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Gamma Psi



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Since G.C.C. the brothers of Gamma Psi have been working hard to live up to our number one ranking. As one of the smallest chapters in the nation we take great pride in the fact that so few are able to accomplish so much. On the fronts of brotherhood, academics and community service Gamma Psi has strived for excellence from the very beginning. This year we are maintaining that tradition with great fervor, not only to keep the top spot, but because we know no other way.

With our Regent Kevin Long to guide and push us we have grown together these past months. His no non-sense style

of leadership keeps us focused on the chapter's goals. We are reminded that being the number one chapter is not our main goal. Instead, it is merely the result of strong brotherhood formed by great chapters.

Academically we have been very successful this semester. Vice Regent Amir Khan has made it his personal responsibility to see his brothers thrive in the classroom. As the current president of Rho Chi he understands what it takes and is a great resource for the chapter.

Service chair Sujal Patel has done an excellent job of organizing our service events. He challenges us to go above and beyond the usual commitment and has helped Gamma Psi to be better known as an active

supporter of our community.

As a new brother myself, I can say we are especially excited to bring on a new group of pledges next semester. Pledge Master Brandon Corpening has been working hard to seek out the standouts from the class of 2013. It looks as if we will have a very good group to carry on our tradition of excellence.

None of Gamma Psi's success would be possible without the involvement of our alumni. We sincerely appreciate the endless hard work of alumni brothers Dr. Marvin Smith, Dr. Andrew Crowe, Dr. Andy Asberry and Dr. Seth Hammonds as they have molded this chapter into what it is today.

Jordan Khail

Executive Board

Kevin Long
Regent

Amir Khan
Vice Regent

Josh Ramcharan
Secretary

Nick Blackwell
Treasurer

Building for the Future



The semester is quickly rolling by and our Brothers are hard at work trying to improve ourselves, our chapter, and our school. However, the time is approaching when we will soon offer bids to first year pharmacy students. It is hard to believe it has been a year since I first put on my red tie for the first time. Yet, this year has allowed me to get out and see how things operate both inside and outside of our chapter. It has provided me an opportunity to see exactly what qualities we should look for in potential brothers. A potential brother should exemplify the ideals of our fraternity:

fellowship, industry, sobriety, and high ideals.

I feel that this P1 class has a lot of potential and also will be able to grow significantly within our chapter. This year we will be choosing little Brothers early in the process to hopefully encourage this growth early on and allow for the big Brothers to help teach and guide the pledge through the process. We feel like this could help the pledge answer questions throughout their semester as they try to balance the workload of school and pledging.

I think that the key to this pledge period for me as Pledge Master will be for me to remember what it was about the pledge process that felt was benefi-

cial and help to provide these opportunities to this year's pledges. As always, I will want to make sure they take care of school because if they cannot do it now they will not be able to when they are Brothers. Overall, I hope we make this an experience the pledges will remember and one they can look back on with fond memories. However, most of all I want to provide them each with a strong foundation to become a good Brother and one who can contribute to our continued progression as a chapter.

Brandon Corpening

Dates to Remember

Winter Conclave in Birmingham, AL	Jan. 8-10
Kappa Psi Ski Trip	Jan. 15-16
COS Picnic	April 16th
Rush Party	Jan 30th
Hawks vs Lakers Game	Mar 31st

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A Message From The Regent:



The summer and fall have been very productive and fun times for Gamma Psi. Our new brothers joined us in late April and have made a fine addition to the chapter and to our rich tradition. Once the new brothers had crossed, we elected our new executive board, consisting of Amir Khan as Vice Regent, Josh Ramcharan as Secretary, and Nick Blackwell as Treasurer, and myself, here to serve as Regent. These two classes headed into the summer with great anticipation as we prepared for our first Grand Council Convention, with some guidance from older brothers.

This excitement continued to build all summer as we waited for early August. In the mean time, we joined each other in various activities, including several braves games for those of us in Atlanta over the summer. We all knew what a great time we would have, but none of us knew we would be officially recognized as the number one chapter in the nation! We were able to celebrate with most of the chapter, as 17 of our 23 collegiate brothers were in attendance. We were also very happy to have 8 alumni brothers at GCC, more than

any other chapter to my knowledge.

Obviously, our elite ranking is evidence of our chapter's ability to focus on setting goals for brothers and our chapter. We are continuing to balance striving for our goals with increasing our fraternal bonds. One of my aims has been to make sure that we always know that we are a brotherhood and fraternity above all else. We have begun to increase the frequency of brothers' events and brothers only gatherings. We consis-

President and President-elect, Phi Lambda Sigma Vice President and Secretary, Rho Chi president, and the president of the Class of 2012.

We are always looking to increase alumni and faculty involvement, and continue to keep an eye on our goal of purchasing a chapter house. Saturday, November 14th, we hosted a grill out in Tucker. We were happy to have faculty brothers Dr. Michael Jann, Dr. Chad Vandenberg, and new faculty Dr. John Bauer, himself a



Gamma Psi Brothers celebrating after being named the number one chapter of Kappa Psi

Gamma Psi initiate, as well as alumni brothers Marvin Smith, Ubong Umoren, and Tim Burns join us for a day of football, fellowship, and food. We look forward to seeing many of you over the coming months, and hope all is well with you and your families.

As always, please be sure to contact us with any thoughts or suggestions, and

tently strive to ingrain in pledges and new brothers that this brotherhood carries into graduate status and lasts for life. Another chapter goal has been to increase our involvement and be valued members of other organizations in addition to being valuable Kappa Psi brothers. Currently, brothers hold three national offices in SNPhA, and one in NCPA, as well as the offices of NCPA

we encourage you to keep us updated through the alumni email or facebook page. We also ask that you visit our updated chapter website at gammapsi.kappapsi.org which we are continuing to work on.

Fraternally,

Kevin Long

Gamma Psi Regent

Editor:

Jordan Khail

Faculty Brothers Perspective

May we all be reminded of a key objective of Kappa Psi fraternity: to develop a fraternal organization for the mutual benefit of its members. We all can agree that Kappa Psi has immensely benefitted us as we grew- and continue to grow- as men, as professionals, and as pharmacists. But how many of us can say that we have put back in at least what we have taken out?

As commencement brings upon the beginning of a career in pharmacy, it is easy to become caught in the fray of reaching for money, accolades, and positions of higher authority. The tendency is to graduate and move forward without looking back. We work hard as

men of Kappa Psi and reach these ends—and though we attain momentary satisfaction, we quickly become dissatisfied and want more. And the cycle continues.

In the end, we leave as we came, with nothing but a legacy to show for a life lived. Thus, we must be conscious to always move in the direction of the way we want to be defined. What can you give back to better define the legacy you want to leave behind?

Can you offer your time to develop the younger generation of pharmacists? Can you offer financial support towards endeavors like a shelter to foster brotherhood

amongst the chapter? Can you offer your skills to better prepare the future pharmacist for the increasing demands of the career? Can you offer advice to prevent others after you from making mistakes you made? Can you offer anything else to develop a fraternal organization for the mutual benefit of its members?

Brothers become members of Kappa Psi for life. While it is easy to remember other pledges, goals, and obligations, we must prioritize these such that our lives are defined in the manner that best represents who we are.

Fraternally,
Ashish Advani



Dr. Ashish Advani
"Ocho-cinco"

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

-Winston Churchill



Brothers volunteering for CVS's Strong Legs Road Race



Future NASCAR hopefuls at Kappa Psi Halloween Party

Get Reconnected!

We are in the process of updating all the Gamma Psi Alumni mailing addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. If you have moved since graduation or changed your email addresses, please send updated information to:

mercergammapi@gmail.com. Your information will be used to ensure that you are constantly updated with new chapter news and updates.

We are # 1...Why?

Brothers this past year we have been able to accomplish a dream, We Are #1!!! Since August I have been asked by many brothers "How did you do it? How did such a small chapter get #1?" Many of these brothers would not understand the real answer...WE did it!!! This accomplishment has been the direct result of Alumni Brothers working with our collegiate brothers during our pledge process, community involvement and pushing leadership on campus.

At Gamma Psi we are unique because we believe you come into this chapter as an ordinary pharmacy student and in just a few months we will mold you into a GAMMA PSI MAN! We all have been instilled with focus that pushes us to succeed under any circumstance. Because we have created better brothers, I am so proud that excuses have started to dwindle and accomplishments have been piling up. We have been more involved than ever before the community. Helping in numerous service

events and community projects, we have moved beyond just our road clean-up and blood drive. ON campus we have an increased presence in all of the organizations including many president positions. Our brothers are active in helping the school interview prospective students and assist in the White Coat, Pinning, and Commencement Pro-



Immediate Past Grand Regent Lawrence Brown presenting Dr. Andrew Crowe with GCD of the Year Award

grams. This involvement is allowing each brother to gain more ownership of their pharmacy school experience and attach-



Brothers after this years Chapter development meeting

ment to The College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

I encourage every brother to reunite and celebrate the success of our chapter. Get in touch with a pledge brother you haven't talked to in years. Donate money to the chapter. Mentor a brother. The time has come for Alumni brothers to push these current collegiate brothers. So when you read this newsletter get more involved, be a better brother tomorrow than you were today

So the real answer is...WE ARE A TRUE FAMILY! We are trained for success as pledges and ready to help each other succeed. We DON'T make excuses and everyday we wake-up and put on the Gamma Psi hardhat and get results because of nothing more than WE SUCCEED, WE ARE GAMMA PSI!

Andrew S. Crowe, Pharm.D. Co-GCD Gamma Psi Gamma Psi Regent 2005-2006



No Philllies fans here



Volunteering with faculty brother Dr. Jann



Gamma Psi's Red Cross Blood Drive at Mercer