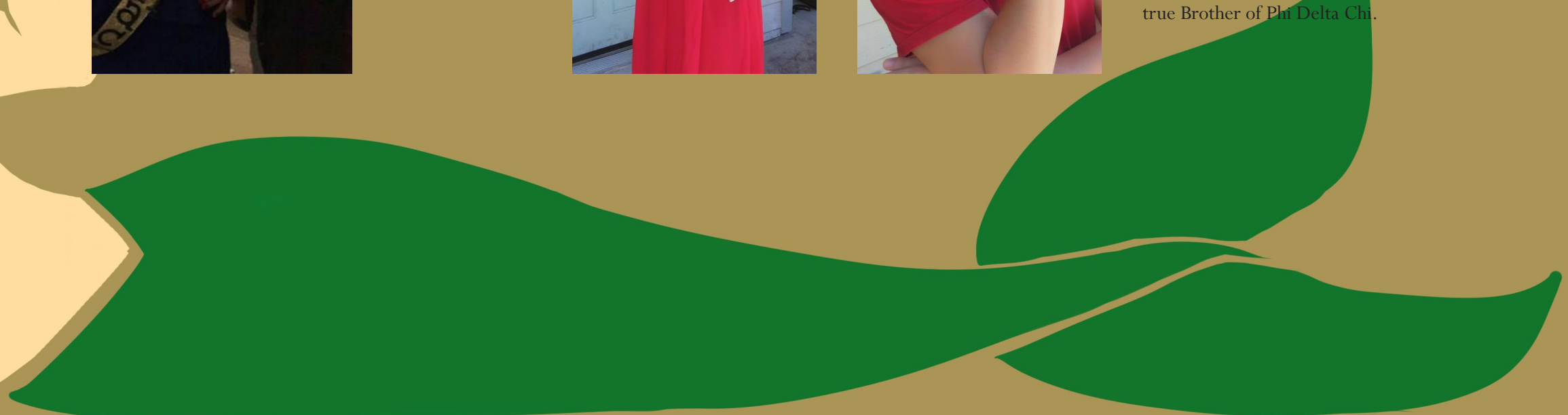


# MR. PHARMACY



By David Kim

One 2014 Phi Delta Chi pledge stepped up to participate in the annual University of Georgia Mr. Pharmacy and took home the award for the Alpha Iota Chapter. There was a lot of stiff competition for Mr. Pharmacy, with extremely qualified contestants playing the saxophone and doing comedy acts. However, my little and current Brother David Bailey, won the contest through sheer talent with his singing performance as Ariel from "The Little Mermaid." He truly showed dedication towards his fraternity as a pledge and showed the excellency which is necessary to be a true Brother of Phi Delta Chi.



# FOUNDER'S DAY BADMINTON

By Jacqueline Liu

After many stressful weeks of never-ending tests, the Alpha Iota Brothers agreed that there was no better way to celebrate the upcoming Fall Break and Founder's Day than to run around smacking a shuttlecock. Add some (friendly) competition, a little smack-talk here and there, and prizes for the winners...and a sublime Founders Days Badminton Tournament was born!

In order to participate, each member had to contribute two items for a giant goodie bag as well as an explanation of how they related to a founder (i.e. "these were the very cups that Brother Godfrey used to sip earl gray tea"). Furthermore, each team chose a founder to be their sponsor as they strove to beat all the teams before them. A total of fourteen players making up seven teams participated in the tournament, all with team names of the utmost creativity that would make any founder proud.

The tournament began in round-robin style, with each team battling against every other team. The points scored were tallied, and Team Bus Drivers, composed of the big-little duo of Joe Angelini and Charles Zhu, ended up with



the most points scored having won every match. They got a free pass to the semifinals for their extraordinary efforts while the other six teams fought it out for the right to join them - the second highest scoring team battled the lowest scoring team and so on and so forth.

The three winning teams and Team Bus Drivers were then left to the mercy of a random bracket generator for their semifinal match. Team Bus Drivers kept up their streak and found Team Noice, made up of then-pledges David Bailey and Alex Lam, in the finals. Alas, Noice's power was not enough, as Team Bus Drivers won their eighth straight match to claim the championship and the goodie bag!



# GAME NIGHT

By Rachel Darsey

Each year the PDC pledge class hosts a social event for all pledges and active Brothers. For this year's social event, the pledge class of Fall 2014 decided to host a game night at Brother Rachel Darsey's house.

Overall, there was a very good turnout with more than 40 people in attendance. We even had to set up tables and chairs in the backyard just to fit everybody! There were many different activities set up as part of the entertainment. We played video games (Just Dance), card games, and various board games including Jenga, Monopoly, and Twister. We also had plenty of pizza, snacks, and desserts to go around. All in all, it was a successful event with great food, fun, and company!



# HOLIDAY PARTY

By Heari Yu

Our annual Holiday Dinner is a potluck that gives Brothers a chance to connect, before Thanksgiving break and finals. We had a wide variety of food: 2 roasted turkey, 7 layer bean dip, jalapeno cheese cornbread, and chocolate cake just to name a few dishes that our talented Brothers cooked up for us. Specifically, Brother Hyun Kim created an adorable vegetable plate to look like a turkey. We ate, laughed, and connected, taking this moment to truly relax and get to know each other. Not only did we share food with Brothers, but we prepared some plates of food for our custodians to thank them for doing a wonderful job at school.



# FORMAL

By Marin Abousaud

The inspiration for our Publication theme!  
The Name's Bond... James Bond

On Friday, February 27th, 2015, our Casino Royale themed formal took place at Trumps Ballroom. The ballroom was arranged to have our projector, screen, and table of refreshments at the front, the round tables that seated all of the guests in middle of the room, and the extravagant dance floor with a starry night ceiling towards the back of the room. The social committee set the 007 scene with the decor by placing large cut outs of playing cards on the walls of the ballroom. Each round table had two dice centerpieces along with glass vases filled with water crystals, a shimmering light at the bottom, and four playing cards attached to each other visibly outside of the vase. Additionally, poker chips, playing cards, and small dice were scattered around to complete with the casino motif.

When each Brother walked into the building, they were greeted by Agent David Bailey and Agent Bao Nguyen. In front of our two agents was a round table lined with a deck of playing cards in a layered fashion. Each Brother was handed a playing card that directed them towards their designated table. While Brothers were trickling into the ballroom, a slideshow was playing on the screen, displaying our Brothers' involvement at different PDC events. We had special alumni guests Kyle Wheatley and Sara Miller from the national office join us for the evening. Once everyone settled in, the formalities began.

Our wonderful hosts for the night were our social committee co-chairs, Jacqueline Liu and Ryan Shin. In order to determine which tables received their food first, there was a dice off. Two people from each table represented their team, and whichever team rolled the highest combination of numbers, ended up eating first. Each team rolled an inflatable die; the winner claimed their food and

then everyone followed. The dinner was buffet style and served chicken parmesan, tossed caesar salad with garlic croutons and grated parmesan, gemelli pasta marinara (I know, very fancy), warmed garlic rolls, and zucchini, green bean and mushroom sauté.

Next on the agenda were academic achievement awards. Each student who achieved Dean's List or a Presidential Scholar for the fall semester was recognized and given a certificate. After the academic achievements were presented, the superlative winners were announced. The superlatives that were given out this year were: Most Fraternity Spirit (David Kim), Most Comedic (Andrew Quach), Best Personality (Brittany Thompson), Most Likely to Accidentally Burn Their Pharmacy (Vidhi Doshi), Most Talkative (Jason Flanders), Unsung Hero (Shane Peters), Most Talented (Christine Huynh), Best Paddle (Cassandra Clark), Best Big/Little (Jacqueline Liu/Ryan Shin), Best Bromance (Ryan Shin/Alex Lam), Alumni of the Year (Dr. Whitney Holcombe), Faculty Member of the Year (Dr. Ashley Hannings), Pledge of the Year (Michelle Vu), Executive Member of the Year (Joe Angelini), and Brother of the Year (Jacqueline Liu). Each superlative winner received a plaque and a red, handcrafted sash for their awesomeness.

Once the awards ceremony was concluded, many Brothers showed off their dance moves on the dance floor, while others went to take goofy pictures in the photo booth, displaying just how photogenic they can be. The backdrop was silver with different colored playing suits dangling in front. From stunna shades to fluffy scarves, we had all the props needed for a good night. Overall, this 007 themed formal was a great success. Until our next mission my fellow agents... Agent Marin Abousaud out \*drops the mic\*



# MISSION CODENAME SERO



# FOR YOUR EYES ONLY



# SERO

By Joe Angelini

The Southeastern Regional Olympics has been an event held in Athens for several years now in an attempt to bring the region together during the off year of Southeast Regional Conference. Past years have been plagued by bad weather and lack of interest from the region. However, interest built up little by little each year, and this year we were pleased to have members from five different schools participating in the event. A special thanks to the recently reactivated Beta Theta Chapter for sending 14 Brothers out. Over 50 Brothers came to the event over the course of the day including P4 Brothers taking a break from their APPE assignments and faculty member Dr. Ashley Hannings.

The day started at the local Memorial Park in Athens, GA. T-Shirts designed by Brother Christina Huynh were made specifically for this event and were distributed to the participants. Brothers competed in several games ranging from tug-of-war to relay races that David Bailey came up with and oversaw. It was a beautiful sunny day in Athens, which was a good thing, for two of the games involved the Brothers getting wet. Brothers were required to sit and pop a water balloon in one activity, and in another, had to fill up a sponge with water and relayed it over their head



to their teammate. Spirits were very high, and Brothers soon forgot how wet they were and enjoyed the fun and competitive spirit that was building up throughout the morning.

Around lunchtime, the Brothers' appetite was met with eating games before lunch was served. Each team had to pick people in their group to eat items such as a hard boiled egg, a lemon, an entire Hershey's bar, and a can of coke in succession faster than other teams. Afterwards, a grilled picnic lunch was served at the park which included burgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, and many snacks.

Brothers then headed over to the College of Pharmacy where they played minute to win it games hosted by David Bailey and Michelle Vu. Teams competed in games that expanded their skill sets to more mental and micro movement abilities. Teams competed





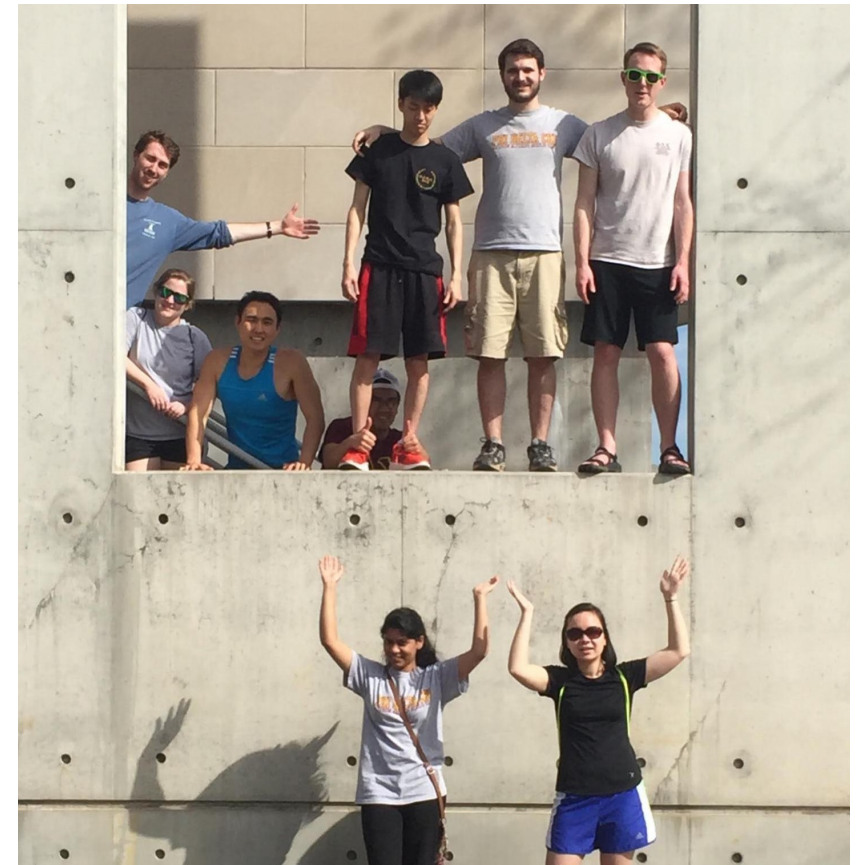
in games which included blowing ping pong balls on an inclined table into several cups; a massive cup stacking pyramid race; and cup balancing. These were just few among the others that were played. A special place goes out in my heart to my team #4, which I later dubbed team Ricky Bobby. We either destroyed our competition (in 3 of the maybe 20 events) or came in dead last. But we had much fun whether we were first or last.

A team scavenger hunt was done after doing the indoor activities. The College of Pharmacy was the starting point, and the scavenger hunt required Brothers to go all over the UGA campus. It was a really fun way for Brothers to team up and bond, and for Alpha Iota Brothers to show off our beautiful campus to Brothers from other schools. Some of the locations along the way included the Chapel Bell, the Museum of Art, the Arch, Herty Field, Sanford Stadium, and even in front of our newest spectacular dining hall. Team selfies were taken along the way to show proof that the teams were at each location.

The games and evening ended at Rooker Hall where Brothers enjoyed a Mexican Fiesta dinner from Tlaloc. During dinner, Brothers



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enjoyed viewing a slideshow of the day's events rapidly put together by Brother Hyun, Jason, Trinh, and others. Awards were handed out to individuals and ranged from the O' Brother Where Art Thou Award (for travelling the longest) to the Swiss Army Knife Award for being indispensable and backpacking their team the entire way, and even the Biggest Splash award was given to a Brother for getting the wettest. The team award for the day went to Beta Theta. We were very grateful for the number of Brothers that came from their chapter to support the event.

Before the night wrapped up, Brothers learned how to make bracelets that were donated to a local Boys and Girls Club. Over hundred bracelets were made all together. The day and event was a great success, and all who attended had fun. We cannot wait for the next SERO to happen and are grateful to all those who came from other chapters as well as to the many Alpha Iota Brothers that lent a hand and contributed to planning and making this event happen in such a short time period.



# FINAL REPORT

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# FACULTY UPDATE

By Ruchita Amin

The UGA College of Pharmacy is changing its courses starting coming fall to a design similar to that of all the other Colleges of Pharmacy across the nation. As a result, all of our faculty alumni are hard at work helping ease the transition. Dr. Perri is working with Dr. Hannings and the rest of the Introduction to Pharmacy Practice Experiences office to coordinate a new course called the Essentials of Pharmacy. This course is designed to include patient cases as well as the Pharmaceutics Lab overseen by Dr. Elder. Dr. Beach is working to help align Medicinal Chemistry topics with those taught in Pharmacology to help bridge the flow of information! With so many changes coming our way, the faculty is dedicated to helping bridge the transition period! We are very proud of our faculty alumni!



## FOURTH YEAR PLANS

Michael Arena	Rite Aid
Maria Bondar	PGY1 - University of West Florida
Stephanie Coleman	CVS
Jenny Dean	PGY1 - Emory St. Joseph's Hospital
Rebecca Howell	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Sukeun Kang	CVS
JiYoung Kim	CVS
Abel Kusovski	Walgreens
Brittany Lawrence	CVS
Kyley Makanani	Kroger
Julie Moon	PGY1 - Savannah St. Luke's
Nirali Naik	PGY1 - UF Health
Khushbu Patel	PGY1 - Dekalb Medical
Aimee Shin	Walmart
Synthia Wang	Kroger
Hamilton Wen	PGY1 - Dekalb Medical
Alexander Nguyen	PharmD on Demand

## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2015



# ALUMNI REPORT

Brother Alex Nguyen (AK) was curious about what all the recently graduated Brothers were doing now. So he took initiative to contact each Brother and asked where they were, what are their jobs, and what advice they can give to a new-graduate or P1-P3. Here's what they said:



## Jessica Chen

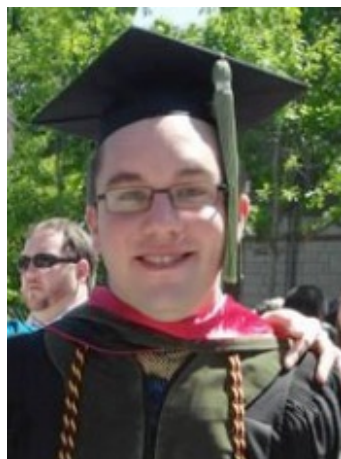
After graduation, Jessica took up a PGY1 at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta and loved it. She is not pursuing a PGY2 and is looking for a clinical position in Georgia, preferably Atlanta.



## To-My Dinh

"I'm doing a PGY1 at CaroMont health in Gastonia, NC. I love it! It's tough but it's very rewarding. I'm trying to apply for a second year in critical care."

"I just wanted to say that we are always here to help with anything even if we don't always get the chance to catch up. We have been through it already so don't be shy to ask us."

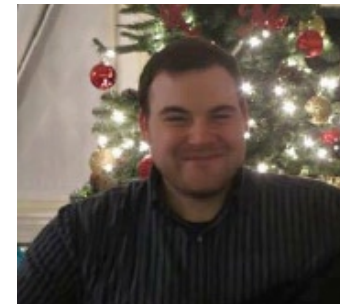


## Chris Dobry

After graduation Chris accepted a position as the PIC for a CVS in La-grange, GA. He enjoys the responsibilities and actually likes his working hours.

"As far as advice goes: the saying is especially true for pharmacy that it's not so much about what you know, it's who you know. I was jobless for about 2-3 months out of pharmacy school, but thanks to an Alpha Iota Brother I was able to get a job. So always try to network and, if possible, don't burn any bridges. My job is not the most desirable, but it pays, and I am continuing to network to look for bigger and better. As far as pay goes, remember that (as a pharmacist) the pay is excellent, but don't expect to make more than ~ \$1500/week after taxes and insurance. So don't get too crazy! Well, I'm comfortable being a pharmacist. Managing approximately 10 personalities is a huge challenge for me, because I want to make everyone happy. I know ultimately I can't, and in order to keep the pharmacy running and profitable I am going to anger people. Starting day 1 as PIC also presented its own challenges, since not only did I have to try and not kill anyone, you have paperwork to keep up with."

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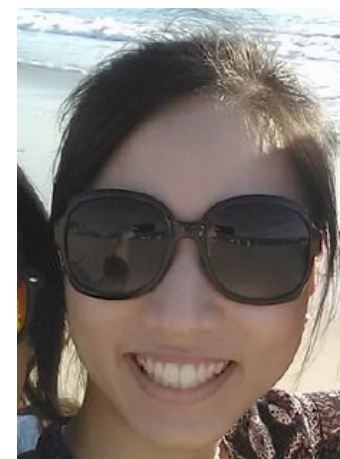
## Charles Durham

Charles was accepted to a PGY1 program in Virginia. He is looking to get a PGY2 in Emergency Medicine.



## Lopa Joshi

Our esteemed ex-Worthy Chief Counselor has been super busy with her PGY1 in Sarasota, Florida. She is unsure of what she'll be doing after the residency, but is looking for positions in Sarasota, Tampa, and Atlanta.



## Ah Hyun Jun

Ah Hyun has been busy with her PGY1 at Grady Health Systems in Atlanta. She has accepted a position for a PGY2 in Critical Care at Grady for the 2015-2016 year. She says that she wishes she retained more information from classes and advises younger Brothers to try to learn and absorb as much information as they can. "Good luck!"



## Jennifer Lee

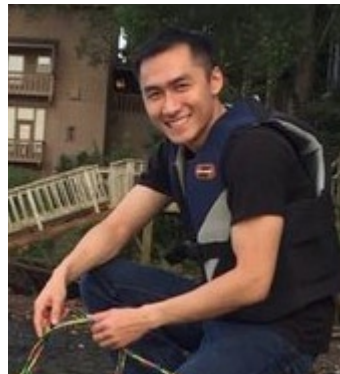
Jennifer became PIC for a Walgreens in Augusta. She loves everything about being the boss (surprise!)... except sometimes when corporate is trying to control her. "Remember from the 1st day of pharmacy school they say it's a small world? It's true. So make connections with people, because it'll open up a lot more doors for you in the future."

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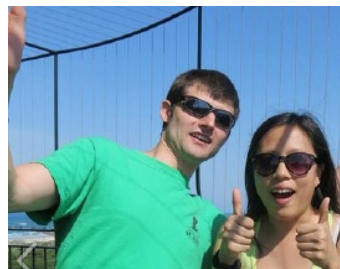
## **Katherine Kwon**

She became a pharmacist for Kroger in Atlanta  
AK: “Have you had to kick anyone’s butt yet?”  
Katherine: “Unfortunately not yet.”



## **Toan Tran**

He was a pharmacist at Wal-Mart and enjoyed working there. “Second only to Kroger” in terms of workplace environment. He’s now at the Outpatient Pharmacy at GRU in Augusta. “In all honesty, I would like the chapter to become more traditional, more focused on Fraternity, and more connected with 4th years and alumni.”



## **Chris Stiles**

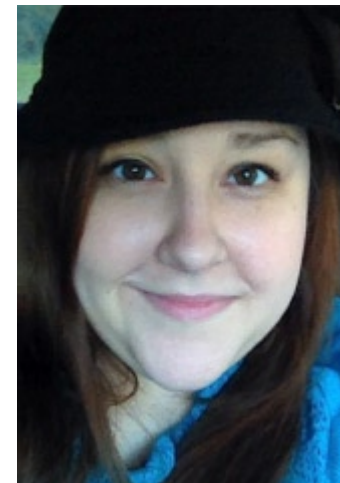
The Baron O’Styles became a pharmacist for Walgreens in Augusta. He enjoys life after pharmacy school and wants to find time to get back into video games.



## **Thuy Nguyen**

Thuy works for Rite Aid in Atlanta. She is pretty happy and says that life hasn’t been too stressful after pharmacy school. She is looking to relocate.

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## **Erin Ward**

Works at a Rite Aid in Millen GA, near where she grew up. She started out as a floater, but now she’s managing the whole pharmacy.

“As far as advice goes, learn your brand and generics! Patience is more than a virtue, it’s how you keep your job. Communication is key with your patients and your staff/partner. And finally, never answer your phone on your day off.”

AK: “Were you nervous working after graduation?”

Erin: “Yeah I was super slow and cautious at first. I’m faster now, but still cautious. Triple check the drug, strength, etc. on C2s (especially hydrocodone if they are still keeping it on the shelf like at my store, and the technicians still count it). If they ever make tramadol a C2, I’m finding a new profession.”

In response to Alex conveying fears about his quality dropping with speed: “Yeah you just have to do the best you can and remind yourself to slow down even if they’re staring you down/yelling at you about waiting (which they will totally do), because sometimes it could be a potentially fatal misfill. Thankfully that hasn’t happened to me yet though my technicians seem bound and determined to screw up.”

“Oh one more tip: learn the maximum doses for common antibiotics for kids! I have a tiny notebook with all the maximum doses and kids’ weights in kg from age 0 to 12 years... So many babies and amoxicillin.”



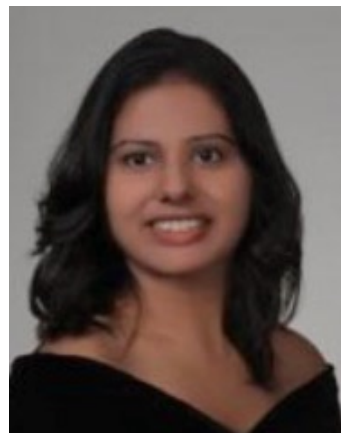
## **Joanne Yi**

Joanne is with Walgreens and is floating in the Marietta, Woodstock, Kennesaw area. She loves floating. She gets to know the stores and the patients, and doesn’t have to do the maintenance stuff, the ordering, the PIC stuff, etc.

Advice: “For your class, save as much as you can now because you’ll most likely not see your first pharmacist paycheck until the end of July or beginning of August, assuming you passed everything and have a job lined up. If not, then it’s going to be longer.”

For the younger class, work hard, enjoy life as a student (because the only responsibility is passing tests and asking yourself if you can afford to eat Cali-n-Tito’s tomorrow), and take advantage of every opportunity that you can get to expose yourselves for your future career.”

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## Ami Patel

She works as an Inpatient Staff Pharmacist at the VA in Augusta, GA, as well as PRN staff at University Hospital, alongside Melinda Kezer, a PDC AI Alum. She enjoys her post-graduate days immensely.

“What I like most about the VA is the academic medical center environment. The opportunity to serve veterans, who are fairly complex patients, offers me the challenge to expand my clinical knowledge. I also like the ability to move laterally within the federal system (i.e. into other agencies) as well as a relocation option to other VA hospitals. Of course, the good benefits and holidays/leaves are a plus!”

What I don't like:

“Dealing with numerous drug shortages and yet having heavily restricted formulary sometimes makes clinical decisions fairly challenging regarding optimal drug therapy. However, I am fortunate to also be working for University Hospital, which is a non-profit community hospital with a completely different environment in terms of restrictions. Also I am limited to serving adults/geriatric patient population at the VA. However, with my position at the University, I enjoy the opportunity to expand my practice to neonatal, women and adult patients in a setting of less restricted formulary.

Advice to 1-2nd years and rising 4th years:

“Keep your mind open! Get involved in professional organizations. Explore your options by completing challenging rotations not only in areas that you may like but also other areas that you may not be so familiar with. Optimal performance in unfamiliar areas will cultivate adaptability and allow you to get out of your comfort zone, because you never know what opportunity may present itself. Plans are great to make, but if things don't necessarily go as planned, then you will still have your versatile experiences to fall back on!”

Advice to 4th years soon to be graduating:

“Congratulations!! You're finally seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. Whether going into community practice, residency/industry fellowship or directly into hospital pharmacy, remember all those late nights you stayed up studying and all those days after those tests that you spent either celebrating, sleeping, or studying for the next test. In a nutshell, you have worked too hard to get where you are today, so continue to stay motivated in your practice and continue to learn and apply the stellar education you have received as a pharmacist to be an exemplary pharmacist!”

# ALUMNI REPORT



## MySandra Quach

“CVS is a good experience, but it's definitely not what I want to do for the rest of my life. I live in Fayetteville right now. My plans for the next year is to look for a hospital position. In the meantime, I'll still be with CVS. I'm also PRN at the northwest Georgia Oncology Center Pharmacy. I'm looking for a staff position, but my goal is to work my way up to a clinical position.

The best advice I have for the younger generation is keep your options open and don't settle for any job. Also, try to leave a good impression at your rotation sites. What you leave with them will affect whether or not it'll still be a site for future students. In addition, you never know what happens in the future. You may get a position from your rotation site. Northwest Georgia Oncology Center Pharmacy was one of my rotation sites.”

## Phoeny Li

This cool cat is now a Kmart Staff Pharmacist in Peachtree City as well as a staff pharmacist at Northeast Georgia Medical Center.

“My advice is to build relationships with current jobs/rotations. Those are most likely to lead to employment. Once you start submitting apps, I think it'll be really easy for you to feel like you're a spam. I have this problem with being shy with people I like and admire. I also hate 'networking' because there's parts of it that are shmoozy or contrived, and I hate fakeness. But! I would not have my job at Northeast GA if the newly promoted manager didn't recognize my name. If I had let him or any of the others there know I applied I might've gotten it sooner, and this is one of the top 100 workplaces in GA - one of the top cardiology centers in the nation. So yeah, hospital jobs don't have to be as hard as people make it seem. Just be normal, show good work ethic, don't burn bridges, and reach out. Don't be discouraged, be strong and stay positive.”



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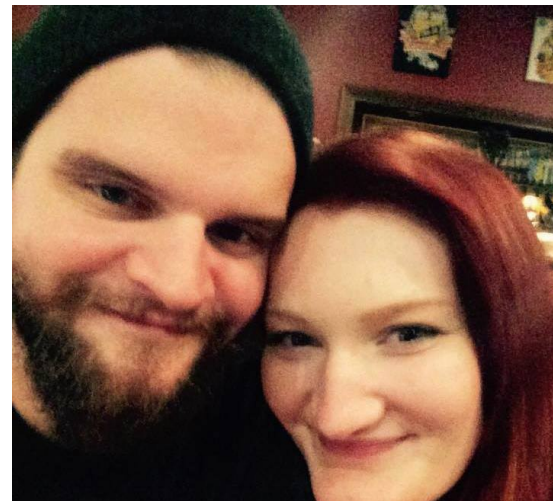
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Hyun Kim and Paul Kim



Stephanie Peccia and Bradley Shed

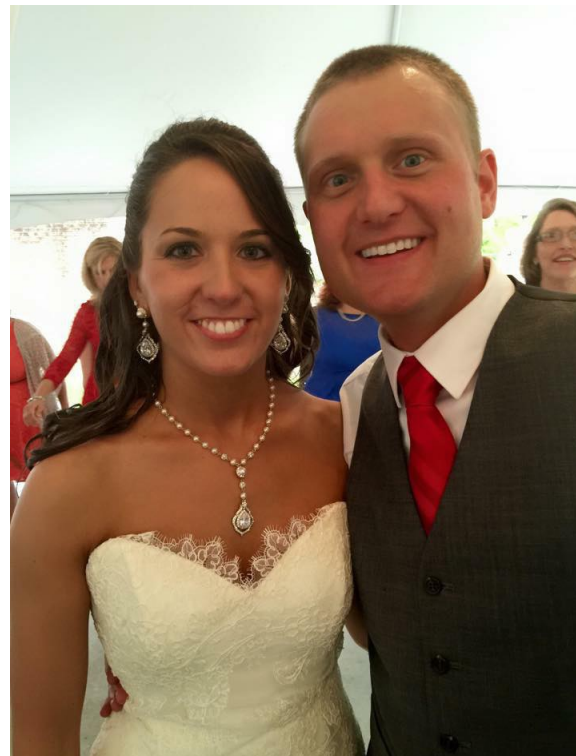


Sara Thompson and Ray Frizzell  
Sarah Nguyen and David Nguyen  
Lexie Turner and Cody Hoffman  
Jennifer Gaddie and Joshua VanKirk  
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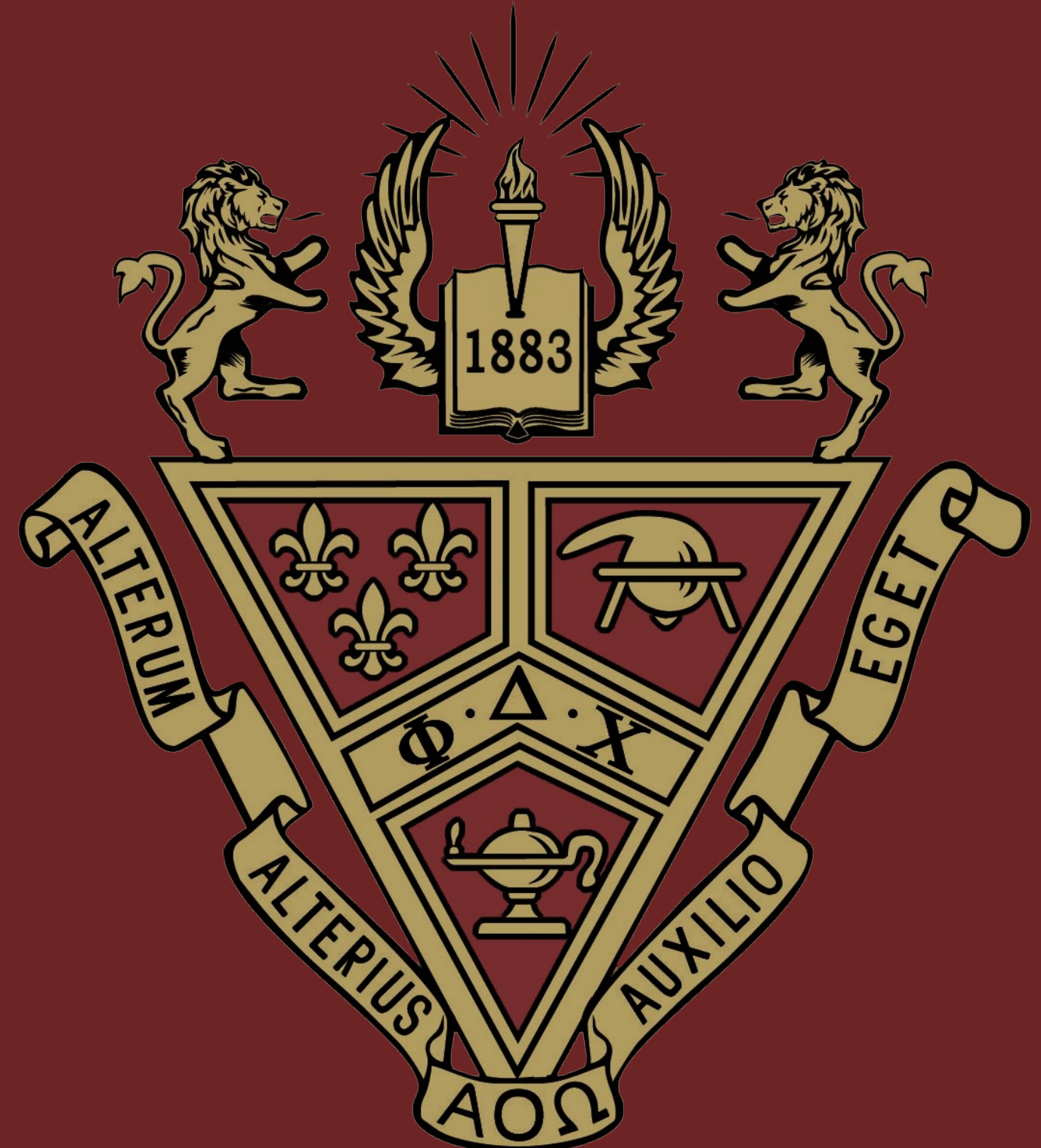
## WEDDINGS



Bao-Trang Nguyen and Phu Le



Lacie Tijerina Watts and Landan Watts







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