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Greatest Accomplishment

Colleen MacDonald, Fellow, Upsilon Nu Chi Chapter
Events = Professional Development Events and Workshops
Chapters emphasized both quality and turnout
One chapter established a behavioral points system to encourage participation

Member = Increasing Membership
Four of these chapters emphasized the induction/initiation ceremony as significant

Funds = Fundraising
Also in this category: grant money received (5), more sophisticated techniques / conference hosting (1), and maintenance of internal scholarship (1)

Service = Community Service / Outreach

Conf = Individual Members Attended Conferences
Often with financial support from the chapter

Active = Making Chapter Active by CSI International Standards (achieved or in progress)

Awards = Individual Members Received Awards/Scholarships
## Additional Accomplishments

### Moderate Frequency

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<td>Support students with academic transitions (program entry, comprehensive exams)</td>
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<td>Became an official student organization / visible on campus / raise awareness about CSI</td>
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<td>Greater connection among students</td>
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<td>Committee creation and activities (PR/bulletin board, newsletter)</td>
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<td>Succession planning for positions / committees</td>
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<td>None – inactive chapter</td>
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<td>More social events</td>
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<td>Collaboration with another counseling program / organization</td>
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<td>Collaboration within the chapter</td>
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<td>Creating peer mentoring program</td>
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<td>Use of technology (creation of listserv, updates to website)</td>
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<td>Merger with department’s student organization</td>
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<td>Revisions to by-laws</td>
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<td>General planning for upcoming fiscal year</td>
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<td>Initiated school emergency plan</td>
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Note: 98 chapter reports total; categories are not mutually exclusive
Business Meetings

Mark Parrish, Fellow, Iota Delta Sigma Chapter
The past year has been an active one for CSI chapters around the country. 111 CSI chapters have reported numerous business meetings covering a multitude of topics which are essential to the counseling profession. A number of themes emerged across chapter lines including:

- Membership promotion & recruiting
- Initiations & induction activities
- Fundraising events
- Social events
- Member involvement
- Chapter planning initiatives
- Networking
- Events planning & organization related to workshops & professional development opportunities
- Establishment of committees
- Officer elections
- Promotion of diversity activities
- Community service opportunities and projects

Of special note are initiatives by Lynchburg College in their work to establish an emergency response system between schools and mental health service providers in their community; the University of North Texas in their planning of a leadership retreat; and Winona State University in their development of a Guatemalan outreach fundraising project.
Of the 111 reporting chapters, 108 chapters maintained an active meeting schedule including executive committee meetings, specific committee meetings, general membership meetings, social and recruiting events, and meetings devoted to a variety of topics and issues related to our profession. Specifically, 5% of the chapters had no meetings, 42% had 1 to 5 meetings during the period, 38% had 6 to 10 meetings, 10% had 11 to 15 meetings, and 5% of the chapters had 16 or more meetings.
Initiations

Mark Parrish, Fellow, Iota Delta Sigma Chapter
CSI chapters have been active in the past year recruiting and initiating new members around the country. 111 CSI chapters have reported their initiation activity for 2006/2007. 2% of the chapters facilitated 3 initiation meetings, 12% had 2 initiation meetings, 80% of the chapters had 1 initiation meeting, and 6% reported no initiation meetings during the period. For the 114 initiation meetings reported, 879 new members were initiated into CSI. This figure is probably understated since many chapters did not report the number of new members being initiated during their reported meetings.
Workshops

Keely Hope, Fellow, Beta Chapter
There were a total of 105 chapters contributing to the information regarding workshops.

28 chapters had no workshops during the year. 57 chapters conducted between 1 – 3 workshops. 17 chapters provided four to six workshops and three chapters provided between seven and nine, with nine being the most done in a year.

![Pie chart showing distribution of workshop counts]

There were obvious trends in the types of workshops provided by CSI chapters throughout the year. The largest amount appeared to fall under a “training” category. It appears that many chapters would offer trainings that were not offered in the departments. These offerings ranged in type, including play therapy, crisis intervention and suicide prevention, DSM issues in depth, abuse and neglect, and mindfulness and stress relief for counselors. It is clear that CSI chapters are also providing professional development through offering workshops dedicated to building private practices or job seeking as well as leadership development and information regarding licensure. Internship information, multicultural and diversity issues, APA and writing pointers, and test preparation (i.e., NCE) round out the topics of the workshops. Many of the trainings provided more than one topic within a workshop so were counted within more than one category.
Social Events

Amy McLeod, Intern, Chi Epsilon Chapter
Summary of CSI Social Events Annual Report

Type of Social Event

Welcome Events
Holiday Events
Charity Events
Integrated Initiation
Networking End of Semester
Graduation Off Campus

Summary of CSI Social Events Annual Report
**Welcome Events:** Welcome events were held at the beginning of Fall and Spring semesters to welcome students and faculty back from semester breaks and introduce CSI to new students. Twenty-one welcome events were held in Fall Semester and nine welcome events were held in Spring semester.

**Holiday Events:** Holiday events centered around Halloween (4 events), Christmas/Winter Holiday (23 events), and Mardi Gras (1 events). Examples of holiday events include a pumpkin carving contests, dinners, and parties.

**Charity Events:** Charity events included a social component but took place primarily to benefit a charitable organization. Examples of charity events included working at homeless shelters, participating in organized events such as Relay for Life or the Special Olympics, and collecting toys and clothing for the needy.

**Integrated Events:** Integrated events included a social component as part of another CSI event. Examples of integrated events included social time following a workshop, poser session, conference, membership meeting, committee meeting, or business meeting.

**Initiation Events:** The initiation category includes social events in celebration of CSI initiation ceremonies, honoring new inductees, and honoring new officers.

**Networking Events:** Networking events took place primarily for the purpose of allowing students to meet and interact with CSI Alumni, working professionals, and potential counseling supervisors.

**End of the Semester Events:** End of the semester events took place to release stress during finals and celebrate the accomplishments of CSI members during the semester. Examples of end of the semester events include pizza parties, potluck meals, and wearing CSI apparel to class.

**Graduation Events:** Graduation events celebrated the graduation of CSI members from counseling programs.

**Off-Campus Events:** Off-campus events were held at locations away from universities for the sole purpose of socializing. Examples of off-campus events included bowling parties (4 events), picnics (7 events), happy hours/bar socials (4 events), dinners at restaurants (13 events), events in the homes of CSI officers or faculty advisors (8 events), a retreat for CSI members (1 event), a hike (1 event), movie nights (4 events), tailgates at football games (2 events), and a pool party (1 event).
Newsletter

Victoria Sepulveda, Intern, Alpha Omega Chapter
Newsletter Annual Reports

November 2007

In examining the annual newsletter reports, 94 chapter representatives reported their newsletter status and details about how they disseminate information to chapter members. Thirty-eight chapters reported that they did not have a newsletter; of these, eight chapters reported that their newsletters have been planned but not yet published. One chapter reported that they are interested in starting a newsletter but have not had members with the time to dedicate to the creation of a newsletter. Four chapters reported that they shared information through informative electronic mailings, and three chapters sent electronic newsletters only. Of the reporting chapters, 10 reported that they have used other newsletters, such as a department newsletter, to discuss chapter events and activities. Three chapters reported using a bulletin board, and one chapter each reported using business meetings and brochures to disseminate chapter information. These methods of information dissemination are likely to be used by other chapters who did not submit this information for the annual report.

Of the 56 chapters who reported having chapter newsletters, 45 reported the number of yearly publications. The majority (20) reported publishing newsletters twice per year, while seven chapters reported that they had published once in the past year. Six chapters reported that they had four publications per year, and five reported three per year. Two chapters reported that they published six newsletters per year. One chapter reported that they publish a monthly newsletter. Of all the chapters, two reported that they had used both electronic and paper methods, although other chapters may not have provided this information. Two chapters reported that they published “mini-newsletters” but did not report the length of these; these chapters also used online resources to share information to chapter members.
Thirty of the reporting chapters gave the average length of their publications. The majority (16) of the reporting chapters published approximately four to five pages per newsletter, while six chapters reported publishing over eight pages. Three of these chapters published newsletters of 15 to 16 pages of length. Four chapters reported publishing two to three page newsletters, and three chapters reported having six to seven page newsletters. Only one chapter reported having a newsletter of one page.

The responses from the individual chapters were easy to understand, and at this time, my only suggestion would be to ask the chapters to discuss other methods of information dissemination; this would include bulletin boards, memos, and electronic information. With this, we could better discern between chapters who use both newsletters and the other methods with the chapters who only use the other methods.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Sepulveda, M.A., PC, CDCA
CSI Intern
Newsletter Reports

N=94

Total: None-N/A—38
None at all: 29
Planned but not published: 8
Interested but no time to do it: 1

Paperless Methods of Communication
Informative e-mails only: 4
Electronic only: 3

Newsletters
2 per year: 20
First one/one only: 7
4 per year (quarterly): 6
3 per year: 5
6 per year: 2
Electronically and paper: 2
Mini-newsletters (and online): 2
1 each month: 1

Other Methods of Communication
Use other newsletters (such as dept. newsletter): 10
Bulletin board: 3
Business meetings: 1
Brochures only: 1

Average Length of Newsletter
4-5 pages (avg): 16
8-16 pages: 6
2-3 pages (avg): 4
6-7 pages (avg): 3
1 page: 1
Chapter Dues

Cheyenne Pease-Carter, Fellow, Rho Kappa Chapter
109 chapters reported the state of current chapter dues. Based upon the results, there seems to be a wide variety of practices among CSI chapters in relation to dues collection. 31 chapters, at the time of reporting, did not collect annual dues from members. Sixteen chapters collected $5 a year, one chapter collected $7.50, and 17 chapters collected annual dues of $10. Dues of $15 per year were collected by 15 chapters, four chapters collected $20, while five chapters collected $25 per year. Two chapters collected annual dues of $30, and seven chapters collected $35 per year. Eight CSI chapters reported the collection of initial fees without annual dues and three chapters had other responses. The initial and other dues are summarized below.

Among the chapters that collected initial dues, two chapters reported $5 initial dues, two chapters reported $10 initial dues, and two chapters collected $15 upon initiation. One chapter reported collecting one time fees of $70 per member and another chapter collected $75 from new initiates.

Three chapters reported collecting dues that varied. One chapter collected $40 from master’s level members and $50 from doctoral level members. Another chapter collected dues of $25 from student members and $50 dues from professional members. A final chapter collected $15 from its new members upon initiation and then collected $10 renewals for subsequent years of membership.
Other Funding Methods

Cheyenne Pease-Carter, Fellow, Rho Kappa Chapter
Funding Methods Reports

Ninety-seven reporting chapters indicated the use of a variety of funding methods. The first chart reflects the most commonly reported funding methods. Each activity had to be reported by a minimum of five of more chapters to be included in the chart, and the activities are listed in alphabetical order. Seven chapters reported hosting auctions to raise chapter funds. Three different types of auctions were described including silent, art, and mystery auctions. Twelve chapters opted to sell clothing items such as t-shirts or wristbands. Five chapters sold CSI regalia (e.g., honor cords, medallions) as a way to raise funds. Sixteen chapters reported selling food items during activities such as candy sales, bake sales. Several chapters reported selling food items such as drinks and snacks through CSI sponsored canteens/snack bars within their departments or counseling clinics. Interestingly, 20 chapters reported having no funding methods for their chapters. Six chapters received funds from their program’s or college’s budgets. The use of raffles (e.g., 50/50 cash raffle, gift certificates, baskets) was reported by 10 chapters. Another 10 chapters indicated that they received funding from various university funds (e.g., graduate student organization/activities, associated students). Finally, 21 chapters reported raising funds through workshops or trainings. Some chapters charged fees for attendance from everyone, although other chapters only chose to charge non-members for attendance at CSI-sponsored events.

Top 9 Funding Methods

![Chart showing top 9 funding methods for 26 chapters.](chart.png)
Other Funding Methods

Other funding methods were reported by chapters. The next chart includes activities that were reported by three to four chapters. Three chapters reported hosting carwashes to raise funding. Collaboration with area food providers (e.g., receiving a portion of a restaurant’s sales for a designated evening, volunteering at concessions stands at sporting events in return for a chapter donation) raised funds for three chapters. Four chapters reported the CSI national rebate as a source of funding for their chapter. As all active chapters who are represented at the national CSI business meeting are eligible for this rebate, it is assumed that this activity may have been under-reported by other chapters or was not considered an official funding source. Proceeds from dinners or galas were reported by three chapters, and four chapters indicated donations as a source of funding for their chapter. Four chapters reported hosting garage or yard sales to raise chapter funds. Induction ceremonies also provide funding for four chapters. Some of these chapters charged a fee for members and guests alike, while other chapters only charged guests. Finally, four chapters reported the sale of miscellaneous items (e.g., candles, mugs) as a fundraising activity.

![Other Funding Methods Reported]

Unique Funding Methods

Seven activities were reported by only one chapter. These activities included sports tournaments (golf and volleyball), a graduation celebration, and holiday gift wrapping in exchange for donations at a local bookstore. One chapter reported renting NCE prep material to counseling students. Another chapter reported receiving gains through CD investments. Two chapters described two unique events, a Wellness Challenge and a Hut a Thon Fundraiser, though details as to how these events raised funds were unclear.
Other Activities

Victoria Sepulveda, Intern, Alpha Omega Chapter
Of those who submitted reports for “Other Activities” (N=92), 13 chapters reported that they had no other activities to report. The activities that were reported by the chapters were categorized into seven different themes: (a) volunteer/service activities, (b) inter-departmental activities, (c) chapter development activities, (d) CSI chapter and fellowship activities/campus events, (e) regional/national activities, (f) networking activities, and (g) chapter and individual awards/CSI International activities.

Within volunteer/service activities, 18 chapters reported that they took part in volunteer or charity activities. Of these, eight chapters participated in gift or toy drives, seven took part in food drives, and six participated in educational-oriented service projects for children, such as book drives. Five chapters participated in clothing drives, four chapters helped out in soup kitchens, and three chapters took part in adopt-a-family activities during the holiday season. Two chapters each reported working with the elderly population through service activities and working with bereavement or Hospice-related activities. Two chapters reported sending care packages to U.S. soldiers stationed in Iraq. One chapter each reported taking part in: (a) a walk for the homeless, (b) an AIDS walk, (c) a Take Back the Night march, (d) Race for the Cure, (e) a blood drive, and (f) volunteering with the Humane Society.

Chapters took part in inter-departmental activities through assisting with student orientations and related receptions; eight chapters reported serving their department though this activity. Five chapters reported assisting with graduation activities to honor CSI members who have completed their degrees. One chapter each reported participating in a faculty search.

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committee, taking part in college alumni activities, and hosting a CACREP reception when their
program was CACREP-accredited.

Regarding chapter development activities, 13 chapters reported having speakers on
campus for various topics (such as counselor advocacy, discussing capital punishment, and
mental health counseling-related issues). Eight chapters reported that they awarded scholarships
to members to attend conferences, meetings, and other counseling-related events. Two chapters
reported taking part in membership drives, and two chapters reported that they took part in
elections for chapter executive board officers. One chapter each reported “other activities” as
taking part in: (a) fundraising activities, (b) a newsletter naming contest, (c) an officers’ retreat,
(d) a strategic planning workshop, (e) starting a chapter newsletter, (f) selling CSI clothing and
goods to members at discounted prices, (g) taking part in self-care activities, (h) holding regular
meetings, and (i) revising chapter by-laws.

Of the chapters who took part in chapter, fellowship, or campus events, 10 chapters
reported taking part in advocacy-related projects, either directly relating to CSI or the profession
of counseling. Six chapters reported being involved in mentoring projects, while five chapters
reported co-sponsoring campus activities with other campus organizations. Five chapters
regarded their inductions as an additional activity, while three chapters reported holding
screenings for clinical issues such as depression, eating disorders, and substance abuse. Two
chapters reported having a lecture series that have involved faculty members and two other
chapters reported having information booths present to assist passersby. One chapter each
reported participating in (a) a campus CSI Day, (b) social activities, (c) giving gifts to graduating
members, (d) a multicultural activity, (e) an interest meeting for potential CSI members, (f) an
NCE/comprehensive exam study session, (g) a department service project, (h) a holiday party, (i) professional writing activities, and (j) professional development activities.

Of the chapters who participated in regional or national activities, four chapters reported holding workshops or counseling conferences. Two chapters reported volunteering at conferences, and one chapter reported involvement with ACA.

Networking activities included activities where members reached out to their own chapters as well as to other chapters. Two chapters reported having activities such as a networking breakfast and developing a chapter directory of members. One chapter reported that they contacted Virginia Tech after the campus tragedy that happened in April of 2007 to provide support. One chapter each reported networking activities such as: (a) reaching out to alumni members, (b) starting a Yahoo! Group site, (c) developing a chapter listserv, and (d) having a chapter bulletin board.

Of the chapters who reported taking part in award-related activities and CSI International activities, eight chapters reported nominating CSI fellows and interns. Seven chapters reported attending CSI Day. Six chapters reported giving chapter-based CSI awards to their members, and five chapters reported that they participated in giving out other awards and honors to members of their chapters and departments. Four chapters reported taking part in CSI-based poster presentations, and four chapters reported the winning of international CSI awards. Two chapters reported submitting chapter grants to CSI International, and one chapter reported receiving a CSI research grant. One chapter each reported co-writing the “Chapter Happenings” for the Exemplar, and one chapter reported submitting an award nomination to CSI.

To assist reviewers in the future, it may be best to provide examples of “other activities,” as there were many events that were listed that one or two chapters reported. It is likely that there
were many more chapters who took part in holding inductions, writing for the *Exemplar*, and hosting social activities and receptions. Perhaps clarifying the type of activities, such as listing themes similar to those that emerged through this exploration, may be helpful to encourage richer responses from chapter representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

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CSI Intern
Other Activities \((N = 92)\)

\textbf{N/A, None (yet): 13}

\textbf{Volunteer/Service Activities}
- Volunteer activities/charity: 18
- Toy Drive/Gift Drive: 8
- Food drive: 7
- Educational Activities for Children (ex. Book Drive): 6
- Clothing drive: 5
- Soup kitchen: 4
- Adopt-a-family: 3
- Working w/elderly population: 2
- Bereavement/Hospice activities: 2
- Care packages to soldiers in Iraq: 2
- Walk for homeless: 1
- AIDS walk: 1
- Take Back the Night march: 1
- Race for the Cure: 1
- Humane Society Involvement: 1
- Blood drive: 1

\textbf{Inter-Departmental Activities}
- Student orientation/reception: 8
- Assisted w/graduation activities: 5
- Faculty search committee: 1
- College alumni activities: 1
- CACREP reception: 1

\textbf{Chapter Development Activities}
- Speakers: 13
- Scholarships (were awarded to members): 8
- Membership drive: 2
- Elections/nominations to chapter executive board: 2
- Fundraising activities: 1
- Newsletter naming contest: 1
- Officers’ retreat: 1
- Strategic planning workshop: 1
- Started newsletter: 1
- Discounted CSI gear: 1
- Self-care activities: 1
- Biweekly/regular meetings: 1
- Revision of by-laws: 1
CSI Chapter and Fellowship Activities/Campus Events
CSI advocacy (also counseling advocacy): 10
Mentoring program: 6
Co-sponsored campus activity: 5
Inductions: 5
AoD abuse/Eating Disorder/Depression campus screenings: 3
Lecture/faculty speaker series: 2
Informational booth: 2
CSI Day (on campus): 1
Social activities: 1
Gifts for graduating members: 1
Multicultural Activities: 1
Interest meeting: 1
NCE/Comps study session: 1
Department service project: 1
Holiday parties: 1
Writing activities: 1
Encouraged professional development: 1

Regional/National Activities
Put on workshop/counseling conference: 4
Volunteered at conference: 2
ACA involvement: 1

Networking Activities
Networking breakfast/directory activities: 2
Reached out to Virginia Tech: 1
Reached out to alumni: 1
Yahoo! Group site: 1
Listserv: 1
Chapter bulletin board: 1

Chapter and Individual Awards/CSI International Activities
Nominated Fellows/Interns: 8
Attended business meeting/CSI Day: 7
CSI Awards (Chapter): 6
Other Awards/Honors: 5
CSI poster presentation (advocacy or otherwise): 4
CSI Awards (international): 4
Chapter grant submitted: 2
Co-authored “Chapter Happenings” for Exemplar: 1
CSI Research Grant: 1
Submitted award nomination: 1