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Words from the Editor

First off, I want to thank every Brother who has been able to contribute to this year's publication, I couldn't have done this by myself and without the help of my Brothers, In addition, I would like to give an extended thank you to Brothers Carryl, Austin, and Elizabeth for helping me gather content and edit this edition of The Crucible, Creating our publication has been an amazing experience and I am really glad I was given the opportunity to do so, I hope everyone is able to enjoy reading through it as much as I did creating it, Let us reminisce through our memories of 2022 through 2023!

AAAE!



Your Worthy Prelate, Helene Gao

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Letter from the Worthy Chief Counselor



Dear Alpha Iota,

As my term comes to a close, I find myself reflecting on the incredible journey we have undertaken together over the past year. It has been an honor and a privilege to lead this exceptional group of individuals, and I am grateful for the unwavering support, camaraderie, and memories we have shared during my time on board. It is with a blend of nostalgia, pride, and a hint of bittersweetness that I bid farewell to my role as WCC of the Alpha Iota Chapter of PDC. The time has come for me to pass on the torch, and as I do so, I want to take a moment to reflect on the remarkable journey we've embarked upon together.

I vividly recall the day I stepped into this role, a heady mixture of excitement and trepidation coursing through my veins. Over the past year, we have faced challenges head-on, celebrated victories large and small, and forged bonds that have become unbreakable. Each event, each meeting, and each late-night discussion -- an unforgettable memory, Together, we've achieved milestones that will be etched into the history of our fraternity. From our record-breaking philanthropic efforts, which touched the lives of countless individuals in our community, to the memorable social events that brought joy and laughter to us all, our dedication has been unwavering. It's the collective spirit of Brotherhood that has fueled our success, and I want to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for being an integral part of this journey.

To my incredible executive board and committee members, you have been the backbone of our fraternity's operations, It is important to remember that leadership is a collective effort, and your tireless dedication, creativity, and resourcefulness have set an example for all, Your willingness to go the extra mile has not gone unnoticed, and I am proud to have had the privilege of working alongside you,

As I prepare to step aside and make way for new leadership, I am filled with hope and anticipation for what lies ahead. The incoming WCC and their board bring fresh perspectives and ideas that will undoubtedly propel PDC to even greater heights. Remember, the legacy we leave behind is a testament to our shared commitment to excellence.

Though my time as WCC may be ending, my commitment to PDC remains unshakeable, I look forward to cheering you on from the sidelines, participating in alumni events, and offering my support wherever it's needed. The bonds we've formed are lifelong, and I am eager to see the continued growth of our fraternity through your collective efforts,

In closing, I want to thank you all for an unforgettable chapter in my life. The memories we've created, the friendships we've nurtured, and the impact we've made will forever hold a special place in my heart. As I step down, I am reminded of the words of our fraternity's motto: "Each needs the help of the other", Let us carry this sentiment forward as we continue to make a difference in the lives of others and embody the spirit of true brotherhood,

AAAE, Shyam Patel









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Elaine Chan



Diana Dang



Janis Dao



Adam Le



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Parth Patel



Carolyn Vu



Stephen Wu



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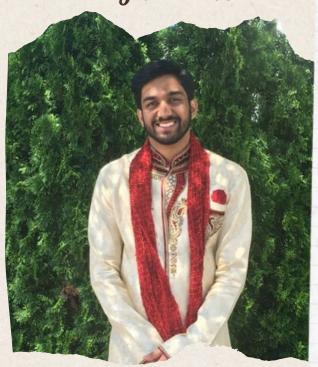


Rebecca H. Stone

Leadership

Worthy Chief Counselor

Shyam Patel



As bittersweet as it is to say goodbye, the time has come for me to move on from this wonderful role that I have truly cherished. Serving alongside this board has been an incredible experience that I will forever hold close to my heart. The camaraderie, support, and shared passion for our work have made every day a joy to be a part of, I am eternally grateful for the valuable lessons learned, the memories made, and the friendships forged during my time here. Though I am sad to leave, I am also excited for the new opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. Thank you all for making this journey unforgettable.

making this journey unforgettable. Congratulations, Kim! I couldn't wait to tell you how incredibly thrilled I am to witness the beautiful transformation you've undergone recently. Seeing you step out of your shell and embrace the world with newfound confidence brings me immense joy, Your once—shy demeanor has evolved into a radiant aura that illuminates every room you enter. The way you engage with others, share your thoughts, and showcase your talents is truly awe—inspiring, Watching you grow in self—assurance and embrace new experiences is a testament to your incredible strength and resilience. I feel privileged to be a part of this incredible journey, and I can't wait to continue witnessing your endless potential unfold, Keep shining, my dear friend, and never forget the incredible impact you have on those around you,

I am excited to be the next WCC of the Alpha Iota Chapter, Having spoken with previous WCCs including Shyam Patel, Stephen Wu, and Hui Lin, I feel incredibly proud and grateful for their efforts and dedications to building a strong chapter that embodies the traditions and history of Phi Delta Chi, Looking ahead to the next year, my goal is not only to maintain the achievements of previous years but to also create an environment that fosters growth and development for our Brothers, Working closely with our new WVC, Stacy, we aim to strengthen the bonds between our Brothers, spread more joy and friendships, and most importantly, help our Brothers achieve success in their journey to becoming skilled pharmacists.

Kim La



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Worthy Vice Counselor



As I reflect on my time as Worthy Vice Counselor for the 2022-2023 year, I can say that I loved my time to be able to serve on Phi Delta Chi's executive board in this capacity, PDC has truly been the best part of pharmacy school for me, and that's because of all the people that I have met through it, It was a joy to be able to see everyone at least once a week through Chapter even though we were all so busy, We had an amazing executive board this past year and they made my job so much easier, While I will miss my Brothers as I go on rotations for P4 year, I know that they will continue to do great things for this fraternity, and I can't wait to see what they achieve,

AAAE!

As the incoming WVC, I am excited to help advance PDC professionally and socially, I am striving to maintain the connection for satellite Brothers as many are sadly leaving, I will implement their participation through the upcoming Brotherhood activities and icebreakers, For those here in Athens, I want to help Brothers in their networking and professional development skills. I plan to have professional events geared toward updating CVs, encouraging more participation in student organization conferences, and having thorough seminars. For the social aspect, I look forward to recruiting new Brothers during Rush, and I plan to get to know the Brothers better, I want PDC to be more well-known in regard to professionalism, so I would like to do more to ensure PDC is successful in strengthening the Brothers for their future endeavors,



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Worthy Keeper of Finance

Jessica Ijeoma



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As the outgoing WKF, managing the finances of PDC was a huge responsibility, but one I enjoyed having, With deadlines in place and constant communication, my job was made easy, Keeping records of both the incoming and outgoing funds allowed me to see if there were any discrepancies in the totals and provide refunds if needed, Speaking of refunds, one of the biggest challenges I faced as WKF was with Venmo, Venmo was a reliable PDC account used to accept and return payments, but in the Spring of 2023, sending retunds was no longer possible, Therefore, we made the transition to using Zelle as the primary method for refunding payments to those owed, Let it be known that we still accept payments with Venmo, but use Zelle to refund, Thus, this setback taught me self-resilience and problem-solving in a timely manner, Moreover, I have passed all my knowledge down to the incoming WKF and I know she will do amazing,

I am really excited to be the new WKF this year. I think this position is a great opportunity for me to expand my leadership skills, and I am looking forward to being able to work with the new worthies and getting more involved in PDC. I know that it will be a lot of hard work, but we have a great team which will make it a breeze. My first year of pharmacy school would not have been the same without PDC and I am so excited to see what amazing memories the next year brings!

3ill Patel



WKFA

Outgoing: Bhavi Patel

Incoming: Tiffany Long

Worthy Keeper of Records and Seals

Vivian Nguyen



Thank you, PDC for another unforgettable year. Thank you for choosing me to be your WKRS for this past year. Thank you for trusting me with such heavy responsibilities. I truly enjoyed planning the summer and winter retreats, I will forever have everyone's smiles and laughs, from the retreat, engraved in my heart, I am proud to hand over my responsibilities to Alexandria Rakestraw, I am sure she will do an amazing job and I look forward to the many memories that have yet been made,

As the incoming Worthy Keeper of Records and Seals, I believe this position prioritizes team efforts and supporting other Brothers in our Chapter, In this position, I would like to fully support other Brothers in their events and help maintain a presence of camaraderie, I would also like to take the initiative and get feedback from the Brothers on how to make the retreats as maximally enjoyable as possible, I would like to incorporate elements of strengthening relationships between Brothers and hosting an environment of Brotherhood bonding, In addition to making retreats more hospitable to all Brothers, I would like to create an open line of communication between myself and P4s, and alumni so that active Brothers may know about potential opportunities for internships, shadowing positions, and more, I want to create a means for Brothers to pass along advice to the new candidate classes, I am looking forward to this position for the means of supporting other Brothers and ensuring the best experience possible for strengthening the Brotherhood,



Alexandria

Worthy Correspondant

Roswell Adams



My time as WC - along with my entire time in PDC Alpha Iota – was filled with support, friendship, and great personal development, I enjoyed getting to expand my connections and meet Brothers from other chapters as well as gain a deeper understanding of my own Brothers, It was an outstanding opportunity to cement my connection to our Brotherhood as well as personally develop my own understanding of my role here. For my successor and all tuture WCs, I would encourage you to approach the position with an open mind - it truly is what you make of it, You have the opportunity to forge strong ties between Chapters and truly serve as a bridge in our Fraternity, Each of you is always welcome to reach out to me - as well as members of other Chapters - in order to develop your understanding of this position, I'm sure you'll do great! This position and our Brotherhood are a blessing to associate with - create the opportunities you wish for yourself,

Being a part of PDC's Alpha Iota chapter has been one of the major highlights of my pharmacy school journey so far, and I am honored to be the next Worthy Correspondent, It is hard to believe that it has already been two years since I started pharmacy school and met so many wonderful people thanks to PDC, As WC, completing the chapter publication and reports may be challenging, but I'm looking forward to collaborating with my Brothers to create something we're all proud of, I aim to finish all reports in a timely manner, and hopefully to win the Chapter Publication as we did a few years ago, Despite being at a distant campus in Savannah, I look forward to staying connected with the Brothers, I want to make the Candidates feel welcome and show them what makes PDC great, I want to grow my relationships with the rest of the exec board and become a better student in the process, I am nervous and excited to discover what the next year has in store, but I will face every challenge and do the best I can, AAAE,



Worthy Alumni Liaison

Kelly Nguyen



During my year serving as WAL, I had the privilege of recounting the highlights of our Brotherhood and relaying them to our Alumni Brothers. Each month, I released a newsletter showcasing an event written from the perspective of one of the Brothers. It was a great opportunity to look back on fond memories as well as share them with others. This position allowed me to work on my writing and editing skills as well as work with our Alumni executive committee.

For the incoming WAL, Jessica, I wish that she is able to take the special moments she has with the Brothers and share them with the Alumni! I've learned during my time as WAL that the Brotherhood within our chapter is strong, I hope Jessica continues to strengthen the connection we have between Brothers and Alumni.

Moving forward as the new WAL, I am extremely excited about this position, My interest is continuing to serve and increase the recruitment of PDC alumni after graduation, The outgoing WAL (Kelly) has done a terrific job and I can only hope to use the tools and advice she has given me to continue to serve our alumni and further the outreach, Remaining organized and up to date with the deadlines for events, emails, reminders, etc. is one of the things I can do as WAL, Additionally, I would like to implement a program where PDC alumni or a PDC Brother come to speak about the impact of PDC on their pharmacy journey, where they are now, and their goals for the future, I think this would help many Brothers focus on where they want themselves to be in the future and know that the possibilities are endless, Additionally, sending our alumni little gifts that are PDC related, would be a great way to show them that they are never forgotten and always a part of the PDC family, Lastly, I look forward to working with our alumni as the new WAL and collaborating with our new executive board!

Jessica Ijeoma



It's a new beginning

Worthy Prelate

Helene gao



It has been a great pleasure serving our Chapter as Worthy Prelate this year! I am grateful for having the chance to capture the special moments for our Chapter and for our Brothers, From making our Rush video to posting fun memories on our social media platforms, to making our yearly publication, I've had a great time showcasing what PDC is all about,

To the next Worthy Prelate, Austin, I hope you will be able to experience what I've been able to and more! I know you'll do great, Definitely give it your best effort and always be on top of your tasks, but most importantly, have fun! Let your creativity shine as you build the next chapter for Alpha Iota,

I am honored to have been selected as the new Worthy Prelate, I look forward to capturing the moment throughout the upcoming school year, I am lucky to follow in the footsteps of Helene, the previous Worthy Prelate, as she has set an excellent example through her excellent work, This upcoming year will also be my first full school year as a Brother of Phi Delta Chi; therefore, I plan to make the most of it and continue to savor every moment with my Brothers,

Austin Seawright



a new beginning

Worthy Master-At-Arms

Tiffany Long



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Congratulations, Sidney! Seeing your hard work and dedication as Candidate Class President towards a group of people and organization that you hardly knew really showed us that you were going to be an amazing asset to Phi Delta Chi, It was confirmed after we saw your intricate party planning skills as the Social Co-Chair for the Spring Semester, seeing as Formal was a hoot! I, as well as many others, knew that you would be the best person for the role of WMA, I am spectacularly proud to be your Big! Always feel free to reach out, as next semester proves to be a demanding one, especially with this position, Plan early, stay ahead, and most importantly, have fun, though I know you'll have no problem with any of this, This is such a rewarding position and I'm looking forward to an amazing Rush and Candidacy put on by PDC's very own dynamic duo next semester!

As the incoming WMA, I am excited to help welcome in the new Candidate Class and grow our chapter of PDC, As the little of our previous WMA, I hope to live up to the high standard she has set and continue to improve our rush process, I want to revitalize our Brother selection process and add structure, I also want to implement minigames or "challenges" to encourage Candidates to interact with Brothers more, outside of their required one-on-ones, By doing this, I hope to allow the Brothers to create a stronger bond with incoming Candidates and also give them a more holistic review during Brother selection, I am eager to start working with my WIG, Maria, to usher in the new Candidate Class and improve our rush process,

Sidney Jones



It's a new beginning

Worthy Inner Guard

Rutri Patel



Hi Maria! First off, congrats on stepping into the role of Worthy Inner Guard for PDC - you're about to embark on an amazing journey! This position is both an honor and a responsibility, providing it to not only be challenging, but also extremely rewarding. It is filled with opportunities for personal growth and making a positive impact. As you take on this responsibility, my advice would be to embrace every challenge that comes your way, Yes, there might be moments when things feel a bit overwhelming, but each of those situations will ultimately contribute to your growth, Don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it - you're a part of a team, and everyone is there to support each other, Lastly, just be yourself and enjoy the journey! Have a blast and make the most the most of your time as the Worthy Inner Guard!

I am honored to be the Worthy Inner Guard for the Alpha Iota chapter for this upcoming school year! I remember starting pharmacy school without a clue of what organizations I wanted to join, The PDC WIG and WMA welcomed me with open arms at the time of my orientation. I hope to follow their steps and promote a welcoming and friendly environment for incoming pharmacy students, which I will accomplish by getting to know Candidates on a personal level, organizing enjoyable rush events, and aiding them in the completion of their Candidate tasks, In addition, I hope to positively represent PDC and hold Candidates up to the standards and expectations that define us as an organization, On top of my recruitment endeavors, I would like to grow myself professionally and further develop my speaking and organization skills as I host meetings and events, Some events I have planned for rush include a movie night, a picnic and painting event, and a game night! Overall, I am beyond excited to start my new role and allow PDC to expand and thrive,

Maria Ibrahim



It's a new beginning

Leaders in PDC

Presidents

Nikhil Bhatia - AMCP Jody Dinh - SNPhA Kelly Nguyen - APSO

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Trey Fulford - SOAP Helene Gao - APSO Tiffany Long - SNPhA

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Roswell Cole – UGA SGA Senator, APhA, GPhA
Trey Fulford – UGA MRC
Tiffany Long – APSO
Josie Luong – IPhO & GSHP
Maegan Morrow – SSPA-RxPups
Stacy Moua – SNPhA
Kelly Nguyen – SNPhA
Mary Nguyen – IPhO
Vivian Nguyen – IPHO & SNPhA
Parth Patel – SNPhA (National)
Zill Patel – SPDO & SNPhA
Alexandria Rakestraw – APhA, SCCP
Sarah Rehman – APSO & SNPhA

Scholarship

Study Brothers of the Month

September Jody Dinh



October & February Sarah Rehman



March
Tiffany Long



April Yim La



Scholarships & GPA Stats

Zell Miller Scholarship Recipients

· Trey Fulford, Miranda Walker

Hope Scholarship Recipients

· Sidney Jones, Elizabeth Lively, Kim Ngan Mai

Kroger Endowed Student Scholarship

· Kim La, Josie Luong

Individual Scholarships

Roswell Cole - Fred M. Peterson, MD Student, Bryant Pharmacy

Governmental Affairs Fund

Trey Fulford - Lake Family Scholarship, Andre Mackey Scholarship Fund

Helene Gao - Tommy and Patsy Bryan Independent Pharmacy Scholarship

Zoe Krenz - Foundation Various Scholarship 1

Stacy Moua - Jay Kimsey Neal Scholarship

Courtney Nguyen - Jim and Kim Andres Endowed Student Scholarship

Kelly Nguyen - James L. Youngblood Scholarship, Lee Webb, III Scholarship

Miranda Walker - 2022 Rare Artist Awardee for EveryLife Foundation for

Rare Diseases

Presidential Scholar (4,00)

Alexis Albert

Helene Gao

Maria Ibrahim

Sidney Jones

Zoe Krenz

Parth Patel

Miranda Walker

Dean's List (≥ 3,50)

Kim La

Elizabeth Lively

Tiffany Long

Kim Ngan Mai

Stacy Moua

2022-2023 PLS & Rho Chi Inductees

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Phi Lambda Sigma

Nikhil Bhatia

Helene Gao

Tiffany Long

Josie Luong

Kelly Nguyen

Rutvi Patel

Alexandria Rakestraw

Sarah Rehman

Rho Chi Honor Society

Helene Gao

Kim La

Rutvi Patel

Miranda Walker

Allyn Wardlow

Professional & Service Projects

Adopt-A-Highway

This past weekend I had the pleasure of volunteering for Adopt-A-Highway with some of my fellow Brothers: Helene, Jessica, and Elizabeth! When Elizabeth first asked who would like to volunteer for it, I immediately raised my hand, Giving back to the community of Athens in any way possible is something I always aspire to achieve, especially when it is through Phi Delta Chi and Adopt-A-Highway. The event was on Saturday from 9-11 am. It was a nice sunny day, Before heading to Timothy Road, where we would be cleaning up and keeping Athens beautiful, we all convened at a central area. From there, we all carpooled to the location, After that, we geared up and got right to it, The trail was a mile long. We started off on one side of the road, and then we would turn around and head back on the other side of the road, During this time, we looked out for trash and any recyclable material we could find, However, during our mile-long trip, we also came across some interesting things, We discovered a fossilized deer with all of its complete bones at the side of the road, which was something interesting that I had never seen before! Also, further down the road, we saw a beehive that caught our attention as well! Timothy Road was already pretty much in good condition with just a little bit of minor trash every few steps, However, it is pretty satisfying just knowing that by also picking that up and cleaning the roads, we are making a difference, After the mile-long walk to the other end of the Phi Delta Chi sign, we turned around and walked back to the other side of the road to pick up the trash, Once we were done, we decided to go get food together as a reward, which was quite delicious, Overall, it was a great experience and I enjoyed it very much! I look forward to doing this again with my fellow Brothers!

Rutvi Patel - 9/17/22



As the newly elected Professional/Service co-chair for the Spring 2023 semester, I had the pleasure of setting up the first Adopt-A-Highway of the semester. I was able to work with fellow Professional/Service co-chair, Brother Elizabeth, in the planning process, which included the reservation of the required supplies and logistics involved with meeting at Timothy Road, During the February 13th Chapter meeting, six Brothers volunteered to help: Brothers Courtney, Zoe, Vivian, Rutvi, Jessica, and Helene, On the morning of Adopt-A-Highway, we all met in the Epps Bridge Walmart parking lot, farthest out from the Market side between 8:50 - 9:00 am, We split up carpooling duties between the Brothers who were and were not getting lunch afterward. Since Brothers Helene, Rutvi, and Jessica were getting lunch afterward, they all carpooled with me while Brothers Zoe and Courtney carpooled with Brother Vivian, As soon as we parked in the parking spots available near the apartment and administrative office buildings near Timothy Road, I gave out reflective vests and each person decided whether they wanted to collect trash or recyclables along the route. If there is one concept we should continue to push as future pharmacists, it should be the health concerns associated with smoking - the amount of cigarette butts we found was astronomical! Within the two hours of cleanup, we collected a lot of fast food bags, bottles, and even stumbled upon what seemed like a deer carcass, After the cleanup, we all walked (or jogged) back to the cars, and me and Brothers Helene, Rutvi, and Jessica headed over to McDonald's to enjoy some food.

Miranda Walker - 2/25/23

Faculty & Staff Appreciation Breakfast

Each spring semester, PDC hosts a faculty appreciation breakfast! This year, the breakfast was on Friday, January 27th, Brothers worked together to prepare breakfast pastries, coffee, fruit, and cheese for our professors! Brothers Kelly Nguyen, Sarah Rehman, Shyam Patel, Alexandria Rakestraw, and Maegan Morrow helped facilitate the event. Our faculty advisors, Dr. William Huang and Dr. Joshua Caballero, were able to come and start their Friday morning with the Brothers, As WAL, I was looking forward to planning this event, The faculty and staff at UGA CoP have devoted their time to strengthening the foundation of our knowledge and have supported us through professional and personal obstacles. Thus, I am glad PDC is able to show our appreciation for their dedication and hard work, My favorite part of the breakfast was being able to work together with Brothers from the Athens campus, Despite being on different campuses, our bond has not faltered, During the planning of this event, I had a lot of support from our WCC, Shyam Patel, and WVC, Sarah Rehman, They helped post flyers and gave me feedback on how to best prepare for the event. The faculty and staff were very grateful for the breakfast and the opportunity to chat with Brothers outside of class, It was a good opportunity to converse with our professors in a less academic setting. Dr. Caballero told us about his time working as a pharmacist in Miami, and Dr. Jordan Khail told us about his experience working as a GDNA agent. It was entertaining to listen to their anecdotes about life after pharmacy school, It gave us a glimpse of what being a pharmacist entailed, Overall, I was excited to be able to carry on our annual faculty appreciation breakfast, Moving forward, I hope to plan more events for our faculty, staff, and Alumni Brothers,

Kelly Nguyen - 1/27/23







Journal Club

Presenting during journal club can seem like a daunting task, especially for those who are afraid of public speaking, but it is a great opportunity to practice and gain confidence before rotations come around. While it was challenging for me personally to stand in front of my peers and speak, I am really glad that I did!

For my presentation, I discussed the efficacy of targeted temperature management on neurological outcomes after cardiac arrest by looking at two articles, "Targeted Temperature Management for Cardiac Arrest with Nonshockable Rhythm" (Lascarrou et al., 2019) and "Hypothermia versus Normothermia after Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest" (Dankiwicz et al., 2021), I chose this topic because of my current interest in cardiology, and during our ACLS lecture, our professor briefly mentioned how targeted temperature management may not be as effective as previously thought,

Throughout my presentation, I discussed each study's objectives, their interventions, and their results/conclusions, as well as offering my own thoughts about them. Afterwards, I opened the floor to questions, and while this was the most nerve-wracking part for me, the Brothers asked some thoughtful questions. They also gave me some constructive feedback that I will continue to work on for future presentations.

Overall, it was a great experience that helped me work on my public speaking skills, and I encourage any Brother to do a Journal Club, no matter what year they are. It's great practice for rotations in the future!

Sarah Rehman - 4/5/23



Recruitment

First Recruitment Event: Ice Cream Social

Looking back, I remember first rushing for Phi Delta Chi as a P1. Even though it was during prime COVID, I had a blast playing games through Zoom with the Brothers and fellow those who attend our rush events by highlighting our Tiffany Long and Rutvi Patel, did a phenomenal job planning it out, complete with various flavors of ice cream, toppings, and even a charcuterie board. There was a good mix of P1 and P2 Many Brothers were in attendance to welcome them and the Fraternity or about classes in general, While I didn't that I had were very fulfilling and gave me a good impression overall, Towards the end of the event, Tiffany and Rutvi led a Kahoot that included questions about PDC, their upcoming essentials exam, and fun facts about pharmacy in general, great turnout, I am looking forward to our future rush events and continuing to get to know our potential Candidates.







Sarah Rehman - 8/24/22







Second Recruitment Event: Showtime Bowling

On Wednesday, August 31st at 6:30 pm, the Alpha Iota Chapter had our second rush event of the semester at Showtime Bowling in Athens, Future Candidates and interested students met with many of our current Brothers to enjoy a night of food and friendly competition. Once everyone arrived, we sat down in the party room and ate a delicious meal of Cali & Tito's sandwiches, a local staple, as everyone talked and mingled. After that, it was time for the games to begin! The turnout was great, and we had many Brothers from distant campuses make the journey back to Athens to meet some of the potential Candidates, After separating into teams of 4-5, the Brothers and Candidates began showcasing their skills, or lack thereof, in the lanes, One Brother tried out a unique technique that involves throwing the bowling ball in a curved path down the lane, On his first attempt, the ball veered right before taking a swift left just before hitting the pins, As it made contact, all 10 pins came rushing down, resulting in a strike and celebration from the crowd as we were impressed by this newfound talent, Apart from witnessing history in the making, I was able to interact with some of the future Candidates, including a P1 named Maria and a P2 named Miranda, Our stellar WIG Rutvi and WMA Tiffany planned this event as a way for the Brothers to learn more about the potential Candidates, as well as encourage the Candidates to learn more about our organization, Recruitment has been going well so far, and we are looking forward to the final rush event and the start of the official Candidacy period in the upcoming weeks!











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Third Recruitment Event: BBQ with PDC

In the late afternoon of Wednesday, September 7, PDC Brothers gathered at the beautiful Memorial Park picnic area to set up for a fun-filled gathering of Brothers and rushees, Our WMA Tiffany Long faced a challenge as her other half, WIG Rutvi Patel, was at home, sick, Though it seemed like the success of the whole event rested on her shoulders, a slew of Brothers showed up early to help set up tablecloths, fill up coolers, and set the food and plates out, Notably, esteemed Alumnus Aneet "Grill Master" Patel was crucial to the set-up and entire barbecue process as he manned the grill for hours, dishing out delicious hotdogs, hamburgers, and veggie burgers. As rushees and more Brothers started to appear, music played and conversation flowed freely, Everyone lined up for food shortly after 4 pm and they were greeted not only with meat (or meat substitute) hot off the grill and all the fixins, but also with roasted corn, fresh fruit, chips, sodas, and cookies. It was a veritable feast and everyone filled up while sitting at the picnic tables, Then, Tiffany called us all over to the grassy area to play "The Name Game", Everyone was quite energetic as we'd been well-fed, and the game progressed at break-neck speed, It came down to a final match between Brother Vivian Nguyen and then-rushee (now candidate) Alexandria Rakestraw, They met in the middle of the large circle of onlooking Brothers and rushees and battled in the ancient tradition of rock, paper, scissors, In the end, Brother Vivian was victorious, As the afternoon progressed toward evening and rain clouds formed in the distance, many in the group broke off to have more individual conversations and to play their own games, Many of the rushees proved their cornhole skills against Brother Allyn Wardlow who is still working on improving his game, Toward 6:00 pm, the party wound down and clouds began to gather, but the Brothers stayed behind to clean and pack up leftovers despite the weather, All in all, the day was a success for recruitment efforts, and everyone had a fun time. Over two-thirds of our current candidate class were in attendance, as well as the majority of the active Athens-based Brothers,

Allyn Wardlow - 9/7/22



Candidate Social & Service Event

This year's Candidate Social Event was a Halloween-themed Dress Up Party that was organized by our lovely Candidates at the Connection clubhouse, We had a total of 11 Brothers and 15 Candidates attending this event, Everyone looked so cute in their costumes, from the duo Stitches (Brothers Helene & Jessica), the Scooby-Doo duo: Velma and Daphne (Candidates Maria, Courtney & Sidney) to the Devil(ed) Egg (Brother Allyn & Candidate Maegan), The best costume of the night was awarded to Candidate Zoe with her gorgeous costume as Daisy Buchanan from The Great Gatsby, Besides pizzas, cookies, and drinks, our lovely Candidate Maegan Morrow also prepped a charcuterie board that was absolutely delicious and definitely kept all of us coming back for more! Brothers and their Littles played water pong (with a twist), foosball, table air hockey, and billiards and had a great time bonding with each other, I would also like to give a big shoutout to all of our Candidates this year for planning this awesome event so our Brothers could have a nice time getting to know them more,

Josie Luong - 10/22/22









At the beginning of our candidacy period for the Alpha Iota Chapter, we joined together to complete our required community service project, Each member of the Candidate class had a chance to propose a service project idea, For example, Candidate Courtney added Books for Keeps as a potential service project, where we would select the best day for us to sort out, organize, and pack books by grade level for children enrolled in the Athens-Clarke County school system, Additionally, I added a meal preparation opportunity for Athens' Bigger Vision, which is a shelter for the homeless, One Candidate mentioned trash pickup within the Athens area, as this would be the most appropriate community service project to closely align with what we would accomplish as Brothers through Adopt-A-Highway along Timothy Road in Athens, We agreed that trash pickup would be the most suitable task and worked with each other to determine the best time and day that would accommodate each Candidate's schedule. On the day of, we all met up near the RaceTrac gas station. and Candidate Stacy brought donuts for the occasion, We were given our gear and equipment and split up into two groups to cover more ground, We found many interesting things along the trails including prescription bottles, glass bottles, a broken rearview mirror, and a toilet – both groups collected a total of approximately nine bags of trash and recyclables. We used this opportunity to work with other members of the Candidate Class while also giving back to the Athens community by keeping it clean,

Miranda Walker - 10/16/22

Big/Little Reveal

Big and Little Week — the week surrounded by mystery, mischief, and misleading clues, Halfway through the Candidacy process, eligible Brothers and Candidates are paired up to be Big and Little after getting a chance to know each other through interviews, A Big is someone that will help them throughout pharmacy school with advice, support, and friendship, During this one week every Fall semester, Brothers get to give hints, whether helpful or not, to their Littles to help them decipher who their Big is by the end of the week.

The Candidates weren't only just being teased with hints, they were also showered with wonderful gifts and food to help them get through the stressful time that is pharmacy school! Monday and Tuesday consisted of personalized gift bags from the Brothers, Wednesday, the Candidates were gifted a delicious Chick-fil-A breakfast, Thursday, the Candidates were gifted a refreshing drink from either Starbucks or Bubble Cafe, which they got to enjoy at the UGA COP's annual Pharmtoberfest, And Friday was the big day: Big/Little Reveal!

Friday evening, the Candidates gathered in Pharmacy South 201 to play a series of games in teams of 3-4 for a chance to win a clue that would lead them to their Big, Each clue won gave a hint to a seat number to where they would find an oversized gift bag, along with a Polaroid picture of their special person. As much as there were Littles who were surprised, there were Littles who had already figured their Bigs out, Luckily, I was blessed to have two Littles! Unluckily, they were both able to figure me out before the Big/Little reveal.

In the end, all the Candidates were gathered to collectively sing the Drinking Song once more. Then, everyone made their way over to Cali n Titos to enjoy dinner and recount the silly hints and gifts given during the past week, With that, the eventful week has come to an end but signals the beginning of a blossoming Brotherhood.

Tiffany Long

Brother's POV

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10/21/22

Everything about the Rush process had been exciting and lots of fun, but I must admit that the week I was looking forward to most was Big/Little week, I had heard so many fun stories about this week and I genuinely enjoyed my conversation with each Brother I had, so I knew every Brother eligible for a Little would make a fantastic Big Brother! Each day throughout the week, we would receive little notes and gifts from our Bigs attempting to give hints as to who they are. Each day, we would then be more and more confused, The potential Big Brothers were very clever in attempting to hide their identities, It was a really fun time trying to decipher clues, handwriting, and other drawings left on the notes by our Bigs. Every day, we would send pictures of our clues in our Candidate group message to compare notes because we were simply so excited, Our sleuthing skills are not quite as strong as our pharmaceutical skills, but nevertheless, it was such a good bonding experience for us. At the end of the week, the pique of all the fun was the Big/Little reveal on Friday. To begin the evening, we were all separated into equally sized groups to go through four mini-games. The anticipation and excitement built with each station to receive clues on who our Bigs were! The final reveal came with a countdown and a Polaroid of our sweet Bigs, I would've been lucky to have any potential Brother as my Big, but I ended up getting my very best friend as my Big Brother, Brother Rutvi. This experience brought me so much closer to the people I would soon call Brothers, and quite a few cute ideas for my future Little.

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Alexandria Rakestraw



















Paddle Reveal

Phi Delta Chi's Paddle Exchange was a rewarding experience as it gave me a sense of belonging to PDC. Before designing the paddles, Big/Little Week was entertaining as Littles were given gifts and had fun guessing who their Bigs were. I had a feeling that Brother Elizabeth was my Big. but I did not want to speculate because others thought they had her too. Luckily, it was me who got her as my Big! I was excited to have her as my Big since I was able to talk to her guickly and regularly between classes. I learned more about Brother Flizabeth, and I came up with some plans to do a Disney theme since she liked Disney. To double-check, I reviewed her paddle with her Big, Brother Sarah, to get more inspiration. Her paddle had Baymax, and Brother Sarah's paddle had Baymax. I thought it would be cool to continue to add Baymax into the paddle as he is known to serve in the healthcare community and help people which is what the profession of Pharmacy is. However, I wanted the paddle to relate to PDC as I learned so much from the Brothers, so I decided to do something different. For the background, I used a teal color to represent the tranquility I experienced when talking to my Big. Then, I used a white border to make the teal pop out. For the Disney theme, I would incorporate two characters from Liz's (her nickname) favorite Disney movie, which was Moana, and I would incorporate two characters from my favorite Disney movie, Mulan. I painted Pua and Hei-Hei from Moana, and I painted Mushu and Cri-Kee from Mulan. I painted the two characters that were closest to the heroines as they supported Moana and Mulan in their hardest times. In PDC, the motto is "Each needs the help of the other", and that is exactly what the characters did for the heroines and what my Big did for me. Pua was Moana's best friend as she ventured into the water and made her happy when she was down. Hei-Hei went with Moana on her journey to retrieve the heart of Te Fiti, and he helped her a couple of times by keeping the gem safe (even though he swallowed it to keep it safe). Mushu was crucial in supporting Mulan through her training by feeding her meals and protecting her when she was bathing in the pond. Cri-kee helped Mulan by getting a firework shot at Shan-yu when she was escaping from him. Those characters all helped the heroines, and that is what PDC consists of—helping others in need. Furthermore, they also represented the reflections of PDC such as "let us cherish family" and "let us do good because it is a pleasure" since they were part of the heroine's family and supported them through the good and bad times. Then, I added flowers around Mushu and Cri-Kee as it was a metaphor for Mulan. I added waves around Pua and Hei-Hei to symbolize Moana's love for the water. To finish the paddle, I placed the PDC crest and symbols in the center to emphasize that PDC is what brought liz and me together, and I am thankful to have joined PDC as she and the other Brothers have helped me navigate and enjoy my P1 semester. When presenting the paddle to liz, it was sentimental as she loved it. Each character could be seen as a Big/Little as they were family in the movie, and that is similar to how liz and I are in the same family now. Stacy Moua - 11/5/22













Brotherhood

Summer Retreat

This past summer, 15 of our PDC Brothers including Jody Dinh, Rutvi Patel, Shyam Patel, Vivian Nguyen, Roswell Adams Cole, Allyn Wardlow, Elizabeth Lively, Valery Capeda, Andrea Jais, Josie Luong, Nikhil Bhatia, Mary Nguyen, Sarah Rehman, Tiffany Long, and Helene Gao traveled to Northern Georgia to spend their last couple days of summer freedom right before school started. This year's summer retreat was hosted by our new Worthy Keeper of Records of Seals, Vivian Nguyen, at the Morning Breeze Cabin Rentals located in Ellijay, GA, The Brothers spent three days and two nights in a 14-person cabin, Throughout the retreat, our Brothers were able to build stronger connections through deep conversation, competitive activities, and brainstorming meetings, During our deep conversations, we learned about each other's fears, likes, and embarrassing stories, The competitive activities we participated in included figuring out which Brother was drinking coca cola and which Brother was drinking soy sauce just by looking at their expressions, Another competitive activity we all participated in was one of our favorite childhood games, rock-paper-scissor, Since there is truly no strategy to winning, other than pure luck, we Brothers were very compelled to win this childhood game. This entire retreat did not only contain fun moments but also some professional moments where we sat down together in the living to brainstorm the future events for our upcoming school year, Every Brother was placed on a specific committee to help divide the responsibilities in planning future events. We had a fundraising team in charge of coming up with ideas to help bring more funds to our fraternity. We had a professional and social committee to help plan volunteer opportunities to give back to the community, We also had our social committee help plan events to meet our potential new Brothers and events to strengthen the connections between our current Brothers, Since this was my first time planning a time trip, there were definitely some flaws, such as not buying any toilet paper and having to use paper towels as wipes since the cabin had insufficient supplies for us. Another flaw was not having a can opener for our large cans of corn that were eventually pried open by our brave WCC, Brother Shyam Patel. The flaws of this retreat were what made the trip even more memorable. My favorite memory from this trip was when our WVC, Brother Sarah Rehman, thought of this incredible game where every Brother tied a small balloon loosely to their ankle and whoever left the basketball court with their balloon unpopped was the winner, Last but not least, I truly enjoyed the smallest details about this trip, I am grateful to have experienced every Brother caring for one another, whether it being a buddy system to take a walk outside or a simple "Do you need some help?" when it came to prepping and cooking the ingredients for each meal. This retreat truly helped us Brothers get closer to one another. I hope that in the upcoming summer retreat, we will have some alumni Brothers join us so they will be able to relive the fun from Phi Delta Chi,





Winter Retreat







To start off 2023, the Brothers of Alpha Iota traveled to our favorite location for Winter Retreat, the River Cabins in Ellijay, All of the Brothers were excited to introduce our new Brothers to the tradition of our retreats, and we were ready to start off the Spring Semester with a fresh, new start, Brother Sarah and I planned the itinerary and designed new Brotherhood Activities, Brother Vivian did an excellent job of coordinating meals to help keep everyone happy and fed,

To everyone's delight, Alumni Brother JJ came to participate and mingle with new Brothers. He came to visit, give advice to everyone, and surprise us with Starbucks and breakfast for everyone. He also held a karaoke-style type of game much like a game show that everyone really enjoyed. Our spring committee chairs brainstormed during the break and pitched their ideas to their committee members during committee breakout time. Afterward, the chairs presented their plans to the entire Chapter and received input, With the input we received we were able to get a head start and plan out the majority of the semester, taking a lot of stress off all the committee head and executive officers. I personally was also able to ask current Brothers about interest in future leadership positions, especially for the person who would replace me as the WCC.

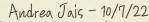
We continued our tradition of "Love Notes", and Brothers surreptitiously wrote special messages to each other throughout the Retreat, Brothers bonded and shared our thoughts and hopes about Alpha Iota, Getting to know everyone including the new Brothers was the highlight of the trip, By our last day, the Brothers were enthusiastic and eager to return to Athens to kick off another successful semester.

Shyam Patel - 1/13/23

Meatfest

At the beginning of October, the Alpha Iota Chapter had our annual MeatFest event! MeatFest is traditionally a BBQ event where Brothers and Candidates can get to know each other better, play games, and eat lots of delicious food! Last year, Brother Natalie and I had the pleasure of planning this event; so this fall, I was really looking forward to thoroughly enjoying this event simply as a Brother, Our lovely social chairs, Brother Mary and Brother Josie, worked extremely hard and planned a wonderful evening for all of us to enjoy, They provided us with a delicious taco salad bar, as well as lots of sides and yummy desserts for us to snack on,

What I really like about MeatFest is that it provides another opportunity for all of the Brothers to meet the Candidates outside of school! It's a more relaxing and cheerful environment for us to meet one another and chat, Many new connections and bonds were made through this event! The Candidates conducted several interviews with our Brothers, and it was great to have deeper conversations with all of them, A lot of the Brothers and Candidates instantly made use of the pool table and played several rounds up until the event was over, Toward the end of the night, the Candidates lined up so we could test their knowledge of the PDC drinking song. They performed the song in unison and sounded great! I remember having to sing the song just a few years ago, so it was fun to see the Candidates sing their hearts out, After their performance, some Brothers and Candidates said their goodbyes while some stayed to talk and play a bit longer, Overall, this year's MeatFest was a fun event and I hope all the Brothers and Candidates had a memorable experience!















Topgolf with Augusta Brothers

With the many stresses pharmacy students face, Topgolf was a terrific way to destress, enjoy the company of others, and continue to build solid relationships, Brothers from the Albany, Athens, and Augusta campuses (Brothers Helene, Folarin, Josie, Kelly, Mary, Matisse, Parth, Rutvi, Sarah, Shyam, Stephen, Tiffany, Vivian, etc.) reunited for a few hours of fun, great food, and friendly rounds of golf! Additionally, a couple of the Candidates joined us that afternoon to not only learn more about Phi Delta Chi, but the Brothers and vice versa through interviews, and to partake in the fun as well! I personally enjoy Phi Delta Chi's yearly Augusta trip as this is the event that solidified my interest in the professional fraternity, From the great advice to the laughs and comforting conversations, Topgolf is a fantastic way to bring people together, Brothers Mary and Josie, who are our social co-chairs, did a wonderful job planning this event, Everyone enjoyed themselves and had the chance to check in with their Bigs, Littles, or friends that they had not seen in a while due to busy schedules, Once our time at Topgolf lapsed, many of the Brothers decided to tour the city of Augusta (by going to the Augusta Mall, restaurants, etc.) before going their separate ways, Overall, a 10 out of 10 experience and I know that the Newly Inducted Brothers and the Fall 2023 incoming Candidates will enjoy this event as it hones in on our Brotherhood,

Jessica Ijeoma - 10/8/22





Game Night at The Rook & Pawn

The Alpha Iota Chapter had our first game night of the year at The Rook & Pawn, a board game cafe/bar located in downtown Athens. The way The Rook & Pawn works is as long as you buy a drink or food item from them, you will be given access to their entire board game library. As such, you can sit and play for as long as you want! You are also able to cater your own food if you desire to do so, which in our case, we did, Heading into the night, I thought that we would explore a whole bunch of board games, but that was not the case. Turns out, it takes a while to read instruction manuals, so we attempted games that some of the Brothers already played before. From this, we ended up playing Avalon, a hidden role/identity game where two sides are pitted against each other in order to complete quests, Avalon is a lot like the game Mafia, where there are discussions between rounds to determine who the bad and good people are. I have never been able to win a single round in this game. To change my tactics for this night, I ended up playing the first round a little sketchy and I was actually able to influence some of the Brothers' mindsets toward me for the remainder of the night, All in all, the game was still very enjoyable, In fact, it was so enjoyable we played Avalon for nearly 2 hours and I ended up buying the game afterward, Thank you Brothers Josie and Mary for planning such a great social night as well as all the other Brothers that came out! I am looking forward to the next game night we host.

Shyam Patel - 9/13/22

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Ice Skating Night

The Phi Delta Chi Alpha Iota Chapter participated in a very fun and engaging social event on December 3, 2022 - Ice Skating! It was held at the Classic Center in Downtown Athens at 7 pm. The Brothers in attendance were Brothers Vivian, Elizabeth, Jessica, Helene, Maegan, Josie, Morgan, Mary, and Courtney, The event was wonderfully planned by Brothers Josie and Mary, While there were some experienced Brothers, there were a few Brothers for which this was their first-time ice skating as they usually live in South Georgia or warmer temperatures in general. For the most part, the more experienced Brothers buddied up with the Brothers who were less experienced, There were several funny moments, like Brother Jessica losing her balance while holding on to Brother Maegan, and both of them falling on the ice, while somehow also holding onto the wall, Everyone was unscathed and okay, while both were laughing and Brother Maegan's sweater was even sticking to the ice! Later, Brother Jessica was holding on to the wall, but there were several kids that were in the way so she had to get off the wall on to more in the middle of the ice, Brother Jessica, to Brother Maegan, started saying "No, no, wait, I'm going behind you!! Don't leave me!!" She then proceeded to hold on to the back of Brother Maegan's sweater while she dragged her for a portion of the rink, Another fun memory happened in the last few minutes of our skating time. Brother Morgan found one of the trainer "seals" that is usually used by kids, but in this case, was occupied by several Brothers, Brother Josie even pushed Brother Jessica around the ice while she sat on the seal for the last few minutes of our time, Other memorable moments were towards the end where we wanted a group picture in the middle of the skating rink. We all skated to the middle, some way or another, and scootched together to get the cutest picture taken by a nearby skater, It was truly a wonderful and exciting time with fellow Brothers, especially to get a break from studying! Definitely can't wait for the next social event!

Maegan Morrow - 12/3/22





Murder Mystery

On the evening of April 14th, nine Brothers met at Sidney's house for a night of murder and mystery. As everyone arrived, we chatted, ate some food, and then the story began to unravel. The murder mystery game was built around a 1920s dinner party at a well-off gentleman named Glittersby's house, Someone stumbled upon a dead body and we had to determine who killed them based on certain hints and talking amongst each other. The game progressed in rounds in which we were given a piece of



evidence, we discussed our thoughts with each other while in character, then we rejoined as a group and questioned each other as prompted by a script. We all had our guesses as to who the murderer was as more and more hints and pieces of evidence were revealed. The two most suspicious guests were Maegan as "Imotta Bounds", a tennis player with a mean serve, and Sarah as "Shan Toozy" who was the victim's ex-lover. We debated for a few rounds, and eventually, the time came to make our final guess, Most people thought it was "Shan", although a few thought it was the host "Glittersby" himself, We voted, and the truth came out: it was Shan (Sarah)! After the mystery was solved, we were able to socialize some more before everyone went their separate ways, It was a lot of fun, and hopefully, we'll get even more Brothers to join us for the next murder mystery night!

Spring Formal

The Spring Formal of the Alpha Iota Chapter can simply be encompassed via one word: elegance, The timeless decor and simplistic color scheme allowed the natural beauty of PDC to shine through. The theme of the Spring Formal was Masquerade with a color scheme of black, white, and gold. The simplicity of this theme allowed Brothers to show creativity in their evening wear and their masks, and the Brothers of the Alpha Iota Chapter did not disappoint, Notably, Brother Elizabeth Lively wowed in a steam-punk style mask that complimented her steam-punk style dress perfectly, Brothers Sidney Jones and Maria Ibrahim planned the Spring Formal and did an excellent job with the intricate details, Many Brothers arrived in style on a bus organized by Brother Sidney to help transport many people to and from formal, Upon stepping outside the bus, Brothers were greeted with large marquee letters to spell out "PDC", The venue was filled with beautiful lights, intricate masks, and a photo booth to provide our Worthy Correspondent Helene Gao with beautiful memories to encapsulate the essence of this Brotherhood Event, In addition to the beautiful decor, the dinner selection had a consistent line of people ordering crepes. There was a customizable crepe station run by Holy Crepe, a local restaurant in Athens, Each individual could order a customizable crepe of their choosing, either sweet or savory, Brother Austin Seawright said, "I was impressed by the wide variety of crepe options at formal, I got the Strawberry and Nutella crepe and really enjoyed it!" There were many lovely awards, including Brother of the Year Brother Sarah Rehman, Alumni of the year Brother JJ Lee, and Faculty of the Year Brother Joshua Caballero, The speeches given by the Brothers receiving awards throughout the awards ceremony were touching and heartfelt, Paying homage to the P3s and their hard work and dedication to this organization was bittersweet, Individuals that the younger candidate classes have looked up to and are considered leaders of this organization show the dignity and respect that PDC embodies. This event was filled with the opportunity to celebrate our Brotherhood through enjoying the amazing company present and lots of dancing to our favorite songs, This was an enthralling Spring Formal, and so many Brothers contributed to the planning and success of this formal, I believe this formal encapsulated the creativity and strong organizational skills of our Brothers and was a Spring Formal to never forget,

Alexandria Rakestraw - 3/31/23











Alumni

Annual Homecoming Tailgate

Tailgating before UGA football games is a must! It is a time when you surround yourself with friends and get ready to cheer on your alma mater, It started early on Saturday morning. The Alpha Iota Chapter Brothers and Candidates gathered around the D.W. Brooks Mall near the Pharmacy building for this event, Laughter and the smack of bean bags on the corn holes could be heard throughout, Cheers and joy were spread all around the entire tailgate as we shared moments together, Social chairs Josie and Mary did an amazing job planning and setting up ways to keep all Brothers and Candidates entertained, We mingled with alumni and talked about our love for our fraternity, pharmacy, and football, Candidates, current Brothers, and alumni Brothers competed with each other in games such as the three-legged race and cup flipping! We feasted on delicious catered Mexican cuisine while still being diligent on the diets of our Brothers as well, As the event ended, people said their farewells and parted on full stomachs along with memories that they can cherish, Tailgating is fun for all, It is even more special when you are surrounded by Brothers, Candidates, and alumni of the Phi Delta Chi Alpha Iota Chapter,

Valery Cepeda - 10/15/22



Alumni Updates



Ashley Hannings (C/O 2011)

Alumnus Brother Ashley Hannings, soon to be Chinchilla, married her then fiance, Jorge Chinchilla, early June of 2023, Aside from getting married, Ashley was awarded the 2023 College of Pharmacy Teacher of the Year and the GPhA Faculty Member of the Year in June,

Whitney Howell (C/O 2013)

Alumnus Brother Whitney Howell, formerly Whitney Holcomb, married her then fiance, Matt Howell, on November 12, 2022, They are expecting a new addition to their family soon! Congratulations Whitney!



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To-My Dinh (C/O 2014)

Alumnus Brother To-My completed an ASHP-accredited PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at CaroMont Health has worked as an Internal Medicine Clinical Pharmacist for over 5 years at Augusta University Medical Center, She is now a mom to two amazing little boys and she also manages a side gig called Memory Pharm, where she creates pharmacology coloring books to help visual learners like herself learn medicine in an enjoyable way (Oct, 2022), Make sure to check out her latest book: "Top 200 Drugs Made Easy" available for purchase on Amazon!

Alumni Updates

Michael Arena (C/O 2015)

Alumnus Brother Michael Arena married his then fiancee, Carley Borrelli, on November 5, 22, Carley Borrelli is a family medicine physician currently doing a fellowship in Hospice and Palliative Care, Michael Arena currently serves as the Vaccine Clinical Coordinator for Atrium Health in Charlotte, NC, He is happy with his current role, but is working towards transitioning to a more informatics—related role in the near future, If you have questions, feel free to reach out to him!





David Bailey (C/O 2018) & Annie Bailey (C/O 2019)

Alumni Brothers David Bailey and Annie Bailey (formerly Annie Lee) got married at the start of COVID and welcomed their cute little boy, Matthew, in September of 2022, Since graduating, David has jumped from Retail to Nuclear to Staff Pharmacist at a Cancer Center in Augusta and has been at the Cancer Center for almost 3 years now,

Joe Nguyen (C/O 2021)

Alumnus Brother Joe Nguyen got engaged to his fiancee, Jenny Tran, in early December of 2022, He also recently got a new job at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta – Egleston, His 401k is currently in limbo during this transition, but he is trying to figure that out,



P4 Brothers

5/6/2023

CONGRATULATIONS ON MAKING IT THROUGH!



Closing Remarks



And that's a wrap! As we settle back into our regular routines, our Brotherhood bond continues to strengthen. I hope everyone enjoyed reading this year's edition of The Crucible, Wishing everyone the best of luck and success wherever you go! Thank you!

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