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Brotherhood Reflections

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.



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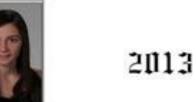
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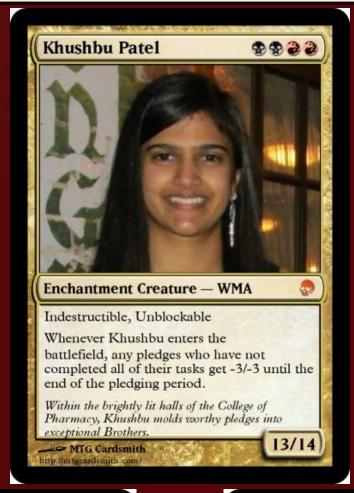






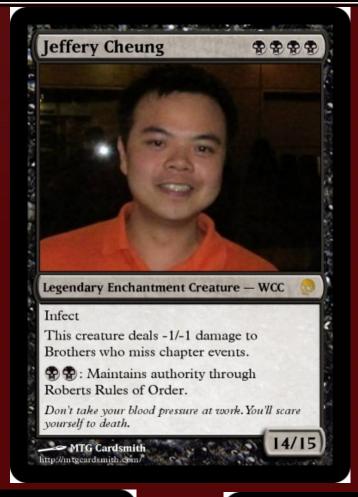








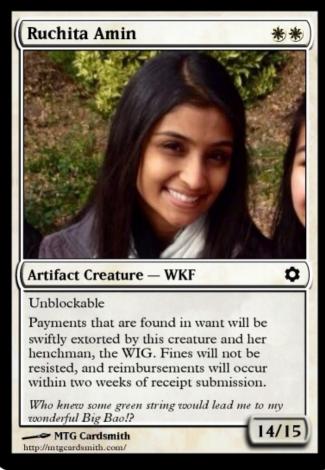






















Brotherhood is a term that is easy to define but very hard to find in life. My definition of a Brother is someone whom I share a deep personal connection with. There are many people in my life that I consider friends, but very few of them would I consider a Brother. Choosing to become a Brother of Phi Delta Chi took a lot of thought on my part, but I was really able to find true Brotherhood by pledging to become a Brother of Alpha Iota.

I remember the day I knew I really wanted to become a Brother. It wasn't during any of the rush events, or even when I turned in my bid card. It happened during the pledging process. Although it was my first semester of pharmacy school, we had had an unusually busy week with many tests and assignments. On top of that, we had a pledge quiz during our weekly meeting. I was worn down, tired, frustrated, and depressed. The last thing I cared about was passing a pledge quiz. I glanced at the material but didn't have the energy or ambition to study.

As I took the quiz I knew I was going to fail. I couldn't even answer the questions that I had studied and memorized for the quiz the week before. I was angry and upset. I just wanted to go home and forget about pledging. I'm 33 years old, I thought, what did I need to be in a fraternity for anyway? I thought about my commitment to the fraternity and over again the following night, and my thoughts led me to begin to think about the series of events that led me to pledging in the first place.

I began pharmacy school as an extremely excited, yet apprehensive non-traditional student. At 33 years old I had decided with encouragement from my wife to go back to school with students who were, on average, a decade younger than me. On the first day of classes, I looked around the room and saw mostly strangers, and I felt alone and out of place.

I went to organizational hour a few days later to check out all of the different groups that I could potentially join. I had no intention of joining a fraternity when I went, but I listened to the presentations with an open mind. What I heard and saw that day made me glad I did.

Phi Delta Chi was far from a stereotypical college fraternity. Their PowerPoint presentation emphasized a balance of professional and service activities with social activities. They had piqued my interest, so I decided to attend a rush event to find out more about the organization.

A week later I showed up at the second rush event that Phi Delta Chi hosted, which was a game night. It was very intimidating for me when I first arrived. Alpha Iota had most, if not all, of their Brothers present, and only a handful of first-year students were there for the event. My apprehension went away quickly as I began to talk to the members.

Everyone I talked to that night was very friendly and easy to talk to. As I got to know many of them I realized how much I had in common with the Brothers. There were non-traditional students like myself, and there were gamers and booklovers who shared some of the same interests I have. Everyone was friendly and welcoming. I started to feel like I had found somewhere where I belonged for the first time since I started pharmacy school. Keeping that feeling in mind, I decided to pledge and join Phi Delta Chi.

At our first pledge meeting I looked around the room at the other ten pledges. They all looked familiar to me, but I hadn't made a real connection with any of them yet. To me, they were still strangers from my class that I had very little in common with. I didn't even know all their names. In fact, the Worthy Master at Arms told us to go down the table one by one and repeat everyone's name just to make sure we could all remember each other. I had to ask a few of the pledges their names because I just couldn't remember even though I had heard them just a few minutes before. Obviously, I had no yet made a bond with these people, although I was supposed to eventually come to call them Brothers.





Over the weeks that passed, I got to know them better, but I still felt like an outsider in my own pledge class. Looking back on everything that happened, I believe that feeling of being an outsider changed for me on the night of our paddle party. We all got together as a pledge class and worked on our paddles for our Big Brothers. As I took out the little things I brought to embellish the paddle, I noticed that everyone was looking at a checklist from the pledge notebook. As I looked over the list I realized it was a list of all the things that needed to be on the paddle, and I had only bought a few of those things with me. As I sat there trying to figure out how to make the situation work my fellow pledges started to see that I was having trouble.

Kasandra pointed out what I did have that could still work within the guidelines. When I asked the others what I should do about the missing parts, Robi suggested that I could paint what I needed to on the paddle instead of worrying about buying additional supplies. With that I began to outline what I was going to paint. Due to the fact that I have poor penmanship, I began to get frustrated with my efforts to make it look good. Payal noticed my struggles, and kindly offered to make the outline for me so that I would just have to paint over it. Their acts of kindness and friendly suggestions stuck with me. Even though I didn't realize it at the time, I was beginning to think of these people as more than just fellow students and friends. Instead, I was beginning to think of them as Brothers.

As I at there that night thinking about all of these small little moments I realized that I formed a bond with the pledges and that I really thought of them as my family. This group of ten, which I'd spent more time with than my own wife the last four weeks, had become very dear to me. Jessica, our Worthy Master at Arms, and Alex, our Worthy Inner Guard, had spent their valuable time teaching us about Phi Delta Chi and were just as important to me. I realized that I had stopped thinking of these people as fellow pharmacy school students, and I knew that pledging Phi Delta Chi was worth my best efforts.



If I chose to give up pledging I not only was letting down myself, but I was letting down the other pledges and the Brothers who took time to teach me as well. The thought of that was too much for me to bear. We had been through too much together for me to give up on my Brothers! What I realized was that I had been relying on myself too much during these last several weeks. I needed to do what I did that night at the paddle party - I needed to get help from my Brothers to get through the pledging process.

Over the next four weeks, we all relied on each other to tackle the obstacles that were ahead of us. We even began to compare ourselves to the eleven founding members of Phi Delta Chi, hoping that we could have a significant impact on Alpha Iota. We looked at our initiation into the brotherhood as a new beginning. I look at the people who came so far with me now and I don't see classmates. Instead, I see a Brother that I can turn to for anything. I think of them as an extended part of my family that I can always count on. They know they can think of me in the exact same way.

I look around the pharmacy school now and there are still plenty of people that I consider strangers, but mixed into the crowd my Brothers are there, waiting and willing to support me. My Brothers are people that will do everything they can for me, and I know that I will do everything I can for them. I no longer feel alone and out of place, stuck in a classroom with people I don't know and can't relate to. These days I feel like I'm exactly where I'm supposed to be. I am forever thankful to Phi Delta Chi and my fellow Brothers for giving me a place to belong. •





On a warm summer weekend near the end of August 2013, Brothers of the Phi Delta Chi Alpha Iota chapter enjoyed a relaxing weekend away from civilization at Indian Springs Park. In order to fight the seasonal monster influzenza, the Brothers had recently been called away to receive special immunization training and had to reschedule their deserved respite. Even with the change, the Brothers made the summer retreat a success!

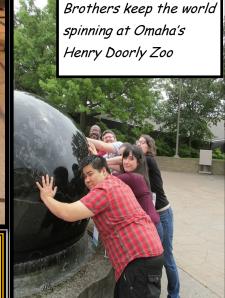
As the Brothers began to arrive and settle into their rooms, the spirit of brotherhood quickly built up with Brothers bonding over activities and small conversations. Brother Ji-Young began to prepare a wonderful dinner with the help of her special forces. The delicious aroma of home-made spaghetti wafted through the air, causing some grumbles of hunger and looks of anticipation. Once the Brothers had nearly licked the silver from the pot of sauce, Kyley wrestled the defenseless cookware from their hands and opened the formal meeting where officers brought up various business topics for discussion.

Since the Brothers held the elections during the first chapter of the semester, summer retreat focused on building brotherhood and event planning for the rest of the semester, leading to many shenanigans. Brothers participated in group activities (such as card games, mafia, and head charades), providing opportunities for Brothers to interact with each other throughout the day. One of the best moments of retreat involved catching up with Alumni Brother Brooke Greene. Not only did she give the chapter advice and words of wisdom, Brooke educated the Brothers on tradition and legends of days past.

Brothers enjoyed more fun free time activities during the next day, such as the PDC Jeopardy and the PDC Relay Competition. Brothers Kyley and Nirali lead the brotherhood activities while handling different business activities on the side. While brotherhood bonding remained a key focus of the retreat, the need for planning and scheduling for the next semester demanded attention from the Brothers. With the rush event planning being taken care of, the main preparations for the fall semester included professional, fundraising, and social events. The newly elected chairs and committee members worked out potential event dates and presented the schedule to the entire chapter during the evening meeting. Brothers spoke about their hopes for the chapter's future and showed their gratitude towards one another for making the retreat a success during Pass the Gavel.

Overall, retreat was filled with great food, enjoyable activities, and hard work. The willingness of the chapter as a whole to work with each other allowed the summer retreat to triumph and gave all the Brothers an opportunity to grow and strengthen the brotherhood. AAAE! - *Huldah Abaidoo*





69th Grand Council

In August 2013 six collegiate AI Brothers made the 17 hour drive from Athens to Omaha to attend Grand Council. Brothers Darryl Patman, Jason Flanders, Aimee Shin, and Stephanie Coleman left a trail of burning rubber to be followed by Brothers Jennifer Dean and Rebecca Howell on the journey. Along the way they found an alumni in the wild (Brother Lucy Webb, working hard!), and even had the opportunity to pay homage to Superman in his hometown of Metropolis, Illinois. Upon their arrival in Omaha the Brothers took lone Alpha Rho Brother Phu Tran into their fold, and set out to find our alumni in attendance- Brothers Michael Posey, Lexie Turner (Grand Vice President for Collegiate Affairs), and Brooke Greene and her Alpha Theta husband, Sean (Bugs) Greene. Over the course of the week, they had the opportunity to meet with regional leaders and members, as well as newly appointed SERDCA Kyle Wheatley.

In addition to serving as a gathering point for brotherhood, Grand Council created some significant changes in national policy and operations; one such change is the sanctioning of location based chapters which may function untethered to collegiate chapters. During individual breakout sessions the Brothers split up to have representation across all tracks in hopes of bringing new ideas home for all officers and committees to consider. Great ideas and strategies weren't the only thing that attending Brothers brought home; all contend that seeing the fraternity function on a larger scale and making friends with Brothers across the country strengthened their understanding of Brotherhood and solidified that even after graduation there is still need and purpose to serve. -Rebecca Howell



Omaha, Nebraska











Winter Retreat

To start off 2014, the Brothers of Alpha Iota travelled to our winter fortress, the River Cabins in Elijay. All of the Brothers were excited to introduce our twenty-five new Brothers to the tradition of our retreats, and we were ready to start off the Spring Semester with a fresh, new start. Brothers Kyley and Nirali planned the itinerary and designed new Brotherhood Activities with help from Brother Hamilton. Brother Ji-Young did an excellent job of coordinating meals to help keep everyone happy and fed.

To everyone's delight, Brothers Jennifer Lee, Chris Stiles, and Phoeny Li came to participate and mingle with new Brothers. They served as judges for the Shark Tank activity, honoring the victors and jeering the defeated. Alumni Brothers Shannon Sulik and Whitney Holcombe came by to visit and supplied laughter and wisdom to the group.

Our spring committee chairs had brainstormed during the break and pitched their ideas to their committee members during committee breakout time. Afterwards, the chairs presented their plans to the entire Chapter and received input. We continued our tradition of "Love Notes", and Brothers surreptitiously wrote special messages (and/or threats) to each other throughout the Retreat. Brothers bonded and ate s'mores over a bonfire on the last night; we shared our thoughts and hopes about Alpha Iota. By our last day, Brothers were enthusiastic and eager to return to Athens to kick-off another successful semester. -Kyley Makanani



January 2014





Alpha lota at the South Eastern Regional Conference

The Phi Delta Chi Southeastern Regional Conference (SERC) was hosted this year by Auburn University's Chi chapter. Seven Alpha Iota Brothers attended the conference, and I believe I can speak for everyone by saying it was a very positive experience. After everyone got into town, there was a mixer at Auburn's pharmacy school where we met many of the Chi Brothers and exchanged stories about what our pledge names were and the stories behind them.

Early the next morning, there were four different committee meetings where proposed changes to the bylaws were discussed to be presented at Grand Council next summer. There were also four different workshops, including The Ritual Link, Faculty Relations, Achievement Awards Program, and Building a Chapter from Within. I attended the Ritual Link which was facilitated by Mr. Brett Laude, a Brother who was initiated in 1999 but decided to pursue a culinary degree instead, and who is a prime example of a lifetime Brother. At the workshop it was emphasized how important ritual is. It is the one thing that allows me to walk into another school's chapter across the country and know exactly what to do; it binds us together as Brothers. The Faculty Relations workshop discussed the importance of a chapter's relationship with it's faculty advisor and it's faculty alumni Brothers. The Achievement Awards Program was set up as a way to recognize chapters who get their reports done in a timely fashion and as a way of identifying those chapter who need some support. Building a Chapter from Within focused on ways that a chapter, no matter how old or new, can always grow and improve. That session was facilitated by two Chi chapter Alumni who were both very excited to welcome everyone to Auburn.

After all the committee meetings were finished there was a social outing in downtown Auburn, where many of the active collegiate Brothers and attending alumni Brothers got to network with each other. An important benefit of attending SERC was viewing the chapter reports presented at formal chapter the last day of the conference, which allowed chapters to share their ideas on fundraising, alumni relations, and professional/service projects. Delegates from each attending chapter gave the reports, voted on issues presented, and elected a new regional correspondent to represent the southeast to PDC nationals.

SERC had a very positive impact on all five of the P1's who attended the conference and after spring elections, all hold either executive or Co-chair positions. Meeting Brothers from pharmacy schools all over the Southeast demonstrated no matter how different the programs may be, we are all Phi Delta Chi.

Signing off from Auburn,

War Eagle!/Go Dawgs! (I'm conflicted)- By Gail Smith

Alpha Iota at the South Eastern Regional Conference











Professional/Service

Dawgtoberfest: Let's Talk About Sex!!!

Keeping with the tradition of keeping education sexy at the Dawgtoberfest student health fair, Brothers asked questions to attendees to test their knowledge about birth control, STDs and other various sexual wellness topics. In addition to being rewarded with candy, all who stopped by the booth were provided with flyers, brochures, and even condoms to empower students to better care for themselves. Overall, the event was successful and we managed to reach out to over a hundred people. - Kassandra Hour



Volunteering at The Boys and Girls Club of Athens



The Alpha Iota Brothers continued to nurture a positive relationship with the Boys and Girls Club of Athens during the spring semester. With summer approaching, the Brothers of the professional/service committee thought it a great opportunity to teach the children the importance of drinking water, not sodas or sugary drinks, in order to stay hydrated.

Twelve Alpha Iota Brothers volunteered in hopes of engaging the boys and girls in activities that would highlight the importance of hydration; the kids were separated into four groups which would rotate through three activity zones. The first activity was to figure out what percentage of their body is composed of water, requiring one kid to volunteer and to have their body traced on poster paper. Then the other kids used crayons to color the percentage of the body that they believed was

composed of water. Fun facts, such as bodies are made up of about 2/3 water, water composition varies depending on age, and children have a higher water percentage than adults, were shared. The second activity explained to the kids where water was located in their bodies, utilizing facts like 2/3 of the water in our bodies are found in cells and that different body parts have different amounts of water. Finally, it was the kids' turns to tell us why water was important to them and how their bodies used water. The kids shared with us that water helps them cool down when it gets hot, and it helps them remove waste from their bodies. The visit ended with an egg hunt that rewarded the kids for how attentive and engaged they were. We hope the kids enjoyed our visit and we hope to continue our relationship with the Boys and Girls Club. - Huda Abdi

Professional/Service (cont.)



The St. Jude 5K

The St. Jude 5K was held on October 6th near UGA's very own Stegeman Coliseum. I had been training for about a month to do my first race in about 4 years so I was excited for the new challenge. The Brothers did a wonderful job of setting up a professional looking booth for shirts and prizes. As I went to the starting line to get ready to race, each of the Brothers who didn't want to run were assigned to a station. After running for about 15 minutes I faced one of the most agonizing hills in Athens. Determined to stay the course in the pursuit of excellence, I pushed myself not to walk and I accomplished my goal. I received my fastest run for a 5K and look fondly at my experience. - David Kim

Bingo Nights are Back!

The fine Brothers of Phi Delta Chi resumed the tradition of hosting Bingo Night at Morningside, an Athens assisted living community. On March 4 Brother Joe, Synthia, Ruchita, Trinh, Hannah, Nathan, Natalie and Jacqueline set up, recruited residents, and ran the game, handing out gifts to reward the winners. The bingo event was Mardi Gras themed and the winners received unscented soap and Kleenex! Each of the participants received three colorful Mardi Gras necklaces to help set the theme, and flashing for more beads was strongly discouraged.

We stayed for about an hour and played three to four rounds of bingo. This time, we chose to mix up the rounds between regular bingo, four corners and diagonal sequences to keep the residents interested in the game. We had seven of the residents participate and after three rounds, we had three very enthusiastic and well-deserved winners!

The residents are always excited to see us and have expressed their enthusiasm for the event numerous times. They get very into the game; many of the residents hide their "lucky" bingo cards in between board games, others refuse to use any chips other than the red ones. They sometimes get a little feisty and colorful with their language when they don't win! However, they are the sweetest people to spend time with. They are always happy to see us and are very talkative. They really appreciate the time we spend with them and they give us ideas about different themes for the next time we visit. Bingo Night was a success and the Brothers had a splendid time! - Ruchita Amin



Cleaning Up the Streets

Adopt-A-Highway began as a community service event for the 2011 Pledge Class and the tradition continues today. Phi Delta Chi sponsors a one mile stretch of Timothy Road from Ruthwood Lane to St. James Drive in Athens. Gathering in the early morning light, we divided up our tools and each Brother selected a tool to master. We then broke into groups of two on each side of the road and began picking up empty bottles, cans, candy wrappers, paper bags and other surprising debris that happens to find itself on the side of the road, with one person picking up the trash with the grabber while the other holds the bag. It took us about an hour and a half to finish.

I felt like it was a great bonding experience since we would usually be paired with a Brother that we may not have spent too much time with prior to this experience. The very first event I went to was when I was still a pledge, and was grouped with fellow pledges Naderia and Vidhi. During that time we had the opportunity to get to know the Brothers and other pledges and joke around while cleaning up. By the end of the half mile portion that we covered, we had a bag full of trash that we left at the Phi Delta Chi sign for the city to pick up, and so that bypassers could reel with envy at our accomplishments and the recognition Adopt-A-Highway bestowed upon us. All in all, we had a great bonding experience and we all felt empowered after spending a crisp early morning with Brothers. - Natalie Labrador

Professional/Service (cont.)



Rent-A-Brother

At winter retreat, the professional/service committee decided that sometimes the best way to use ents is to get your hands dirty. Professional Service Co-Chairs Kasandra Hour and Joe Angelini refrom Dr. Wolfgang to get an early start on the fourth-year experience of free labor by advertising that we manual labor—everything from landscaping to manpower to anything else that was feasible for us to do- to the staff. In return for odd-jobbing, Brothers received donations for St. Jude, often competing with the amounts could contribute. Projects included raking leaves, cleaning gutters, moving a fridge, cleaning a car, and even helping to bathe a feline. No job was too tough for the Brothers to tackle, and every opportunity was seized. I'm pleased to report all Brothers involved in the cat washing have fully recovered and are doing well.

The most challenging obstacle was getting enough volunteers to meet the demands of the jobs that were requested, especially under inflexible time constraints. The Brothers really met this challenge as all requested jobs saw volunteers immediately and with an ample number to get the jobs done in a satisfactory manner. A bonus of this project was the opportunity for our Augusta Brothers to participate in equal capacity as Athens Brothers, considering the inequity of the labor pool available in Augusta.

On top of raising money for St. Jude, Brothers were also rewarded with getting to know their faculty members better. Each job provided unique opportunities and time for Brothers to converse and bond with faculty members in their natural habitat. Dr. Fagan even provided a meal for the Augusta Brothers....jealous!!! It also showed faculty members how committed Phi Delta Chi is to charity, as they were willing to give up their valuable studying, working, and relaxing to perform laborious duties at no cost all for the good others.

As one of the Professional Co-Chairs, I was very happy that it was brought up by one of our committee members and implemented this year. It was indeed a very challenging and time consuming task, however the experience and rewards gained from being involved in this project far exceeded the difficulties. I highly recommend that this project be used again in the future and see a great potential for it being a huge success in years to come.

Professional/Service (cont.)



Speaking up for Learning Ally

Conveniently located on UGA's West Campus, the Learning Ally program has been serving the Athens community for almost 60 years. Formerly known as Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, the organization is devoted to providing educational materials for visually impaired individuals and those with learning disabilities. The Athens recording studio is one of 11 sites across the nation where volunteers can record educational and leisure reading material suitable for all grade levels and ages. Those who are in need of these services can gain access to the digital audio library of more than 54,000 titles which are playable on both Apple- and Windows-based platforms. Pledge class president Natalie Labrador took point in contacting Learning Ally, and a survey was sent out to the pledge Brothers to gauge interest the in participating in the cause. Because of the size of the pledge class, we split ourselves into two groups and volunteered on October 23rd and October 28th, 2013.

Upon entering Learning Ally, we were greeted by the friendly staff and ushered to a room where we watched a video that outlined their mission and highlighted testimonials from individuals and families that have benefitted from the organization's work. Children with ADHD, blind college students, and visually impaired adults told their stories and praised Learning Ally for its dedication to helping them succeed despite their learning obstacles.

In an attempt to interact and get comfortable with our fellow pledge Brothers, we each decided to pair up with someone that we had not had much interaction with thus far. The book that we recorded is titled Blindsided, a fictional narrative about a 14-year old named Natalie and the struggles that she and her family endure due to her gradual onset of blindness. In the soundproof recording booth, there were two tasks: one person read the book into the microphone and the other operated the computerized recording software, and halfway through the session they reversed roles. If the reader made a mistake or got tongue-tied, the person managing the software had to rewind the recording and determine a good place for the reader to resume reading. This resulted in many laughs along the way, and the joint effort of accurately recording the novel in the booth fostered a spirit of teamwork and closeness. Brother Kaley Corley echoed the sentiment of the entire pledge class when she said: "I really enjoyed the chance to help others by doing something as simple as reading a children's book." It was a win-win situation: we were able to contribute to a great cause, and individuals who have difficulties reading various texts can have more readily accessible learning materials. Production director Eleanor Cotton was eager to have 27 budding pharmacists lend a helping hand, and she expressed a desire for the pledge class to return and record science textbooks in the future! —Brittany Thompson



Social



Camaraderie at Carnivore Carnival

On Saturday October 5th, the Alpha Iota Chapter held its annual "Carnivore Carnival" (formerly "MeatFest") at the Summit in Athens. Brothers, pledges, and alumni from across the state met to take a study break and enjoy hamburgers, hotdogs, and each other's company. As Brothers mingled, the nail-biting, on-the-edge-of-your-seat UGA-Tennessee game played. Although injuries plagued Georgia, everyone's eyes were glued to the screen as the game went into overtime. After the touchdown by Tennessee was ruled a touchback, everyone was on their feet for Georgia's next possession and field goal sealing a 34-31 victory. Altogether, it was a day of excitement and Brotherhood! - Brittany Lawrence



The Homecoming Tailgate

GO DAWGS! That was the phrase that was chanted most often during Homecoming game weekend. Alpha Iota kicked off the homecoming game weekend in traditional Bulldawg spirit: hosting a tailgate event! It was a beautiful Saturday afternoon in the Bulldawg Nation as Brothers gathered together to cheer on the UGA Bulldawgs during their Homecoming game against Appalachian State University. The social chairs, Brother Michael Arena and Brother Abel Kusovschi, put in a lot of work along with their committee members to make this tailgate the successful and enjoyable event that it was, but they weren't alone. Brothers were assigned responsibilities and tasks in the weeks leading up to the tailgate and even on the day of the tailgate Brothers were displaying AAAE by stepping up and volunteering to do things without having to be asked.

Brothers arrived early in the morning to set up tables, pitch the tent, set out food, and get the grill fired up. As the time got closer to kick-off, the tailgate area was filled with Brothers - they were enjoying food, good laughs and conversations, and snapping photos left and right. It was also a great way for our new potential members to get to know Brothers and meet so many Alumni. About thirty minutes before kick-off, Brothers recited the drinking song together and cheered loudly together for the Bulldawgs. Many Brothers stayed at the tailgate site while others made their way to the stadium to grab seats before the game started. Once at the game, Brothers sat together and cheered on the UGA Bulldawgs as they lit up the field with a winning final score of 45-6.

The Bulldawgs weren't the only team being celebrated at the tailgate. Alpha Iota also celebrated Founder's Day during the tailgate. A large decorated sheet cake was brought out and Alumni Brother Dr. Ashley Hannings was asked to do the honor of cutting the cake. More than 40 Brothers, including Alumni, gathered around to celebrate our fraternity. All in all, this weekend was a great way for friends and family to enjoy the game and each other's company. - Nirali Naik



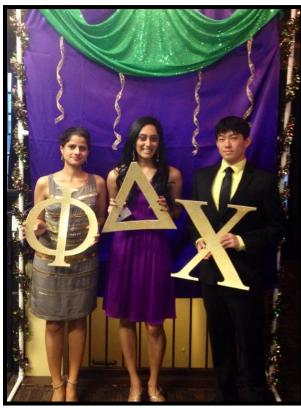
Laser City Battleground: EROTHERS VS PLEDGES

The Brothers and pledges of Phi Delta Chi traveled to Buford, GA to reach the battleground at Laser City. The teams were immediately decided – Brothers versus pledges. Which team would claim victory? Battle gear and weapons were chosen, and players slipped into their alter-egos (Megatron, Chewbacca, and Master Chief were among those destined for victory). The doors to the battle ground opened, and everyone scattered throughout the dark maze of barrels and staircases. The constant sound of laser fire and the thud of fallen comrades reverberated through the air. The pledges made a valiant effort but were defeated by the Brothers. New teams were chosen, this time mixing Brothers and pledges. The battles got tougher as the day went on.

Between rounds, Brothers and pledges played air hockey and engaged in Brother interviews. Alumnus Crystal Beal joined in and spoke about life after pharmacy school. She exemplified to the pledges that Brothers of Phi Delta Chi are Brothers for life.

After the final round ended, the Brothers and pledges were exhausted and needed food. Eventually, everyone met at the food court in the nearby mall. Specifics of the laser tag battles were recalled as the delicious food was devoured. Finally, it was time to go back to Athens. Though it was the first Phi Delta Chi event as actual pledges, the pledges were able to quickly establish a camaraderie among themselves and the Brothers. All hailed Brother Michael Arena for arranging and dominating the event.

Social (cont.)



Formal 2014: Mardi Gras Style

Formal was held at the historic Athens landmark, the Foundry Park & Inn, on March 1, 2014. This year's theme was Mardi Gras and the galleria was adorned with gold, purple, and green centerpieces and beads for everyone to wear. Faculty, Alumni and Collegiate Brothers were elegantly attired and greeted each other as they gathered together for an evening full of celebration.

After all guests had arrived, Social Committee co-chairs Payal and Trinh welcomed attendees and started the festivities by opening up the buffet. Attendees lined up for Foundry signature salad, traditional chicken piccata with lemon butter cream sauce, veggie/kale tofu stir-fry with curry coconut pasta, and fresh thyme and asiago potatoes au gratin. During dinner, guests enjoyed a slideshow showcasing PDC events throughout the year. During the award ceremony, certificates were presented to Brothers who achieved Dean's List or Presidential Scholar during Fall semester. Plaques were given to Faculty of the Year, Alumni of the Year, Executive Board Member of the Year, Brother of the Year, and Pledge of the Year. Beautiful red sashes were given for winners of the gag superlatives while the audience enjoyed a few laughs. For dessert everyone enjoyed traditional King's Cake sticking true to the Mardi Gras theme of the evening.

As the ceremony ended, guests enjoyed taking pictures with Mardi Gras masks and boas in front of the themed backdrop. Celebrations continued late into the evening and Brothers celebrated downtown after the venue closed. —Khushbu Patel

Fundraising



The Year in Fundraising

This year, the Fundraising Committee came up with a few major events to raise money for the Chapter. One of the major events held in the spring was the bake sale in February, which turned out to be a big success. Originally, the bake sale was set to be held during Valentine's Day week, but due to the surprise severity of the ice and snow (affectionately remembered as "Snowjam '14") causing school to be closed, the dates were moved to the following week. Despite the last minute changes and major tests looming in the immediate future, many Brothers were willing to help out during the event and signed up to bring baked goods. Those who did not bring baked goods still found a way to contribute by bringing store bought goods to sell. Prior to the bake sale, the Fundraising Committee also put together Valentine-themed prescription vials filled with different candies. Although it was no longer Valentine's Day, the vials surprisingly still sold pretty well. Approximately \$170 worth of baked goods and candy vials were sold within the three days that the bake sale was held. It was not only a successful fundraising event, but also a good brotherhood activity, for many Brothers came together to make this a successful event. I hope the future spring Fundraising Committee decide to have a Valentine's bake sale as well and make it a fun tradition for the Brothers. - Hyun Kim

Faculty Updates (now with more pie tossing for charity!)

Faculty Advisor Michael Bartlett was named the first Georgia Athletic Association Professor in Pharmacy, effective of October 1st. He also currently serves as interim Assistant Dean for Non-Traditional Education and Outreach (NTEO), and as the director of the College of Pharmacy's new Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences degree program.

Faculty Brother Warren Beach was recognized at an inventor's luncheon by the University of Georgia's Technology Commercialization Office for his role in developing topical glucosamine and glucosamine/anti-inflammatory mutual prodrugs, compositions, and methods. Dr. Beach's product received a patent approval and will be sold under the name Revalife.

Faculty Brother Paul Brooks is nearing the one year mark since his departure from the College of Pharmacy to his new role as Associate Vice President for Public Service and Outreach at UGA.

Faculty Brother Jim Bruckner was named a Fellow of the Academy of Toxicological Sciences in July. He has spent the last year serving on the US EPA Scientific Advisory Board Chemical Assessment Committee, and as a member of the Committee on Risks Associated with High Pressure Liquid Fracturing of Rock for the Board on Environmental Studies and Toxicology of the National Academy of Sciences. Sources say it's fracking interesting.

Faculty Brother Henry Cobb was recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus at the UGA College of Pharmacy Homecoming Tailgate festivities. He is enjoying the leisurely lifestyle of retirement by continuing to work at St. Mary's and still makes special appearances to teach COP classes.

Brother Ashley Hannings accepted a position within the College of Pharmacy IPPE department (and we don't hold that against her) last year and has served as our newest faculty Brother since. She has been an active and involved member of the fraternity, supporting and attending events, and even coming to weekly chapter meetings to dispense much appreciated advice.

Faculty Brother Keith Herist was recognized in July by the American Association of College of Pharmacy for 6 years of service on the AACP Board as treasurer.

Faculty Brother Charles McDuffie officially retired in December, but will still be assisting the APPE office and serving as a regional advisor for the Athens area students. He plans on competing with Dr. Cobb for the superlative of "least retired" at next year's formal.

Faculty Advisor Matthew Perri's book, Pharmaceutical Marketing, was published earlier this year and can be found on Amazon and other book sites. The book was co-authored by Brent Rollins, and is used in the curriculum for a pharmaceutical marketing course Dr. Perri began teaching this year. He insists he didn't create the class just to sell books, but his two 5-star reviews on Amazon are suspiciously written by students.

Faculty Advisor Randy Tackett will be presenting the first lecture, Medical Marijuana, at this year's Georgia Society of Health-System Pharmacists Summer meeting at Amelia Island. When he's not giving professional presentations about illicit drugs, Dr. Tackett remains busy serving as an expert witness in cases regarding liability and illicit drugs, and selling out crowds in his elective courses each semester (which often cover illicit drugs, of course).





Dr. Perri "helps" Dr. Beach



Alumni Spotlight: Tiffany Chong







Alpha Iota Brother Tiffany Chong is one of a kind. Her smile can light up any room and her cheerfulness can make any UGA pharmacy student forget the pains of Cathy White's pharmacokinetics. She is one of Alpha Iota's most dependable Brothers, making sure to always give her best efforts to the brotherhood. Despite the affection of her Brothers, Tiffany felt out of place in pharmacy school. Tiffany had known for some time that becoming a pharmacist wasn't the path that she should take and that her passions lied beyond anything that pharmacy could offer. It was this self awareness along with the realization that her lack of interest in pharmacy did not warrant having to complete the difficult curriculum that lead Tiffany to make a change. By the end of the first semester of the P2 year she decided to leave pharmacy school to pursue a career that her heart desired: making video games.

Shortly after leaving pharmacy school Tiffany changed her major to computer science and enrolled in classes within her new field. For the past semester she has been taking classes in Java programming and the math behind computer science. She has also taken a women's studies class, through which she has increased her awareness of the lack of representation of women in media, including video games.

Aside from academic endeavors, Tiffany has also created a few games on her own. Tiffany's first projects were created during her time in pharmacy school and served as a creative outlet in the midst of the chaotic bulk memorization and regurgitation-based curriculum. Now she has created even more games (some of which can be found here: waffrus.newgrounds.com). Currently, her games include dating simulations and other novel-like games, but she plans to expand her portfolio once she gains more experience at computer programming. She has also embraced female lead characters in of some of her games, in hopes of rectifying the dearth of female video game protagonists. With a newfound determination to learn all she while earning her computer science degree, Tiffany is looking forward to a bright career in the workforce.

Though her journey is different from the typical Alpha Iota Brother, she has the full support of the entire chapter. If Tiffany puts even half of her effort into her new career as she has in being an PDC Brother, there is no doubt that she will accomplish all of her goals. She exemplifies that a PDC Brother is a Brother for Life, regardless of profession. - Darryl Patman



Alumni Spotlight: Sean Greene

Sean Greene is an alumni Brother of the Alpha Theta Chapter at the Albany College of Pharmacy. Currently he works as a retail pharmacist for Walgreen's and has been with them for about 13 years. Even though he graduated from pharmacy school in 2000, he is still actively involved with Phi Delta Chi, which extends to both a regional and national level. He had served as the East Regional Correspondent from 1999-2000 and also served on the Grand Council Planning Committee for the San Antonio Grand Council in 2005. Shortly thereafter, Sean and 2 other Brothers help modernize fraternal operations and later transitioned the National office to it's present location in Michigan. At this time, he is in the planning stages of creating an Atlanta-based alumni chapter. This alumni chapter would be a way to bring together Brothers not based on where they came from, but rather based on where they are; no different than a collegiate chapter.

Sean's involvement in Phi Delta Chi has continued to grow over the years. He has organized an alumni cabin in Gatlinburg for the last four years and used it as a way to keep in touch with Brothers he's met at other national or regional events. This past year they had 33 alumni Brothers from 18 different chapters in the cabin. In addition, he organized a bowling tournament as a fundraiser for St.Jude Children's Research Hospital at the most recent Grand Council; winners received the honor of having donations to the hospital submitted under their names. Over 120 Brothers participated, raising more than \$3000. Sean plans on bringing back the "Strike Out Cancer" bowling event at the next Grand Council in

Albuquerque in 2015. The heart of the fundraiser is not only to help out a worthy cause, but to pay homage to his love for bowling that was instilled in his life when he was only a child; he competes all over the Southeast and welcomes any challengers who would like to play. Beyond bowling, Sean also enjoys woodworking and traveling.

Being a Brother has enriched Sean's life in multiple ways. For instance, an Alpha Iota Brother, Robert Marx, contacted Ed Sean about the position he's held at

Walgreens. Recalling his time in school, Sean remembers that he had a wonderful time being involved at the collegiate level and some of his fondest memories and stories came from that period. Being involved in the fraternity in college and beyond has helped with his confidence, interpersonal relationships, and allowed him to more fully enjoy life. While being involved in the national office, he also gained some useful business, computer, and event planning skills over the years.

Sean and Brooke Greene (middle) at Gatlinburg Retreat



Here's some advice from Sean to the Brothers: Even though it may change, the fraternity will always be there. Your personal perspectives will change, but to this generation of Brothers it will still be just as great. Also, being a Brother is an active process; the more involved you are, the more you will get out of it.- Vidhi Doshi

Alumni Spotlight: Ashley Hannings

Dr. Ashley Hannings graduated from the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy in 2011. After graduation she spent 2 years in

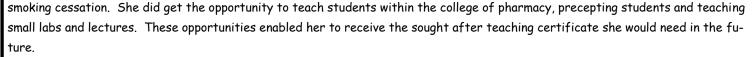
residency training. She has now returned to UGA as an assistant professor in the public service track of the Pharmacy School.

During her time in Athens as a student, Dr. Hannings knew that her interest in pharmacy was primarily directed toward the clinical or academic fields. She took the Academic Pharmacy elective with Dr. Wolfgang and enjoyed it. However, it wasn't until she was on rotations during her fourth year that a picture of her ideal working environment began to form.

Her primary preceptor during her academic rotation was Dr. Duke in the College of Pharmacy's Experience Programs office. One of her duties during rotations was to help Dr. McEwen and Dr. Welch precept students in the HealthyDawgs and HealthyFit programs. She had the opportunity to help the college prepare for a visit from accreditation agencies, and also helped organize a Diabetes Day.

By the end of her rotation with the experience office she knew that she wanted to pursue a career in Academia that would bring her back to the environment she loved so much on rotation. As she prepared to apply to residencies, she looked for programs that were strong in ambulatory care and affiliated with a school of pharmacy. She scrutinized potential sites to ensure the program also provided her with a teaching certificate upon completion. After dedicated research and preparation, she ended up at the McWhorter School of Pharmacy at Samford University.

Samford University's residency was centered out of the Jefferson county Department of Health in Birmingham, and the main focus of the program was Ambulatory Care; her areas of practice were outpatient clinics, diabetes care, and



As she reached the end of her PGY1 she debated whether to go ahead and seek employment in Academia or to better prepare herself for her career, and pursue a PGY2. After much debate she decided to ensure she'd have the ability to tailor herself to the kind of career she wanted and applied for PGY2 residencies. She matched with a fantastic dual program at the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy in Chapel Hill which allowed her to spend half of her time at Kerr Drug and half in academia. As her teaching experience increased her anxiety from standing in front of a classroom waned and she became more confident in her abilities. She also wrote her first published article and drafted her first manuscript.

Upon completing her second residency she began looking for open Faculty positions. She narrowed her search to the Southeastern states and programs with practice sites. The fates must have been in her favor because a short time later she came full circle, joining the faculty at the University of Georgia.

Her time here as a faculty member so far has been very rewarding and satisfying. Her fellow professors have been very encouraging and helpful as she begins to settle into her role here. The focus of her position currently is to work with students on introductory pharmacy practice experiences in their 2nd and 3rd years of school. She helps with service learning programs such as Beat the Pack and the immunization clinics in the fall. She also works with Jeff Sanford in the Small Business Development Center at UGA to co-coordinate the pharmacy entrepreneurship elective. In addition, Dr. Hannings plans to seek opportunities for the College of Pharmacy to expand employee health initiatives on campus. - Jason Flanders





Graduating Class 2014



Congratulations to the 2014 graduating class!

Front row (L-R): Thuy Nguyen, Ah Hyun Jun, To-My Dinh, Sandra Quach, Joanne Yi, Lopa Joshi

Back row: Chris Stiles, Jessica Chen, Katherine Kwon, Charles Durham, Chris Dobry, Phoeny Li, Toan Tran

Not pictured: Jennifer Lee, Sook Kim, Ami Patel



2014 Residency Matches

Jessica Chen - Piedmont Hospital; Atlanta, Georgia

Charles Durham - Sentara RMH Medical Center; Harrsionburg, Virginia

Lopa Joshi - Sarasota Memorial Hospital;

Sarasota, Florida

Ah Hyun Jun - Grady Health System; Atlanta, Georgia

Ambili Prasad - Lebanon VAMC; Lebanon Virginia

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Thank you for being our Brother for life!

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Darryl Patman and Rebecca Howell