A Message from the Principal

Another school year has flown by, marked by the usual—and less usual—highlights that dot our calendars and minds with memories of a fantastic year. Our tight knit community of student kept in touch over the summer with the Golf Outing and baseball games at Tiger’s stadium. Segueing during Fall term, we got acquainted with newcomers to the school and PDC through rush events, speed dating, ‘coffee talks’, pledging events, and networking of students and faculty with the ‘date auction’. We enjoyed the autumn splendor of Ann Arbor while carving pumpkins and attending Barn Dance. Who can forget Fall football games, with their attendant tailgates and continued rivalries with lesser opponents from other schools? Although the football team generally triumphed, their victories were surpassed by that of the basketball team stunning performances during Winter term.

However, Fall term was not just about sporting fun: the calendar was dotted with students performing a wide variety of service and professional activities including Fall Chore day, the White Coat Ceremony, Pledging culminated in initiation week, and New Brother Dinner, not long after celebrating Alpha Chapter’s Founder’s Day events with a history walk around the scenic Ann Arbor campus and the annual ‘grave cleaning’.

One must not believe that with all the fun times, Service and Scholarship were neglected! In Winter term, we kicked off the season with fun sporting events such as the Winter retreat/ski trip, followed by Whirley Ball and Laser Tag, which worked off those winter calories, while Lineage Cook-off put them right back on! Throughout the year, study evenings, were accompanied by the ‘Pancake Breakfasts (at dinner…)’ to provide nourishment, fellowship, and good study habits, while friendly intra-school team rivalries between classes sparked heated competition during the ‘Bug drug Trivia’ and ‘Top200’ contests. Students-helping-students marked the debut of our newest scholarship initiatives, in which upper classmen/women helped their peers with practice and tutoring sessions via project P.E.E.R.S, which was a huge success, and helped contribute to the high GPA of our student body. Alpha Scholar awards were bestowed upon our top scholars, as were Rho Chi certificates and memberships to our outstanding students. Health fairs, the ‘Window display’ the ‘Prescription for Hope’ and the Delonis Event for the homeless aided the public in improving their knowledge and health status. Holiday Bingo cheered senior citizens, the Art Auction and Relay for Life benefitted Cancer research, and the Mott Service Easter Event brightened the lives of children afflicted with cancer close to ‘home’ in Ann Arbor.

All in all, a fruitful and productive year at the Alpha Chapter of Phi Delta Chi! 
AAAE,
Peggy Carver, PharmD., FCCP, Co-Chapter Advisor, Alpha Chapter of Phi Delta Chi
A Message from the Vice Principal

It has been an exciting and productive year for the Alpha Chapter at University of Michigan College of Pharmacy. I am very proud of the accomplishments that the Alpha Chapter has made over the past year. The Chapter has a strong Brotherhood and always follows our motto “Alterum Alterius Auxilio Eget”.

As a faculty member, I am very honored to build stronger relationships with students through Phi Delta Chi Professional Pharmacy Fraternity. In the fall, I had the opportunity to meet with all of the pledges and provide information about how Phi Delta Chi is an important part of my life and tell some stories from my own collegiate days. The purpose of this was to show pledges how Phi Delta Chi is a “Brothers for Life” commitment and provide fraternal education and I feel as this it was successful.

It has also been great to see Graduate Brothers serve as a resource to the Alpha Chapter. As one would expect, I have connected with some of my colleagues from various fields of pharmacy in a way that we had not before. Furthermore, having at least two Graduate brothers each year demonstrates the commitment by our faculty to help develop the Brothers of Phi Delta Chi.

This year has been a whirlwind getting to know all the brothers and spending endless hours with the Executive Board to not only answer questions, but even get their feedback. Having this close community, I feel like I can comfortably go to these students first to ask a question I may want to pose to the entire student body. Not only do we tackle some of the harder projects together, but we also have a blast! I participated in Whirly Ball for the first time ever this year. We may not have come first, but I can’t remember when I both laughed and bruised as bad as I did that night.

My biggest role having been involved both regionally and in this chapter, was trying to help the Alpha Chapter be more involved on a regional level. On May 4th, they rallied the troops and headed out to Findlay, Ohio for the initiation of the new chapter Gamma Phi. I think each and every Alpha brother who participated felt immensely proud to be in attendance and loved every second of inviting the new brothers into our fraternity. Then later that weekend, they even hosted a brunch for some of the national officers in attendance.

I am excited to see what the future holds for the Alpha Chapter and look forward to making new memories next year.

AAAAE,
Jeffrey Tingen, PharmD., MBA, BCPS, BCACP, CDE, Co-Chapter Advisor, Alpha Chapter of Phi Delta Chi.
Faculty 2012-2013

Dr. Peggy Carver

Dr. Jeffrey Tingen

Dr. Heidi Diez

Dr. Alison Blackmer

Dr. Shawna Kraft

Dr. Phil Brummond

Dr. Michael Kraft

Dr. Marie Marcelino
Alumni 2012-2013

Dr. Melanie Engels

Dr. Elizabeth Kelly

Dr. Daryl De Pestel

Dr. Allison Weber
Faculty Spotlight

Heidi Diez
PharmD, University of Michigan 2004

Favorite color: Red
Favorite food: Seared Ahi Tuna from Gratzi, Muscles in beer sauce from Grizzly Peak
Favorite team: UM! Maize and Blue!
Random fact: Diez is an avid cyclist, with her longest ride being 100 miles. In addition, she is a shoe fanatic and is well known for having as many shoes as she does miles on her bike!
If you could be any animal, what would you be? Jellyfish, because they are electric!

Why did you join PDC?

PDC is a nice way to become closer with my students and to maintain relationships after graduation. I want my students to understand that professors are fun and have lives! Personality is an important trait to have, especially when you are involved with ambulatory care. You need to be able to talk to your patients and maintain good relationships. The leadership opportunities that are offered by the national office are also very appealing.
Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Heidi Diez has bled Maize and Blue since ever she attended her first University of Michigan hockey game at the tender age of 2. Diez, an Ann Arbor native, obtained both her undergraduate degree and Pharm.D from the University of Michigan. After graduation she completed a PGY1 in community pharmacy at the University of Washington in association with the Kelley Ross Pharmacy. Diez has proven herself to be a power player in community pharmacy and was quickly snatched up by Bartell Drugs and the University of Washington after finishing her PGY1. For 2 years, Diez reinforced the positive reputation associated with Michigan alumni by working as both as staff pharmacist and an adjunct faculty member at the University of Washington.

In 2007, Diez was recruited back to the University of Michigan in a community partnership with Kroger Pharmacy. Diez has advanced the practice of community pharmacy in Michigan by expanding Kroger’s immunization program and has earned special recognition as the first pharmacist in the county to offer the Zostavax vaccine. Additionally, Diez has made great strides at the University to increase awareness of community practice and to improve the competency of students at UM who are interested in pursuing community practice. As a faculty member at UM, Diez teaches the Community Lab, Self-Care Therapeutics and Immunization courses offered by the college.

In 2012, Diez switched her focus from community practice to clinical ambulatory care and now manages 3 clinics in the Ann Arbor area. In the future, Diez plans to apply her clinical knowledge to community practice in hopes of providing the best patient care possible activities and involvement in professional organizations thus far have helped you achieve success in your career, so there is no reason to quit once you have graduated. Lastly, find mentors to assist with your personal and professional development which will assist you with maximizing your success as you enter the profession as a new practitioner.”
If you could be an animal, which animal would you be?
A wolverine!

Do you have any tips or advice for us aspiring pharmacists?
Take advantage of all the opportunities offered throughout your pharmacy education. Also, never forget that our end goal is to improve the lives of patients. The public trusts us and we should not take responsibility lightly.
Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Michael Kraft grew up in the windy city of Chicago, IL where his dad encouraged him to explore pharmacy as a career. He heeded his father’s advice and, after completing his undergraduate studies at the University of Michigan, ultimately stayed in Ann Arbor for his Pharm. D. After graduation, he went on to complete a specialty residency in Critical Care and Nutrition Support at the University of Tennessee in Memphis. Later, he was offered a position by his alma mater, and he happily accepted the offer to once again bleed Maize and Blue. He is now a Clinical Associate Professor of Pharmacy here at the University of Michigan and holds the outstanding title of Assistant Director for Education and Research at UMHS.

One of Dr. Kraft’s most interesting experiences at work occurred while he was a resident in the trauma ICU in Memphis. An incarcerated patient had been brought in earlier that day for a checkup and, as he was being escorted through the trauma ICU, broke free from his detaining officer and began to argue with him. At the time, Dr. Kraft was instructing a younger student and looked over in time to see the heated debate between the incarcerated patient and the police officer. The situation was tense and looked like it could escalate quickly (in fact, the patient had grabbed the officer’s pepper spray and was spraying it judiciously into the air). On instinct, Dr. Kraft sprinted over and tackled the inmate before he could react. That day, Dr. Michael Kraft helped to detain an inmate and sacrificed his eyes to pepper spray in the process. The Leaders and Best.

When asked about his favorite food, Dr. Kraft raved about the cuisine from Strasbourg, France, where his family is from. Strasbourg is located in the Alsace region on the border of France and Germany, and contains a unique mixture of both German and French influences from its occupation during WWII. These mixed influences are made apparent in its food, where a full course may include French tarts but German meats such as bratwurst. To top it all, the wine is excellent and the architecture features influences from all across Europe.
Faculty Spotlight

Allison Blackmer

PharmD, University of Illinois at Chicago 2004

Favorite flower: tulips

Favorite restaurant: brunch at Mama’s in San Francisco and dinner Frontera Grill in Chicago

Favorite TV show: Friends and Big Bang Theory

Favorite vacation spot: Coronado, CA and France

If you can time travel, which era would you pick? late 1600s early 1700s in the era of Louis XIV
Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Blackmer is being inducted as a graduate brother of PDC this year. Originally from Phoenix, Arizona, she moved to Chicago with her family when she was 12. After high school, she attended New York University where she majored in dance. Following graduation, she danced professionally and performed nationally and internationally with the Thodos Dance Chicago Company, and returned to New York University several years later to complete the post-baccalaureate program in health sciences that allowed her to enter the PharmD program at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Dr. Blackmer completed her residency program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She found her residency experience highly enjoyable and still keeps in contact with her former preceptors and co-residents. Her PGY1 year consisted of general pharmacy practice while her PGY2 year was a pediatric pharmacotherapy specialty residency. She joined the University of Michigan staff in 2010 and is currently a clinical assistant professor in the College of Pharmacy as well as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at Mott’s Children’s Hospital in Pediatric Surgery.

Outside of the pharmacy realm, Dr. Blackmer still keeps dance as part of her life and often attends dance performances, musical theater and live music with her husband, with whom she enjoys cooking with and dining on fine foods. Dr. Blackmer also enjoys biking, swimming, walking and personal training in her spare time.
Faculty Spotlight

Phil Brummond

PharmD, University of Minnesota 2007
MS, University of Wisconsin 2009

Favorite color: Purple
Favorite food: Sushi
Favorite sports teams: the Minnesota Vikings and the Minnesota Twins

Do you have any tips or words of wisdom for us aspiring pharmacists?

“Continue to be involved in professional organizations after completing your graduate degree! The activities and involvement in professional organizations thus far have helped you achieve success in your career, so there is no reason to quit once you have graduated. Lastly, find mentors to assist with your personal and professional development which will assist you with maximizing your success as you enter the profession as a new practitioner.”
Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Phil Brummond grew up in the small farming town of Fairmont, Minnesota where he was raised by a health-care oriented family. He obtained his Pharm. D at the University of Minnesota and, after graduation, went on to do PGY1 and PGY2 residences in Health System Pharmacy Administration at the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics and also completed his M.S. degree in Health System Pharmacy Administration. Currently, he is the Assistant Director of Pharmacy Services at the University of Michigan and is proud of the evolution of the pharmacy practice model at the U of M, specifically the expansion of clinical pharmacy services provided to patients. Dr. Brummond is excited about the opportunity for pharmacists to be accountable for improving patient care outcomes in light of health care reform and advocacy for provider status.

Outside of work, Dr. Brummond enjoys a myriad of activities such as golf, poker, softball, home beer brewing, fly fishing, and extreme camping. For those unaware, extreme camping involves surviving the harshest of elements with camping gear, and Dr. Brummond recently went camping in the Boundary Water Canoe Area in Northern Minnesota where the high was 25 degrees and the low was negative 25 degrees.

At the University of Michigan, Dr. Brummond wanted to become a brother of Phi Delta Chi to become more involved in networking with students and mentor the future generation of pharmacy leaders. He enjoys attending PDC events and warmly recalls his initiation experience. He said he didn’t know what to expect and that element of surprise made for a fun time.
Faculty Spotlight

Peggy L. Carver, Pharm.D.
Associate Professor of Pharmacy
Department of Clinical Sciences, College of Pharmacy
Clinical Pharmacist, Infectious Diseases
Department of Pharmacy Services
University of Michigan Health Systems
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

BA Biology (Honors) University of California, Los Angeles, California
Pharm.D., University of California School of Pharmacy, San Francisco, California
Residency, University of California School of Pharmacy, San Francisco, California

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Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Peggy Carver, a UCLA and UCSF graduate, brings her passion for research and clinical practice in infectious disease to the University of Michigan, College of Pharmacy. Her enthusiastic attitude towards interacting with students through teaching as well as outside the classroom inspired her decision to become one of the first graduate PDC brothers. Don’t expect to see her in one place for too long though; Dr. Carver is fascinated with all things fast paced. She divides her time between working in the hospital and travelling all over the world. At work she loves the dynamic environment where she solves unique infectious disease cases; in the classroom she enjoys teaching students; and in the research lab she likes being able to focus on patient-centered clinical studies.

To date, Dr. Carver has been to over 60 countries, but France will always be her number one. But no need to worry, she’ll be sticking around Ann Arbor for the long haul; according to Dr. Carver the Ann Arbor campus and vibe is unmatched by any other, and in addition to the positive energy of the campus she specifically prides herself on being a UofM faculty member because the COP “doesn’t close any doors.” She loves to inspire students to try their hand at all types of pharmacy practice and never dismiss any option until they’ve tried it at least once; you never know what may happen! After all, during her undergrad days, Dr. Carver herself thought pharmacy was not for her until she gave it a shot!

Dr. Carver’s words of wisdom on PDC are: join to participate! There are a lot of skills that you can get in PDC that you won’t necessarily get in the classroom. Communication, leadership, and brotherhood to name a few. She even mentioned that no one asks her GPA on rotation; her knowledge is tested AFTER she is able to successfully interact with the patient. Accordingly, developing these skills is essential for becoming a successful professional.

à bientôt, Alphas!
Alumni Spotlight

Melanie Engels

PharmD, University of Michigan 2012

Favorite movie: Dirty Dancing
Current hobby: Planning her wedding
Favorite animal: Dogs
Favorite pastime: Watching Michigan sports!
Alumni Spotlight

Alterum Alterius Auxilio Eget, “Each Needs the Help of the Other”, a motto that I learned back in 2008 while pledging for Phi Delta Chi Alpha Chapter at the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy. I memorized the phrase well while preparing for Initiation without realizing that PDC’s motto would become an ideal I live and breathe every day.

Prior to PDC, I often attempted to handle tasks on my own; I would brainstorm, plan, and execute. However, during pledging, I realized that I did not need to do these things on my own; I had a reliable network of Brothers, both locally within the Alpha Chapter, and throughout the country. I found that when I relied on my Brothers, the results were by far bigger and better. For example, while I was the Scholarship Committee Co-Chair, we were able to organize activities such as the “Words of Wisdom” series, Trivia Night, and Midnight Study Breakfast. I also understood that the motto went both ways, my Brothers also needed my help, so I was committed to helping other Brothers by participating in activities such as Relay for Life, rushing events, and attending Grand Council.

Now that I have graduated, the motto lives on. I stay actively involved with PDC Alpha Chapter by returning for Initiation and other activities, such as being a judge for the PDC Talent Show. I have been told by the WAL that all alumni chapters are currently on hold; I would love to see an active Alpha Alumni Chapter, so in order for this to happen, I need the help of my Brothers. I enjoy networking with Brothers from other chapters at national meetings like ASHP Midyear and I always wear my “I am Phi Delta Chi” ribbon proudly.

The motto extends into other areas of my life, especially at my residency, where communication and support from other Healthcare Providers are essential to provide quality patient care. I could not do my job properly without help from physicians, nurses, dietitians, physical therapists, etc., and they oftentimes rely on me as the drug expert. Teamwork is such a crucial aspect of healthcare, the founding Fathers were spot-on when they selected “Alterum Alterius Auxilio Eget” as the fraternity’s motto. I know it will remain a cornerstone of my ideals for the duration of my existence.
Greetings Wolverines!

I am Daryl DePestel and I graduated from the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy in 1999. I was initiated as a brother of Phi Delta Chi during my P1 year. As a brother of Phi Delta Chi I held the position of Worthy Inner Guard. My fondest memories of PDC were initiation night and working Michigan Basketball games as part of our fundraising activities.

After graduation I went on to complete a PGY1 residency at St. John Hospital & Medical Center, in Detroit, then returned to Ann Arbor to complete a PGY2 residency in infectious diseases at the University of Michigan Health System and College of Pharmacy. After completing my residency training, I accepted a Clinical Assistant Professor faculty position at the University of Michigan Health System and College of Pharmacy in 2001. I was promoted to Clinical Associate Professor in 2008, but decided to leave my clinical faculty position in 2010. I am currently a field based Clinical Scientific Director for Cubist Pharmaceuticals.

I live just outside of Ann Arbor, in Dexter, MI with my wife (Jill) and 3 kids (Noah 5 yr, Bennett 3 yr and Adela 8 months). It was a great opportunity to be a part PDC and an honor to be part of the historic Alpha Chapter! Throughout my four years at Michigan, it is easy to say that my best friends were those classmates I met through PDC, especially those in my pledge class. Those friendships still exist today and no doubt will exist into the future!
Hello current Wolverines!

My name is Allison Weber and I am a graduate of the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy class of 2009. I am also a brother of Phi Delta Chi and was initiated in my P2 year.

During my time with the fraternity I held the position of Worthy Correspondent; and I also participated in events like Relay for Life and health fairs, along with many bake sales. After graduation I went on to work with Target Pharmacy and am currently an Executive Team leader- Pharmacy.

I feel like PDC helped me by forming and strengthening bonds with my fellow pharmacy students. Had it not been for PDC I would not have developed relationships with those friends I'm still in contact with. It was through the many outings and other fun events PDC hosts that I really got to know and develop these friendships. Currently I live in Las Vegas and now realize how far the brotherhood extends with the new people I meet who share a common bond with me even though we went to separate schools. If you ever find yourself out in Vegas, feel free to look me up :)
Freshman Pledge Class 2012

Alyssa Bowling  Shao-Ju Chang  Jennifer Chao  Nicholas Cushman

Rebecca Evers  Jeffrey Hanson  Stephanie Hamel  Nadia Hijazi

Rikki Horne  Lovitta Jiwanmall  Joey Johnson  Shaina Kalasho

Soomin Kim  Soomin (Sarah) Kim  Nick Kirkpatrick  Mike Kosal

Stephanie Kourtakis  Sarah Lakehal-Ayat  Meighan LeGrand  Stephen Liu
Freshman Pledge Class 2012

Egwin Loya
Connor Luczuk
Jinny Min
Darren Major
Stacy Nguyen
Matt Paterni
Becca Racz
Paulian Reizian
Rosalyn Schloemer
Charu Sharma
Ruixin Shi
Krystal Sing
Ashley Soule
Sushma Shrivante
Lynn Switaj
Eric Vertin
Catherine Yang
Yanmen Yang
Michael Yee
Nadir Zara
“I would like to be a brother for an opportunity to advance the profession of pharmacy and strengthen the Phi Delta Chi fraternity.”

-Ryan DasGupta

“PDC also offers a unique range of professional and service opportunities, which will help me develop into a caring, well-rounded professional.”

-Stephanie Hamel

“I want to be part of something bigger than myself.”

-Ruixin Shi and Rikki Horne
“I want to be a brother of Phi Delta Chi because the friendships created through the fraternity provide an excellent support system during pharmacy school, and also provide a way to stay connected with a vast network of pharmacists throughout my career.”

-Alyssa Bowling

“PDC will help me build the skills needed to become a "leader and best" in the pharmacy profession.”

-Nick Cushman

“Develop leadership skills.”

-Jeffrey Hanson
Sophomore Pledge Class 2011

Kiersten Coerper  Julia Cusano  Sarah Dean  Chris Dolan

Katie Dudzinski  Rahim Merchant  Sonja Grinfeld  Melissa Tai

Janet Kim  Vera Vulaj  Moe Yassine  Thoraya Youness

Kara Brockhaus  Suhail Shaikh  Sarah Thomas  Ryan DasGupta

Han Nghien  Diem Tran  Jeff Pawlowski  Andrew Bruce
Sophomore Pledge Class 2011

Josh Clark
Jaimie Haase
Cassidy Zammit
John Slindee
Khoa Nguyen
Lamanh Vu
Charles Yoo
Lauren Leader
Karin Koseck
Joy Lee
Stacey Chung
Hailey Lee
Joslyn Neal
Gianni Scappaticci
Chloe Zang
Mike McCormick

Kayla Kornexl

Not pictured: An Lee and Laura Kang
Juniors: Pledge Class 2010

Matt Allsbrook
Nadia Aneese
Rachel Beham
Rhyme Bendali-Amor
Jenny DelaPena
Caitlin Early
Katherine Gharibian
Natalie Gong
Lindsey Greiner
Reema Hakim
Tim Hinkley
Lauren Heath
Kari Horn
Cleve Hosea
Ashley Hunt
Melinda Hur
Stephanie Kourtakis
Josh Johnson
Bianca Korkis
Barbara Kerkove
Juniors: Pledge Class 2010

Tanvi Khanpara  Matt Lau  Liz Le  Rachel Lebovic

Jenn Lee  Josh Lee  Sojin Lee  John Nguyen

Laura Shultz  Sahar Seyedin  Jenny Smith  Sam Thomas

Mandi Tsoi  Cate Turnbull  Kate Veltman  Richard Walls

Val Wersching  Lindsey Westerhof  Kristen Wiese  John Zaccardelli

Not pictured: Christina Yang, Jen Choi, Jordan Whelan, Hsiao Ng, Phong Tran.
Pledge Class of 2011
Seniors: Pledge Class 2009

Maria Ajami
Jessica Butala
MaryLou Chheng
Tony Elias
Jessica Fong
Tina Gallagher
Alicia Gillogly
Whitney Gomez
Andre Harvin
Jacqueline Isip
Kaleena Johnson
Katie Kaminski
Courtney Kilbourn
Sonya Kiryakoza
Olga Kishek
Mary Koors
Irwin Lau
John Andrew Lee
Nirali Patel
Manoj Rathi
Seniors: Pledge Class 2009

Manan Shah
Ayumi Ueda
Jenny Ung
Alison Van Kampen

Rebecca Kurian
Tess Lin
Roxanne Nnanos
Senior Class Goodbyes

Collegiate brothers, we’re going to miss you! We’re off on new adventures!

The comfort of knowing that I was surrounded by people that I can count on day or night. This simple fact put my mind at ease when it came to studying for classes. Although we are separating at graduation I know that nothing will change. My family will simply be located all over the globe rather than one city. The motto is so simple and addresses a very basic human need for survival - AAAE. There is no way someone can go through life all by themselves!

Returning back to my home store of 12 years as a pharmacy manager. Then, in the next 5-7 years I am opening my own (veterinary) compounding pharmacy.

- Tony Elias

I will miss all the good friends and good times.

I’m off to the University of North Carolina for a PGY-1 Residency

- Katie Kaminski
Senior Class Goodbyes

My favorites PDC memories involve all of the regional and national meetings that I was able to attend. From my first regional meeting in Minneapolis, MN, to my last Grand Council in Buffalo, NY, I enjoyed bringing the Alpha spirit to the national level. I like to think that we really helped facilitate brotherhood bonding by establishing the traditions of Slap the Bag, Beer Monsters, Cheers Gov’nor!, and Icing Out.

I will be taking my Michigan pride to the east coast after graduation! I have accepted a two-year Global Medical Affairs fellowship with Sanofi Oncology and the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

-Tina Gallagher

Having my inbox full of emails. Man I'm going to miss that...

Finish residency. Pay off debt. Rule world. In that order.

-Andre Harvin
Senior Class Goodbyes

I will miss the smell of fear, excitement, and knowledge during pledging season; and seeing new brothers come out successfully on the other side. I will dearly miss my lineage brunches, outings, and fun nights out! I’ll miss the PDC ski trip, but if I have any say you’ll definitely see me at Gatlinburg in the future. My time as a collegiate brother has been very dear to me, and I will always and forever hold Alpha in my heart.

I will be enjoying a week-o-fun between Pharmacy graduation and Big House graduation. Then moving to Madison, WI for a 2-year pharmacy administration residency and MS program at the University of Wisconsin.

- Maria Ajami

I will miss going out to dinner in Ann Arbor with my wonderful lineage!

Next year, I will be doing a general PGY-1 residency at Mission Hospitals in Asheville, North Carolina.

- Courtney Kilbourn
Senior Class Goodbyes

I will miss the wine nights, bar nights, movie nights, and hangout sessions that has happened with all my brothers that I've met through PDC. It's so scary to think that once we graduate, we won't be able to easily get together and have a bro-hood event. I'll especially miss going on dinner/wine/movie dates with my littles!

I'll be a Rite Aid pharmacist in the metro-Detroit area. Come say hello!!

- Ayumi Ueda

I’m going to miss brotherhood bonding at community service events and at the bars. I will miss my fun lineage and having a great time at the annual Wine Tasting for a Cure that keeps on getting bigger and more successful every year.

After graduation I will be vacationing in Toronto/Niagara Falls, partying in Vegas, surfing in Hawaii, and doing everything fun in SF. Then, venture out to Chapel Hill and begin a 2-year fellowship in Clinical Research and Drug Development with University of North Carolina (UNC) and GlaxoSmithKline (GSK). Oh yes, I will be back to Ann Arbor for Homecoming!

-Tess Lin
I am going to miss spending time with my Brothers throughout the year. We always have such a good time together!

I am entering into a PGY1 Residency Program at Aurora Health Care Metro, Inc in Milwaukee, WI.

- Alison Van Kampen

I will miss my lineage. I dare say that we have one of the greatest lineages ever assembled.

I will also miss all the random times where I’ve bumped into a member of PDC on the street, bar, campus, restaurant, etc. Not having the ability to see you as often as I would is another thing that I will truly miss.

My future plan is to be a clinical pharmacist.

- Arnold Andreasen
P4 Wills

P4 Wills—We can’t stay here any longer
As active brothers pass to alumni status, we leave behind our legacy

My dearest lineage, I leave you my most prized possessions...
Rachel Lebovic- my Snuggie or Forever Lazy (your choice, or both!)
Sarah Thomas- the movie "Dodgeball"
Paulina Reizian- my Michigan Pillow Pet

- Courtney Kilbourn

In the case of my ceasing to exist in this physical world, I leave all my belongings to my cat, Puzzles. He has always been there for me and deserves the best!

- Tony Elias
As a departing P4 I leave my closet full of PDC trophies to Gianni. May you figure out what to do with them once P4 year comes to an end for you.

To my little Tanvi, I leave my giant nail polish collection. Keep making me proud and keep your nails looking right.

To my little Kristen, I leave my collection of Michigan Pharmacy and PDC beer glasses, steins, and shot glasses.

To the rest of my PDC family I leave my Michigan pillow pet, Forever Lazy, electric blanket, and book about Michigan football history. Go Blue!

To the College of Pharmacy I leave all of my unused text books. Please distribute them to students who will actually read them, or those who need a boost for their TV stand.

-Maria Ajami

As I depart the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy to take my talents down south, it's only right that I leave my most prized possession 'swag' to Matt Lau. Wear it proudly, but remember with great power comes great responsibility… unless you blame it on the alcohol because then it's not your fault.

- Andre Harvin
I'd like to leave all of my color-coded gem sheets to Val, because she will fully appreciate the lengths I went to to distract myself from the actual material.

I leave all of the bulletin boards I made while Prelate (yes, I saved them) to the new Prelate. May you be inspired by the creativity of my Publications team.

I'm leaving a deck of cards to Andrew Bruce and Mike McCormick - they ruined my Euchre Tournament winning streak by eliminating us in the first round!

I'm leaving a few ""dregs of wine"" soaked aprons to the new Eboard. May you find good use for them at Grand Council this year. May I suggest getting a white bag of wine this year...

- Tina Gallagher

I am going to leave all my pearls and gems I've picked up throughout my years at the COP to my favorite littles Ashley and Sam! I'm the luckiest BIG to have been given twins whom I was able to connect with so well! I hope they will take full advantage of the connections they make through PDC and extend their wisdom and passion to their littles and granndlittles as well. I love my lineage!

AAAE, Ayumi Ueda
As I leave the halls of the College of Pharmacy and pass from from active Brother to Alumni status in Phi Delta Chi, I cannot help thinking of all the fond memories I have of PDC. I am pleased to leave a legacy behind in my lineage and I would like to leave them with something to remember me.

To my littles, Kate Veltman and Lindsey Greiner, I leave the hope that you continue to meet amazing people in PDC like I did. I also hope that you enjoy the last year that you have in PDC as this is when you realize how much it has meant to you over the years. To my fraternal twin, Lauren Heath, I leave the hope that you will continue to strive for excellence as you have already done as the Worthy Correspondent and as a Brother. To the rest of my lineage I leave the hope that you will continue to be good Brothers and continue to make a difference in PDC, because let’s be honest we are all pretty awesome. I also hope that you have fun with your Brothers because they truly will be your Brothers for life.

To the entire Alpha Chapter I leave the hope that you continue to be a symbol of excellence in the College of Pharmacy. PDC has given me more opportunities and more friendships than I could have dreamed of at the beginning of pharmacy school and I am proud to have been a Brother of the Alpha Chapter of Phi Delta Chi.

- Alison Van Kampen
To Our Departing Senior Class:

“Just because you fail once, doesn’t mean you’re gonna fail at everything. Keep trying. Hold on, and always, always, always believe in yourself. Because if you don’t who will?”
-Marilyn Monroe

Dear graduating brothers, please always believe in yourself, but don’t forget, you have 160 of us rooting for you just from the Alpha Chapter. There is a network of brothers out there always hoping for your everlasting success!

“Never let the odds keep you from doing what you know in your heart you are meant to do”

We don’t care if you work in Industry, Community, MTM, Ambulatory Care, Hospital, or Clinical Pharmacy. Just do what you truly want and work as hard as you can in it. Your brothers will always support you.

“Don’t worry when you are not recognized, but strive to be worthy of recognition”
-Abraham Lincoln

You may never be recognized for being a pharmacist, but never forget the pillars on which you grew. Never forget to provide everlasting service to your community. And remember, your PDC brothers will always recognize you!

“For today, good bye. For tomorrow, good luck.
Forever, GO BLUE!”-President Mary Sue Coleman.
"Each needs the help of the other" has never meant more to me than after this year. As WCC, you not only rely on the help of Executive Board members, but all brothers to ensure that the operations of the chapter are running smoothly and efficiently. I have learned so much from this experience and have also formed stronger bonds with my brothers. I am so grateful for the wonderful Executive Board members and Committee Chairs for their hard work this year and for all of their support. I am proud of all of the accomplishments we have made as a chapter this year and know that we will only grow stronger as a chapter in the future.

Valerie Wersching, WCC

This year, I was fortunate enough to be a part of a great group of brothers that served as our Alpha chapter E-board. Throughout the year, our chapter faced a number of different challenges and struggles, but we took our motto, “Each needs the help of the other,” to heart. When faced with difficulties, we came together, set our differences aside and were able to devise a plan that put the chapter in the best position to be successful this year and into the future. Not only did I witness our chapter overcome many obstacles but I also saw an amazing group of individuals step up and strive for greatness. I’ve been a part of a number of student groups in the past that merely go through the motions and accept what has been accomplished in the past, but this year our E-board did not accept mediocrity. We took the initiative to improve our reputation not only within the College but also within the entire Phi Delta Chi organization. I would encourage future leaders of the alpha chapter to also continue striving for excellence and challenging the status quo. It is so important to continually think critically and question how and why our chapter does what we do year in and year out. Additionally, remember that the bond we share amongst each other is what separates us from other organizations within the College of Pharmacy, so it is crucial to meet and get to know one another on a deeper level. I wish the Alpha Chapter of Phi Delta Chi nothing but the best in the future and am always happy to talk or provide insight. Please don’t hesitate to contact me for any reason whatsoever.

Tim Hinkley, Worthy Vice Counselor
A Farewell from the Old Eboard

In looking back on this past year as WMA, I like to focus on all of the positive steps that our executive board took to improving our chapter of Phi Delta Chi. We set goals collectively and individually, all of which helped to reach our common goal of improving our chapter. Personally, one of the goals that I set as WMA was to be stricter on the pledges. I will most likely be remembered by the pledges for my famous saying that “everything is mandatory” whenever asked if they needed to attend something. I believe that by me being a stricter WMA, when the pledges became brothers they continued to be active and worked to improve our chapter.

For the next year’s executive board, I would encourage them to continue building on the foundation laid by the past years E-Board. They should continue to set individual and group goals, and work hard to ensure those goals are met. For the WMA, I would advise him to work together with the WIG to ensure they select pledges that will continue to build our fraternity and uphold our mission. This is the first year that we are allowed to be selective, so it’s important for the WMA and WIG to select the best pledges for our future.

-Gianni Scappatecci, WMA

This past year on the Executive Board was one to be remembered. Looking back on everything we accomplished truly shows how much progress we have made as a chapter in this past year. I remember being nervous in the beginning of the year with pledging ahead of us, but being the Worthy Inner Guard during that time turned out to be one of the most rewarding (and exhausting J) experiences I have ever encountered. During that pledge term I learned more than I ever expected. It was a thrill to get to know all the pledges on such a personal level, but it was also a privilege to learn more about our chapter and myself as a leader, a student, a friend, and especially a brother. Getting involved in Scholarship was also one of my passions this year. Collaborating with Rho Chi on a peer tutoring initiative was one of my greatest achievements this year and really casted the spotlight on PDC on our campus. I look forward to carrying on this program in the following year and growing Phi Delta Chi’s involvement!

-Joslyn Neal, WIG
A Farewell from the Old Eboard

Being on the Executive Board of Phi Delta Chi was by far the most enriching part of my pharmacy career thus far. As Prelate, I worked with the E-board to try to create an annual Founder’s Day Weekend, which may not have worked out as nicely as we would have liked, but we tried! With our bulletin board, I incorporated as many jokes and other light hearted activities to entertain brothers during the stressful school times. Much more than my activities as Prelate, I felt like this year was all about our motto, “Each needs the help of the other.” I went to as many events as I possibly could and helped each pillar as much as possible. The bulk of my time on E-board was dedicated to revamping our bylaws. This huge task required input from each and every E-board member and would never have been accomplished if we did not come together as a team. I will look back on this year as one of the best in my life and cannot wait to see what is in store for our chapter with our new dedicated E-board! I wish them all the best and look forward to attending some events as a P4!

-Tanvi Khanpara, WP

It was an honor to serve as the Worthy Correspondent for the Alpha Chapter over the past year. The year went by so quickly! Coming into the position, I hoped to plan for all of the reports in advance so that we could get the best quantitative information possible. I am happy to say that I completed my initial goal for most of the reports. I am especially proud of all the Brothers who worked on the Window Display report. Through their tremendous efforts, we were able to greatly increase the number of recipients of our message compared to previous years. I look forward to seeing what the new Officers plan for next year and continuing to stay as involved as I can with Phi Delta Chi during my last year of school!

-Lauren Heath, WC
A Farewell from the Old Eboard

My experience as Phi Delta Chi WAL has been so rewarding. From my efforts with the Professionalism Committee to make the best possible Window Display, to our successful P4 APPE Panel, I feel that I have been able to make a positive impact on our beloved Alpha Chapter. To my fellow E-Board brethren, thank you so much for your efforts on improving our By-Laws. We demonstrated AAAE throughout this entire year, and I love you all.

-Matt Lau, WAL

I felt very fortunate to be able to serve on this year’s executive board. We had a great group of leaders which allowed us to accomplish our goals. One goal we set for ourselves this year was to complete the revision of our Bylaws. After hours of discussion among the Executive Board, we were able to create a new set of guidelines which was successful in being voted in by our fellow brothers. Although it was a daunting and time-consuming process, I believe these new Bylaws will give our Chapter more structure, and will allow us to grow and reach our full potential as an organization.

-Rachel Beham, WKRS
A Greeting from the New Eboard

As the newly elected Worth Chief Counselor of the Alpha chapter, I know that we have a lot of expectations to live up to. This being my second year on the E-Board, I know that these expectations are high. Recently, our bylaws underwent radical changed. I expect that our E-Board will work together to lead by example and to enforce the new bylaws. We need to recognize that they changes in our bylaws were modified and voted on by our chapter, and therefore are believe to be positive changes for our chapter.

In addition, as the leader of the E-Board I plan to get a lot accomplished this year. One of the main things I want to accomplish is to increase our chapter’s national recognition. I believe the first step in doing this is to attend more regional and national events. Another goal I want to accomplish is to successfully complete our first pledging period as a selective chapter. This was a major accomplishment by our previous E-Board, and it’s now our responsibility to execute this flawlessly so that we can continue to be selective in the future.

Regardless of the goal, I am confident that our new E-Board will not have a problem in accomplishing it. I look forward to working with this year’s E-Board, and I especially look forward to further improving the Alpha Chapter of Phi Delta Chi.

-Gianni Scappatecci, WCC

I expect this to be another big year for the Alpha Chapter of Phi Delta Chi! I cannot be more excited about Grand Council and the upcoming school year with our new executive board. Last year’s accomplishments have laid the framework for an amazing year. I can already tell that we have an enthusiastic leadership and many active brothers that are going to be more involved this year than ever before. As Worthy Vice Counselor it is my goal to plan our first regional Founder’s Day Weekend. Additionally, I plan to continue on with my initiative from the previous year working on a peer-tutoring program and hope to expand on the services provide by Phi Delta Chi brothers. I look forward to seeing everyone’s creative ideas come to life over the next year as we work towards advancing our chapter in every aspect.

-Joslyn Neal, WVC
A Greeting from the New Eboard

As Worthy Master-At-Arms this year I plan to impart upon the pledges the sense of community and fraternal spirit I have felt during my time with PDC. I will be appropriately stern to ensure that our future brothers understand that as the Alpha Chapter we represent our national fraternity, the university and the profession of Pharmacy. I expect there to be challenges, however upon transition I also expect the pledge class of 2013 will be highly motivated and ready to contribute as they develop into future leaders of Pharmacy practice.

-Nadir Zara, WMA

As the Worthy Inner Guard I plan to help with organizing the pledging and initiation process of new brothers. I want to have more collaborative events with Brothers and Pledges where we can build stronger bonds of brotherhood. I also plan to invite more Chapters to our events and plan to get more of our brothers to other Chapters’ events so we can build greater bonds with our Fraternity as a whole. For this year I would also like to promote the Scholarship Committee and hold more events where brothers can come to study, and tutor..

-Rikki Horne, WIG

I'm very excited to serve this year as Worthy Keeper of Finance. I have seen how much progress the last e-board made with all of our financials and I hope to continue improving upon them. I would like to have a itemized budget created by the time school starts in the fall so that the members know where their dues and fundraising money is going. I would also like to set financial goals for the fundraising committee and strive to incorporate this money into our budget. I think that we have made great improvements as a chapter and I can’t wait to learn more at Grand Council that I can bring back and share with our brothers.

-Nick Kirkpatrick, WKF
A Greeting from the New Eboard

I think that the Alpha Chapter has made some tremendous in the past year, thanks in great part to the strenuous efforts of our previous executive board. My own pledge class has matured from a motley band of enthusiastic pledges to a cadre of disciplined brothers and our chapter continues to be fortified by the advice and experience of our older brothers. I have every expectation that the new class of pledges for the upcoming school year will be every bit as dedicated as our current brothers.

As far as plans for my tenure as Worthy Correspondent are concerned, I hope to bolster our communication and collaboration with other chapters in our geographic vicinity. We at the Alpha Chapter are fortunate to be so steeped in the history of those who founded our fraternity and we here in Ann Arbor would welcome any and all brothers of Phi Delta Chi who wish to join us at our Founder’s Day Ceremony.

In addition, ours is a large chapter. Our numbers of active brothers allow us to plan and execute events great in both size and number and we shall have even more opportunities in the coming year for our brothers to participate in a meaningful way.

In short, we here at Alpha owe a great debt to the brothers who led before us and I have every confidence that the upcoming year shall be a fruitful and exciting one.

-Connor Luczuk, WC

Serving as Worthy Alumni Liaison in the upcoming year, my primary goals are to more significantly utilize our alumni base to serve the brothers of PDC and strengthen the caliber of the professionalism committee. To better utilize our expansive alumni base, I plan to enhance the relationship between our active brothers and alumni. This will be achieved by reaching out more actively and through innovative media formats to keep in better contact with the alumni and better inform them of current chapter operations. To improve the quality of the professionalism committee I plan to facilitate the development of our events and window display early on. Additionally, I’d like to implement a “PDC Professionalism Event Series” in which the committee will hold monthly events targeted to strengthen brothers’ knowledge and skills regarding professional-related activities.

-Chris Dolan, WAL
A Greeting from the New Eboard

I am really looking forward to the great accomplishments that our chapter will achieve in the following year. My goals as Prelate include maintaining chapter morale, expanding Phi Delta Chi’s influence within the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy and educating new brothers about the history of our fraternity. I am especially excited to plan our traditional Founder’s Day grave cleaning and history walk this year. Our Founder’s Day events are unique to the University of Michigan Alpha Chapter and I hope to foster inter-chapter relations by inviting brothers from other chapters to this special event. Our Chapter has big plans for the following year and I am proud to be able to represent our chapter as their Worthy Prelate.

-Rosalyn Schloemer, WP

I am very excited about this upcoming year! As Worthy Keeper of Records and Seals, I look forward to working with the Service Committee Co-Chairs Sarah Lakehal-Ayat and Karin Koseck. I expect this year will be filled with engaging service events that Brothers are excited about. Events I am particularly excited about include those at Mott Children’s Hospital and Glacier Hills Senior Living Community. My biggest goal for this year is to establish service activities that Brothers can participate in over Spring Break 2014, particularly an Alternative Spring Break. I am confident this year will be filled with exciting events and fantastic involvement given the enthusiasm of both the Co-Chairs and Brothers regarding service events.

-Sarah Thomas, WKRS
Most Changed
Lauren Leader,
Matt Allsbrook,
Katie Kaminski

Most Enthusiastic
Matt Paterini, Michael McCormick (not pictured), Tanvi Khanpara, Ayumi Ueda

Most Changed
Rosalyn Schloemer, Chris Dolan (not pictured), Josh Lee, Jenny Ung

Best Smile
Paulina Reizian, Karin Koseck, Val Wersching, Roxanne Naanos

Best Pledge/Brother
Nadir Zara, Gianni Scappaticci, Lindsey Greiner, Maria Ajami

Best Dressed
Nadia Hijazi, Kara Brockhaus (not pictured), Val Wersching, Alicia Gillogly

Class Clown
Egwin Loya (not pictured), Andrew Bruce, John Nguyen, Rebecca Kurian (not pictured)

Best Person to Brighten Your Day
Sushma Shiravanthe, Rahim Merchant (not pictured), Tanvi Khanpara, Ayumi Ueda

Most Gullible
Stephanie Kourtakis, Charles Yoo (not pictured), Helen Hong, Jacqueline Isip

Most Studious
Becca Racz, Melissa Tai, Rachel Lebovic, Mary Koors

Superl
Most Likely to Hold a Position in PDC as an Alumni
Michael Kosal (not pictured), Joslyn Neal, Matt Lau, Alison Van Kampen

Biggest Worriers
Shaina Kalasho, Jamie Haase, Mandi Tsoi, Sonya Kiryakoz (not pictured)

Best Eyes
Rebecca Evers (not pictured), Ryan DasGupta, Cate Turnbull, Tina Gallagher

Most Likely to Invent a Miracle Drug
Ruixin Shi, Khoa Nguyen (not pictured), Matt Lau, Mary Koors

Best Laugh
Jinny Min, John Slindee (not pictured), Ashley Wester, Tony Elias

Least Likely to Leave Ann Arbor
Connor Luczak, Katie Dudzinski, John Zaccardelli, Ayumi Ueda (not pictured)

Most Empathetic
Meighan LeGrand, Sarah Thomas, Kristin Weise, Mary Lou Chhung (not pictured)

Most Likely to Take Over the World
Darren Major, Moe Yassine (not pictured), Christina Yang (not pictured), Andre Harvin (not pictured)

Most Athletic
Lynn Switaj, Jeff Pawlowski, Marilyn Jen, Courtney Kilbourn

Most PDC Spirit
Rikki Horne, Andrew Bruce, John Zaccardelli, Maria Ajami
Brotherhood: Field Trip

Fall Retreat

Phi Delta Chi’s annual Fall Retreat took our brothers south to Sandusky, Ohio for all the thrills of America’s roller coaster at Cedar Point. We left the University of Michigan’s College of Pharmacy together at 9 AM on August 27th under ominous clouds, and stormy rains poured down throughout our trip. The rains continued as we arrived, so we collectively decided to give the rain a chance to reconsider its role in our retreat and grabbed lunch before continuing on to the amusement park. The rain continued sporadically throughout the morning, forcing some of the park’s rides into inaction, but those who were brave enough to face being pelted by raindrops at high speeds were rewarded with short queues and wet thrills.

As the day progressed, the sun arrived and our patience was rewarded with great weather for the remainder of the trip. Brotherhood lived large as friends placed their trust in each other to overcome their fears of the more intense coasters. The twelve brothers that came down for retreat were rewarded upon our return to Camp Sandusky with a pizza dinner, a late night full of bonding by campfire and a euchre tournament. The following day we all packed up our bags and returned to Ann Arbor, where the more figurative roller coaster of a year in pharmacy was about to begin.
Detroit Tigers Outing

With the summer of 2012 drawing to a close, twenty one brothers joined the Toronto Blue Jays in visiting the Detroit Tigers at Comerica Park. While the Tigers' spacious arena has been criticized for lacking the intimacy of the compact old Tiger stadium, our brothers failed to notice as we rekindled that brotherly spirit with many of us seeing each other for the first time in advance of the new school year. The Blue Jays were no match for the World Series bound Tigers, and brothers were free to enjoy peanuts, cracker jacks, and camaraderie against the backdrop of a 5-3 victory for the home team. In addition to long time brothers, future brothers Egwin Loya and Nadir Zara joined our crew to get their first taste of the kinship that sets Phi Delta Chi apart and both expressed their excitement to be a part of our fraternity. It was a great opportunity to wind down the summer and reignite the relationships that would get us all through the coming year.
Brotherhood Barn Dance

Yee Haw ya’ll, it’s the Brotherhood Barn Dance! This year, the alpha chapter grabbed their country attire, complete with flannel, jeans, boots and hats, and saddled up for a great time. The event took place in late September and was planned as a hayride and bonfire at Sugarbush Farms in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

However, due to the unstable Michigan weather, the brotherhood pledges had to initiate a different plan. The barn dance took place at Diamondback Saloon, a country dance bar, in Belleville, Michigan. Many brothers and pledges met for the first time at this event, forming bonds that will last far past a single night. Everyone enjoyed the dance floor, even participating in a line dance or two. The event was topped off with a visit from the local country radio station 99.5 WYCD, which awarded a few of the brothers with prizes from some on air contests.

The Brotherhood Barn Dance created a lasting memory for the many that attended, and kicked-off the exciting pledge process for the pledge class of 2012.
An AAAE Halloween

End of October, the midterms have passed,
a Halloween vibe in the air,
pledges and brothers together amassed,
a contest intended to scare,

meet at the lab, “come equipped with supplies!”
bigs and littles together prepare,
carving up pumpkins, with caution advised,
competition with no time to spare,

voting is tallied, the champions declared,
wine lineage wins with a cheer,
Matt, Kayla, Tess, Olga, Reema Hakim
a plaque they will hold ‘til next year!
Ski Trip

This year, our annual winter retreat was held at The Homestead ski resort in northern Michigan. Although the weather was not favorable for skiing, we had ample opportunities to get to know each other better and to have fun. New brothers and old brothers bonded in comfy cabins in front of warm fires. Due to the slopes being closed, some brothers chose to explore the dunes of northern Michigan while others went on an exciting tour of the Leelanau wineries. Despite the weather disagreeing with us, we made the best of our trip and created bonds that will last a lifetime.
Brotherhood: Class Field Trip

Gatlinburg 2013: Year of the Gatlinbro

Once a year a group of pharmacists and pharmacy students, who all so happen to be brothers of the same fraternity, converge upon Gatlinburg, TN for four fun days of skiing and camaraderie. It was very exciting to be there with brothers from Michigan as this was only the 2nd time we were in attendance. The 9 hour car drive included 4 hours of staring at nothing through Ohio, beautiful rolling hills, and KFC pit stops in Kentucky. Usually the skiing comes after bonding with pharmacy students from all over the country. This January there was no snow, and therefore zero skiing. How did the 4 brothers from Alpha stay entertained? Racoon hats, feathers, bow and arrows, and a drum. We also took the time to explore the city of Gatlinburg, as well as Pigeon Forge - by accident. The Sky Lift above Gatlinburg gave us an eagle eye view of the beautiful Tennessee mountains. During our stay we were housed with brothers from the University of Georgia and also got the chance to hang out with brothers from Iowa, Massachusetts, Virginia, Tennessee, Wisconsin, and many others. Our weekend in Gatlinburg was a great bonding time between brothers near and far. I hope that brothers from Michigan continue to attend the annual Gatlinburg trip. Besides national and regional conferences, it is a great way to get to know some brothers from all over the country. I hope to attend as an alumni in the future!
Prom 2013: Old Hollywood

The University of Michigan College of Pharmacy holds an annual PharmBash event to acknowledge and celebrate the students’ achievements and perseverance throughout the school year.

Phi Delta Chi was well-represented at the event, which was held on February 2nd, 2013 at Weber’s Inn. Numerous brothers enjoyed the night out with a delicious 3-course dinner and a raging dance floor.

The theme for this year was Old Hollywood and the hall was decorated with a red carpet and full of black and gold balloons. Brothers had fun with the theme and donned canes, top hats, long gloves, and flapper headpieces. Needless to say, the men looked debonair and the women embodied glamour.

Hollywood wouldn’t be complete without hosting an Oscars Awards Show. Students were recognized for Most Likely to be Famous, Best Breakout Actor, Best Dancer, Celebrity Look-a-like, Best Actor, Best Supporting Actor, Best Dressed and Best Hair.
Whirlyball & Laser Tag

Two of our favorite brotherhood events this year were Whirlyball and Laser Tag. These outings created some friendly competition within our chapter and strengthened our relations by encouraging teamwork, cooperation and coordination. Some playful fun was just the medicine we needed to suppress the stress being induced by a heavy load of exams and project deadlines.
The theme of our Lineage Cook-off this year was “Murder Mystery.” The cook-off was based on 3 categories: Appetizer, Entrée and Dessert. Our faculty judges and brothers dined on homemade delicacies while the cast acted out a pharmacy-themed mystery scenario. As the judges mulled over the results of the cook-off, brothers worked together within their lineage to correctly identify the pharmacist killer! By the end of the night, the killer had been correctly identified as Mary Poppins, with the weapon of choice being poisonous mushrooms cultivated from the garden of former UM pharmacology professor, Dr. C. B. Smith!
Alpha Chapter Window Display

This year the professionalism committee wanted to be different from past years and connect with people more broadly. A subcommittee of eight brothers decided that the best way to achieve this goal would be to make a video about proper medication disposal and post it on Youtube for public viewing. Our target audience was any person taking medication: from common tablets to fentanyl pain patches. Fellow brother, Sarah Thomas, headed the group and was instrumental in organizing this project. After writing the script and renting video equipment we filmed scenes at the College of Pharmacy campus. We were fortunate to have access to Village Pharmacy to shoot the pharmacy store scenes. We had several brothers partake as actors in the video while fellow brother Ashley Hunt edited the video.

Our video, “Proper Medication Disposal - A Pharmaceutical Dilemma”, begins with a pharmacist counseling a customer and posing the question of how the customer properly disposes of her medications. The customer reminisces about what her friends have told in the past. After seeing common responses, the video shows potential dangers of not properly disposing one’s medications such as pets eating it or children removing it from the trash. Proper disposal of tablets and capsules, syringes, and patches are discussed. Lastly but importantly, the video shows a step-by-step process for the viewer to find additional information on the FDA website. We currently have several hundred views, and our goal is to reach over 1,000 people.
Professionalism

The Professionalism Committee members of Phi Delta Chi hosted a health fair on November 8, 2012. At the heart of the Angel Hall, the Phi Dex advocated the profession of pharmacy by interacting with the undergraduate students at the University of Michigan.

The health fair consisted of three major themes: an introduction to the career of pharmacy, health topics and professional etiquette. The primary purpose of the Pharmacy Career booth was to inform prospective pharmacy students about the variety of career options available to pharmacists, other than the more traditional role of community pharmacists. It was common to see students, from curious passers by to more serious pre-pharmacy students, asking questions to a Phi Dex about career options such as managed care, clinical pharmacy, and drug information.

The mini-muffins and the apple cider that the Committee Co-chair Nadir Zara prepared were definitely attention grabbers at the health fair. It attracted many Wolverines to the Health Topics booth, where the committee members addressed three big health concerns among college students: MRSA infection, sleep deprivation, and sexually transmitted infections. The Phi Dex educated the student athletes about their vulnerability to MRSA infection, a serious bacterial infection that is transmitted via skin-surface contact. Handouts discussing the risks of sleep deprivation and sexually transmitted diseases were also distributed to interested students.

The third theme of the health fair was Professional Etiquette. The Phi Dex of the UM College of Pharmacy gave Wolverines tips on how to dress professionally, stressing the importance of professional clothes and the white coat in presenting oneself as an expert within the field of pharmacy. The committee members also put together a flyer containing a condensed list of interview tips.

The health fair gave an opportunity for the Phi Dex brothers to uphold a pillar of the fraternity, professionalism, by representing and advocating for the profession of pharmacy.
Professionalism

Detroit Impact Health Fair

On October 15th, the Alpha Chapter partnered with the University of Michigan chapter of the Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA) and the Voices of Detroit Initiative to put on a health fair for residents of Detroit. The focus of this health fair was prevention of hypertension and diabetes, and focused on healthy eating, exercise, and other methods to control these disease states. Brothers assisted in this project by playing a game with participants in the health fair.

In this game, players picked up numbers which corresponded to different values for systolic and diastolic blood pressures. They were then asked what they thought of these numbers, and we then explained the meanings of these values, and which cases would necessitate a trip to the doctor. We saw about 20 patients at this health fair, and hope that they were able to share the information that was provided to them with their friends and family as well.

P3/P4 APPE Information Session

This year there was a big change in both the timing and the software utilized to rank possible rotations for P4 year. In an effort to improve P3 understanding of the APPE ranking process, Phi Delta Chi organized a question and answer session with current P4 Brothers. This event was attended by about fifty P3 students, and notes from the event were sent out to the entire P3 class so about 95 students benefited from this event.

P4 Brothers started by talking about their current APPE rotation sites, and then opened the floor to additional questions from P3 students. Topics discussed included tips on what rotation sites to based upon a person’s career and residency goals, preparing applications for rotation sites outside of Arbor area, how to find housing, and how to in the P4 year. Students who attended the event very grateful to have their concerns addressed by who were currently experiencing life as a P4 student. It really helped quell some of the anxiety that P3 students had about selecting P4 rotations, and Phi Delta Chi received recognition for organizing an important service for current pharmacy students.
Professionalism

Pharmacy Day at the Capitol

MPA’s annual Pharmacy Day at the Capitol is an important event that Alpha Brothers participate in every year. This year on September 11th, about 50 University of Michigan College of Pharmacy students, including 25 Brothers, made a trip to Lansing, Michigan to educate Legislators and the public about the roles of Pharmacists in the Health System. This is a wonderful opportunity for Brothers not only to provide health education to the public about hypertension and diabetes, but also to press for important legislation affecting pharmacists in the state of Michigan.

Brothers attending the day at the capitol engaged in advocacy meetings with legislators, performed health screenings as well as influenza immunizations, and assisted in the disposal of unwanted or expired medications. One Brother, Barbara Kerkove, who also serves as an executive committee member for UM-HSP, organized an interactive presentation featuring pharmacist management of drug shortages. The purpose of the project was to facilitate educational dialogue around drug shortage policy and workflow issues in health-system pharmacy between student advocates and the public. Participants walked along a yellow drug labelled road and solved complex drug shortage issues along the way. Brothers and other student pharmacists told the participants about specific examples of drug shortages or engaged in a discussion about broader drug shortage topics. In three hours time, about 100 participants learned more about the specific issues. Additionally, Brothers operated a telephone donation drive to raise money for the Michigan Pharmacists Association. Phi Delta Chi Brothers raised the most donations during the drive, surpassing $500 via telephone calls.
Service

Relay for Life

This year PDC was once again part of the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy's Relay for Life team, "Rx Factor." With three PDC brothers in charge, a collection of student leaders from multiple pharmacy student organizations hosted several fundraisers to raise over $15,000 for the American Cancer Society. Some of the PDC-sponsored fundraisers included two grilled cheese and tomato soup lunch fundraisers, a zumba fundraiser, and an art auction fundraiser at a local Ann Arbor art center. The year culminated in a 24-hour relay at the local track, at which PDC brothers organized a jail 'n' bail fundraiser. With a cowboy hat, handcuffs, and a megaphone, people paid money to "arrest" their friends and family members who then had to raise their bail to get out of jail. Some of the brothers even managed to jail University of Michigan varsity football player, Taylor Lewan, and basketball player, Spike Albrecht! By the end of the event, the Rx Factor team had raised over $15,000 on the year, helping create a world with less cancer and more birthdays!
Service

Chili’s Dinner for St. Jude

The Alpha Chapter of Phi Delta Chi is always looking for ways to support the efforts of St. Jude. One way that brothers can support this cause is through St. Jude Day at Chili’s Restaurant. Every year, Chili’s designates a day where they donate 100% of their profits to St. Jude. In addition to profits from each meal served, people can donate additional money to decorate a pepper for St. Jude, or order different apparel items.

The Alpha Chapter of Phi Delta Chi supports this event by encouraging all brothers to eat at Chili’s on this day. Many brothers took this opportunity to bond with their lineage, and other brothers went to Chili’s as a break from studying. It was very nice to think that brothers throughout the country might also be taking part in this event in support of our national philanthropy.

St. Jude Euchre Tournament

As part of the Alpha Chapter’s goal to contribute to Phi Delta Chi’s Prescription for Hope fundraising campaign for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, we host an annual Euchre Tournament.

This event was advertised to the entire College of Pharmacy, and this year, we had 16 teams participate. Each player pays $5 to participate, and the top two partnerships received College of Pharmacy apparel items as prizes. In addition to paying to play, some students chose to donate additional funds to St. Jude, resulting in $165 being raised for St. Jude Children’s Hospital! New brothers, Ashley Soule and Nick Cushman showed the chapter what they were made of and were the winning team for this year’s tournament.
Fall Chore Day

In the pursuit of kindling public enthusiasm and compassion, the Alpha chapter of Phi Delta Chi carried out our annual Fall Chore Day on November 3rd, 2012. More than 50 brothers and pledges came together to rake leaves and clean up for the senior citizens who live in one of our local neighborhoods.

Brothers and pledges were divided into five teams and each team was assigned to a senior citizen’s home. Whether it was raking and bagging the leaves or cleaning the yard, each of us engaged in these tasks with delight. Together, the pledges and brothers raked and bagged more than 100 bags of leaves. Blessed by a sunny day and with the help of our motto, “each needs the help of the other,” our combined efforts were a great success! Not only was this an amazing opportunity for the brothers and pledges to come together for a great cause, but it was also a time where everyone could become better acquainted with each other. Fall Chore Day was an exciting gathering that brought the fraternity together to do something meaningful by giving back to our local community.
The Prescription For Hope
Letter writing fundraising campaign for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital

Phi Delta Chi is committed to raising funds and awareness for worthy causes. One of the most notable causes we are involved with is St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.\(^1\) As noted on the hospital’s website, “St. Jude is the only pediatric cancer research center where families never pay for treatment not covered by insurance; no child is ever denied treatment because of a family’s inability to pay.”\(^1\) Since partnering with St. Jude in 1995, collegiate and alumni have raised funds to help improve the lives of children through funding medical care and research. These efforts have helped children around the world suffering from pediatric cancers and other catastrophic illnesses.\(^1,2\) In August 2007, Phi Delta Chi began a letter-writing campaign called The Prescription for Hope to help raise money and awareness for St. Jude. The initial goal of this campaign was to raise $200,000 in four years. However, the letter-writing was very successful and this goal was met in just half that time! Through donations, St. Jude was able to build a new outpatient pharmacy and named it in our fraternity’s honor. Because of the success in the first years of The Prescription for Hope campaign, the 67th Grand Council voted to continue this effort.\(^1\) In late October, each of the forty-one Alpha Chapter pledges participated in The Prescription for Hope letter-writing and each completed at least fifteen letters to friends and family members in hopes of raising donations for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Through this letter-writing campaign, we hope to reach our goal of raising $1 million by 2020 to support the work of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.\(^1\)

1. [http://phideltachiworld.com/about-the-organization/philanthropy]
2. [http://www.stjude.org/stjude/v/index.jsp?gnextoid=6ae094255e443110VgnVCM1000001e0215acRCRD]
Ronald McDonald House

Alpha Chapter of Phi Delta Chi has been involved with volunteering with the Ronald McDonald House in Ann Arbor for several years. The Ronald McDonald house serves as a place to allow families to remain close to their children when they receive treatment for serious illnesses. Rather than worrying about expenses associated with being close to their child, families can focus on spending time together and being involved in the healing process.

In Ann Arbor, the Ronald McDonald house offers student organizations the opportunity to volunteer by serving dinners to the families who stay there. Brothers of Phi Delta Chi were involved in this project in several ways. All brothers were encouraged to donate money to help with grocery costs associated with preparing dinner for the families. After money was collected, members of the Service Committee determined a menu and went shopping for the necessary ingredients. Then Brothers signed up for one or two shifts held at the Ronald McDonald house. Brothers assisted in preparing the food, as well as serving food and cleaning up after dinner was finished.

This year, we made a chicken broccoli casserole, Caesar salad, and cinnamon cake, and served dinner to about 25 guests. Multiple families complimented us on the food, and everyone was very appreciative of the efforts put forth by Phi Delta Chi. One family in particular, took the time to share the experience that they had with Ronald McDonald House. They have been here for over a year, but were excited to discuss the improvements that they had seen in their child, and were looking forward to hopefully going home in March 2013.

Overall, volunteering with the Ronald McDonald House is always a very positive experience, and this is something that we plan to be involved with for many years to come.
Holiday Bingo at Glacier Hills Community

On December 11th, 2012, 11 brothers from our chapter donned their gay apparel, complete with bells and Santa hats, to spread holiday cheer with a holiday themed bingo event at the Glacier Hills Senior Living Community on the North side of Ann Arbor. Since this was our first bingo event with the community, it was great fun to meet the seniors for the first time and hear some of their life stories as we shared cookies and called out bingos in a festive atmosphere with Christmas right around the corner. Winners were presented with a variety of holiday themed prizes ranging from Christmas mugs, to snow globes, and miniature figurines and houses. The seniors seemed to have as much fun having us as we did engaging with them, and we’re optimistic that this may just be the beginning of a fun and rewarding partnership between Phi Delta Chi and Glacier Hills!

Pledge Class School Supply Drive

This fall, the pledge service committee organized a school supply drive for fifth grade students at the Intermediate Learning Center in Ypsilanti. The event helped provide necessary educational resources to students that could not otherwise afford these supplies. Throughout the month of October, items such as Kleenex boxes, notebooks, pencils, and crayons were collected by pledges. The drive was also publicized to the PDC membership and College of Pharmacy student body in an attempt to collect as many supplies as possible. Many Brothers assisted the pledges in purchasing their supplies so that they could ensure that all students in the classroom would receive adequate supplies.

With this event, the pledge service committee wanted to help provide the best educational experience for the students at the Intermediate Learning Center. In the end, over 180 items were collected for a fifth grade class led by a current UM School of Education student. These supplies will play a huge role in increasing the diversity of activities and lessons that can be organized by the teaching staff.
Every year, the organizations within our College of Pharmacy worked together to raise money for Relay for Life. Phi Delta Chi and University of Michigan Health-system Student Pharmacists (UM-HSP) collaborated on putting together the annual Art Auction as a part of our contribution towards Relay for Life. We reached out to many students on campus asking for art donations and we rented out the Ann Arbor Art Center to host our event. We felt that the art auction is rather unique fundraising idea that showcased how talented we are as a student body. We collected over seventy art pieces, ranging from photographs to home-made origami sculptures to oil paintings. As brothers of Phi Delta Chi, we were there from the very beginning to help out with set up, food, equipment, and registering our guests. In the end, it was a hugely successful event. We raised over $3,000 for Relay for Life and many of our guest went home happily with one-of-a-kind art pieces.
Congratulations to our brothers who were newly initiated to Rho Chi and our brothers who were recognized by Rho Chi for outstanding academic performance

Cate Turnbull  Timothy Hinkley  Joslyn Neal*
Jennifer Smith  Lauren Heath  Cassidy Zammit*
Rachel Lebovic  Caitlin Early  Thoraya Youness*
Matthew Lau  Jessica Morningstar  Sonja Grinfeld*
Marilyn Jen  Roxanne Naanos  Chloe Zhang*
Melinda Hur  Lauren Leader*  Ryan DasGupta*
Ashley Hunt  Sarah Thomas*  Suhail Shaikh*
Melissa Tai*

*brothers who were recognized by Rho Chi for high GPA
Trivia

Bug Drug Trivia and...

Bug Drug Trivia was a great success this year with having 9 teams of 4 people each. The room was packed with P3s anxious about their upcoming infectious disease final exam! Our chapter adviser, Dr. Carver graciously volunteered, like every other year, to write the questions along with our PDC alumni and new Michigan PGY1 resident Bernie Marini. Students were charged $3 to participate, as the event was extended to all P3s, not just PDC brothers. The profit made on the event was put towards our Alpha Scholarships, which are given out at the end of the school year.

Dr. Carver had a great game of trivia set up with a total of 5 different rounds consisting of fun categories such as Harry Potter and rhyming. A set of 3 P2s came to the event to act as graders and get a glimpse of what they have to look forward to in the coming year of school. Team Yellow Submarine ended up being the winners with a striking 11-point differential from the second place team. The winners received the notorious passed down superbug stuffed animal and pharmacy wine keys, but most importantly a laminated signed certificate from Dr. Carver herself. All participants received an answer key to all the questions to use as a study tool for their upcoming exam. The night did not end too quickly as everyone had the pancake study breakfast afterwards to look forward to...

...Pancake Study Breakfast!

This was the third biannual “pancake study breakfast” hosted by the PDC scholarship committee. It was held after the Bug-Drug Trivia Night for P3s to review for their ID Exam. Brothers studied in both large groups in the Walgreens lab as well as in small groups in study rooms throughout the college while pancakes were continuously being made all through the night. We served both plain and chocolate chip pancakes to satisfy brothers’ late night sweet tooth. We even had scheduled “study breaks” where brothers could win prizes for completing brain teasers. As always, many brothers stayed late into the night to study for final exams. Overall, the event was a success, and we look forward to continuing the tradition each semester!
Scholarship

Project P.E.E.R.S.

Project P.E.E.R.S. (Peers Engaged in Education and Reaching for Success) is a tutoring program first developed by the academic honor society, Rho Chi, to help on a one-on-one or group basis focusing on therapeutics and practice-based courses. Initially, tutors were exclusively Rho Chi members who achieved scholastic success in the courses. However, the tutor pool was extended beyond Rho Chi to Phi Delta Chi through the efforts of executive board member, Joslyn Neal.

As the Worthy Inner-Guard, Joslyn was liaison to the scholarship committee. To make the tutoring program within Phi Delta Chi more pronounced, she jumped on the opportunity to collaborate with Rho Chi in order to establish a more formalized tutoring program. The proposal was accepted the same year Project P.E.E.R.S. was started, and it is now an integral part of the scholarship committee.

Joslyn explained that this program makes the alpha chapter here at the University of Michigan more unique since it is offered to all students, not just brothers. “It allows us to interact with the rest of the college in a very positive light in a way that shows we are all dedicated to the overall success of our colleagues/peers,” she stated.
Scholarship

Another aspect Phi Delta Chi brings to the organization that distinguishes it from Rho Chi is the strength in numbers, something Rho Chi cannot provide to the program. Joslyn also emphasized the mentoring experiences it provides to brothers, an important skill obtained early in ones career that allows students to foster relationships with many different kinds of people.

While Joslyn played an integral part to establish Phi Delta Chi in the program, there were several others who played a key part in the collaboration. Rho Chi President, Janis Rood, as well as Rho Chi Vice President, Mary Blair,- and fellow PDC brother Dr. Mason (also the Rho Chi advisor) all gladly accepted the proposal and helped plan and execute two large successful events. All of the PDC tutors were also necessary to launch such a large initiative, as there were more than 30 PDC tutors assisting in the events. Dr. Regal, Dr. Wells, and Dr. Scoville all agreed to be preceptors for both events, which included giving their time after work and school hours to support the cause.

Students gave positive feedback, stating “the event was well organized, and it was helpful to have advice from the P3s about their strategies when they did this OSCE as P1s.”

The program has proved to be a success with the combination of Phi Delta Chi and Rho Chi, and the Project P.E.E.R.S. leaders are open for feedback to help make improvements in the future.

Joslyn Neal

Janis Rood

Mary Blair
Scholarship

Alpha Scholar Award Winners

For a third year, the annual Phi Delta Chi Alpha Scholar Award was offered to recognize an active P1, P2, and P3 brother who has demonstrated academic excellence in addition to promoting brotherhood throughout his/her active membership.

Each year, up to three qualified brothers are selected to receive a $100 award for use during the 2013-2014 academic school year. The Scholar Award is presented in the form of a gift certificate to Ulrich’s Bookstore, Dollar Bill Copying, or toward an online subscription to LexiComp depending on the preference of the student.

Each year the award recipients are announced at the last formal meeting of the winter semester before classes end for the summer.

This year WCC Val Wersching (P3, pictured right) and Sonja Grinfeld (P2, pictured above) each won $100 toward their prize of choice. We hope this money will suit them well in pursuing their academic achievements!
Trivia

Top 200 Drugs

Lorazepam, metoprolol, diazepam, bisoprolol. Risendronate, lisinopril, ibandronate, enalapril. On a cold December night, the alpha chapter shouted out these drug names like a cheer squad on game day. It was the top 200 trivia night, where brothers from all years organize in teams and answer trivia questions about the top 200 drugs. The event was hosted by the Scholarship Committee as practice for the top 200 exam that every pharmacy student must pass in order to move on to the following year. The trivia questions covered all points of the common medications including dose, indication, drug-drug interactions, and side effects. The winning team received a prize and a team picture, and all participants received a passing grade on the top 200 exam.

Pledge Trivia Night

On Friday, October 5, the brothers of Phi Delta Chi hosted a Trivia Night. All pledges were assigned to teams with brothers and other pledges. Our team, Gynecomastia faced some tough competition from Team Alkalosis, Team Shrimp Cocktail, and especially the Competitive Antagonists. Before beginning, I knew our team was a winner. As the questions from the first category appear on the screen, I stare blankly. I look at my teammates and see similar looks on their faces. With pen in hand, my teammate looks at us to tell her correct answers. Nothing. It’s okay, I think. No one knows the answers to these questions. We’ll wait for the next category. As the next category appears, a similar blank stare arises from me and my teammates. And throughout the night, our similar look of confusion is more common than correct answers on our sheet. The night ends and our only accomplishment is last place. And even though we didn’t win at trivia, the time spent with brothers and my fellow pledges, was immeasurable. There’s always next year and plenty of room for improvement.
in Review
2013
~ Football Tailgate ~

~ Bar Louie Dinner Night ~

Rush Events

~ Dominick’s Social Mixer ~

~ Kickball Competition ~
Rush Events
Big-Little Reveal

A Year in Review

Ever since our pledge class began the pledging process we have all been excited and anxious to find out who our Bigs are! The close bonds between Bigs and Littles have been spoken of very highly during our time as pledges and we have been anticipating the reveal ever since our first pledge meeting. The thought of creating meaningful relationships within a lineage motivated us to get to know the brothers on a close, personal level.

Around mid-October, the clues about our big came out one at a time. It was exciting to try to guess who our big would be! One of my clues was that my big had lived in five states, while other pledges had clues regarding a brother's favorite foods or sport. Finally, on October 18th, we had our Big/Little reveal. We arrived to the event promptly at 7:00 PM with gifts of red carnations for our new Bigs. After the reveal everyone mingled and had a great time getting to know each other. We also used this time to become familiar with the lineages in the fraternity and to figure out how our new lineages are related to other lineages within the fraternity. The Big/Little reveal made us feel that we truly belonged in the fraternity and helped us to become closer with the brothers of Phi Delta Chi.
White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony is a traditional ritual that signifies a student’s commitment to dedicating his or her life to society as a healthcare provider. It involves cloaking the student with a white coat and having them take an oath of promise to always adhere to the highest level of ethics while practicing as a health professional. The ceremony is a meaningful transition that is designed to welcome the students and symbolizes the beginning of their journey to become a compassionate and caring pharmacist.

The White Coat Ceremony for the University of Michigan Class of 2016 took place on the warm and sunny day of October 17th, 2012. We lined up anxiously behind the stage as the auditorium slowly filled with our family and friends. As we were walking towards the entrance of the auditorium, familiar faces of the brothers of Phi Delta Chi were there in every corner ready with a smile and a high-five to support us. Rather than just waiting for the ceremony to begin in the audience, the brothers took the extra effort to greet us behind the stage and make us feel comfortable. We knew then that we could relax and have fun because this ceremony would be filled with people in our lives that supported us in life, the brothers of Phi Delta Chi.

The ceremony quickly flew by and ended with us taking an oath to dedicate the rest of our lives to professionalism and providing the best care possible for our future patients. After taking our class picture, the brothers of Phi Delta Chi were already outside ready to greet and congratulate us again. We felt really good again about our decision to pledge Phi Delta Chi at that moment because it allowed us to get close with brothers of Phi Delta Chi and also with our classmates. Even though the ceremony was held shortly after the school year started, it was a very personal moment for all of us and served to solidify the familial bonds between us and the brothers of Phi Delta Chi.

We feel very proud and excited in our journey to becoming brothers of Phi Delta Chi because the brothers in the fraternity have given us unconditional support in moments like the White Coat Ceremony. We have taken this experience to heart and are eager to spread this support when we become brothers of the Phi Delta Chi with the next year’s class. With the help of Phi Delta Chi, we celebrated our White Coat Ceremony and marked the start of our transition from students to future leaders in the profession of pharmacy.
Phi Delta Chi was founded at the University of Michigan on November 2, 1883 by eleven men. Albert Prescott (1832-1905), then Dean of College of Pharmacy at the University of Michigan, was an advocate for the formation of Phi Delta Chi. In order to honor that day, both pledges and brothers participated in Founders Days events. During the first part of the evening, both pledges and brothers discussed the reasons for joining PDC. These activities made us realize that we all have similar goals in terms of developing our leadership, professional, and social skills while establishing close relationships with our fellow brothers. In addition to having a dinner together, we visited Dean Prescott’s gravestone and held a carnation ceremony in order to honor him. At the ceremony, our Worthy Prelate Tanvi Khanpara put together an excellent presentation about Dean Prescott. She discussed his professional life, goals for both Phi Delta Chi, and the profession of pharmacy along with the adversities he had to overcome in order to accomplish those goals. It was a great experience because it made us all realize the hard work that Dean Prescott put forth in order for us to receive an excellent pharmacy education here at University of Michigan. In order to honor his work, it is important that we continue to work together to keep advancing the profession of pharmacy while maintaining close relationships with our brothers.
November 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 2012. It is dark outside and the cold air is chilling to the bone. Forty one Phi Delta Chi pledges are gathered around the graves of Albert Benjamin Prescott and his family, huddling for warmth. The wind rustles through the leaves above, as if the spirits of past are returning to the grave for this ceremonious occasion. 129 years ago, on this very day, Dean Prescott encouraged eleven pharmacy students to found the first chapter of Phi Delta Chi.

This day holds a special place in the hearts of Phi Delta Chi Alpha Chapter Brothers. To them, Founder’s Day signifies not just the start of Phi Delta Chi as a whole but also the origins of the Alpha Chapter – the pinnacle of the fraternity. They take great pride in being descendents of the founding fathers. And throughout the years, the Alpha Chapter members have lived their lives according to the values and goals established by the founding fathers. Each year, the history, values, and knowledge of Phi Delta Chi are passed down to the pledge class. It is their responsibility to not just learn it all but to take great joy in doing so. After all, what is the point in pledging Phi Delta Chi without the desire to become the best Brother possible? That passion is what drives the Brothers to develop an invaluable and everlasting fraternal bond with each other. The pledge class of 2012 has put forth a great deal of effort in learning Phi Delta Chi history and adopting the mindset of a good Brother. We are thankful for this opportunity given to us by the Brothers of Phi Delta Chi and made possible by Founder’s Day.
"I got to know one of the P4s that hadn’t been able to come to any of the events because of her rotation. I think it was a lot easier to get to know them one on one."

-one of the highlights over the past few months was Coffee Talks. Each pledge was assigned two people, one brother and another brother/pledge, to casually get together with. This event was unique in that the date, location, and duration were not pre-planned. Therefore, many took advantage of the flexibility and expanded the term “coffee” talk. While some did meet for coffee at Starbucks or Espresso Royale, many others visited their favorite local restaurants, bars, or university sites. I believe I speak for everyone when I say the coffee talks were successful in bringing the current and future brothers of Phi Delta Chi closer as a group.

-Nicholas Cushman

“It helped me get to know the brothers and who they are as a person rather than just memorizing facts and names.”

-Charu Sharma
“I learned about Irwin a P4 and gave me the chance to learn more about PDC from an upperclassman perspective.”

Matt Paterini (P1) and Irwin Lau (P4)

It might be tough, but everyone does it.
You may not like it or you may love it.
To see new faces, it’s kind of hard.
To have conversation, you must let down your guard.
You may be scared they might not like you,
That’s not possible, a brother will help you.
They will help you get through the toughest of times.
And will assist you with the climb.
There is no other person like a PDC Brother.
That is why our motto is each needs the help of the other
People say that friends come and go,
But PDC is a family that will only grow.
-Nadia Hijazi

“IT helped me because even though I thought it would be awkward, Caitlin was really nice and easy to get along with. The talk helped me realize that I didn’t need to feel awkward and most people just want to help and make friends, which are similar reasons I wanted to be in PDC in the first place.”

-Nadir Zara
Droppin’ Alpha Beats

Alterum alterius auxilio eget
Take your memantine and don’t forget
Brothers for life since 1883
We’re the leaders and the best a pushin’ pharmacy
Hailin’ from the great lakes rockin’ blue and maize
Alpha chapter don’t haze, we just study for days
Where’s that old gold from? Elwood, Indiana
Have you been practicing your Greek? Yup, alpha, beta, gamma
Let me introduce you to the pillars one through four
Before going into details you must establish the core

Brotherhood is at the core of this fraternity,
The founding fathers know it best, respect paternity
Doin’ coffee talks just to get to know the brothers
Keep in mind that each needs the help of the other

They said find creative ways to fundraise 3 Gs?
Date auction yo, please, that was a breeze
All the lil pledges sellin’ baked goods and flowers
Makin’ sweetest day the sweetest and tastes you will devour
Droppin’ Alpha Beats

Professionalism, learn to live this component
Dress up, act right, don’t slip for one moment
Health fairs to advocate all things pharmacy
Just to show the public how great we can be
Don’t lose your white coat and keep it very clean
Take an oath and be the best the world’s ever seen

Service is last but definitely not least
PDC backs the community west to east
Founded by Prescott way back in the day,
We do the great man honor and clean his grave
Raking leaves for our neighbors even in the cold
Our ability to help we would never withhold
So we say bring on the winter and all the snowfall
And we’ll shovel your driveway; you don’t even have to call

So by now you might think you understand the system
But you should stop in your tracks and take some words of wisdom
Listen to Buddha and what he has to say
Direct yourself first, then show others the way

Written by Brothers Ryan DasGupta and Joseph Johnson