Gamma Theta Chapter
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University of Hawai'i at Hilo
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After attending my first Phi Delta Chi review session, I really wanted to be a part of the Scholastics Committee. I was amazed by the review sessions Phi Delta Chi hosted for the P1s and P2s. The Brothers have been instrumental in my transition to the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. They took time out of their busy schedules to help the P1 students transition from the undergraduate curriculum to the pharmacy school curriculum. Having taken 4 years off to focus on my family, I struggled with learning how to study again and the workload. The Brothers never hesitated to offer academic advice or their guidance. Academics has always been my greatest focus and I want to instill the same drive and passion for learning into our current brothers and incoming P1 students.

As with many other incoming pharmacy students, I was anxious and afraid that I would have a difficult time with the pharmacy school curriculum. As a P1, I truly appreciated the review sessions that Gamma Theta hosted prior to exams and all the help the Brothers provided. These positive experiences, paired with my strong interest in academics and helping others succeed, sparked my interest in becoming a Co-Chair of the Scholastics Committee. This experience has provided me with an opportunity to grow as a leader and as a person. In the same way the Gamma Theta Brothers encouraged and inspired me, I hope to maintain this tradition in helping students become more confident in their academics. Furthermore, I hope to contribute in developing Leaders in Pharmacy by continuing to encourage and recognize academic success through the various events put on by the Scholastics Committee.
Review Sessions

By Elaine Phan, #319

Prior to the first set of P1 exams, the Scholastics Committee hosts review sessions to highlight important topics and clarify certain concepts to help the P1 students prepare for their transition into learning pharmacy school curriculum. We collaborate with course instructors to summarize the material and clarifying some topics students were having difficulty with. We also had the opportunity to collaborate with Rho Chi. The feedback we received has shown that the P1 students greatly benefit from reviewing key concepts in a simplified and summarized way.

AceAAE Hours

By Kelsey Trujillo, #292

AceAAE hours is a designated study period on campus for our Brothers to work together and discuss lecture material. AceAAE hours usually occur after each Phi Delta Chi meeting to allow all Brothers enough space to study for upcoming exams or quizzes. This time together allows us to bond with one another and push each Brother to their maximum potential academically.

IT Study Sessions

By Tracy Lopez, #271

Integrated Therapeutics (IT) Study Sessions was a new concept implemented by Brother Shaina Saiki (#284) last year. It is a combination of pharmacology, medicinal chemistry, and therapeutics based on disease states that are all in one course and is proved to be rather difficult for many. These study sessions are beneficial to our P2 Brothers as it serves for a time to be able to ask questions and collaborate in learning with fellow P2 Brothers as well as P3 Brothers who are able to volunteer their time to give tips and tricks on memorizing content for the exam. P3 Brothers are also able to benefit from these sessions as it serves as a refresher for topics they already went over.

Stall Drugs

By Tracy Lopez, #271

Stall Drugs was first introduced 5 years ago by Brother Lindsey Takahara (#95) and it has been a favorite project among students. Flyers containing pertinent information of Top 200 Rx Drugs are placed on the inside of lavatory stall doors and allows for anyone using the bathroom to touch up on their knowledge of these drugs. It was found to be beneficial to the P1s with their Self-Care course as it displayed brand and generic names, common dosage ranges/forms, and indications of use, along with contraindications, side effects, and clinical pearls which also helped the P2s with their Integrated Therapeutics course. The Scholastics Committee works hard to update the information every semester and as a result, all students at DKICP are able to benefit from the PDC Stall Drugs.

Residency Talks

By Jensine Melody Domingo, #300

At the end of every school year, P4 Brothers who matched into residency programs return to share their experiences and advice to Brothers who might be interested in pursuing a residency. Brothers Matt Chen (#186) and Garret Hino Jr. (#192) gave a presentation on the Match and the application timeline as well as provided tips for success on APPE rotations and residency interviews. About 10 Brothers welcomed Matt and Garret back for the informal and intimate presentation, which ended with a Q&A session.

Review Sessions Overview

Biostatistics Exam 1, 02/10/18, 4 Brothers Volunteered, 31 P1s Attended
Biochemistry II Exam 1, 02/17/18, 4 Brothers Volunteered, 19 P1s Attended
Immunology Exam 1, 09/22/18, 6 Brothers Volunteered, 60 P1s Attended
Biochemistry Exam 1, 09/28/18, 4 Brothers Volunteered, 53 P1s Attended
Drug Action Exam 2 Collaboration with Rho Chi, 10/16/18, 2 Brothers Volunteered, 28 P1s attended
Immunology Exam 2, 10/26/18, 6 Brothers Volunteered, 47 P1s attended

AceAAE Study Hours Overview

17 Study Sessions Held (November 2017 to October 2018)
31 Active Brothers Attended
6 Candidates Attended
62.5 Total Hours of Studying
Kahoot! Challenge
By Stacie Waiamau, #294

At each of our meetings, the Scholastics Committee holds a Kahoot! Challenge that combines topics each class is learning at the time. Brothers answer a series of multiple choice questions and the Brother who earns the most points at the end of each session wins a prize. It's a great review for our P3 brothers and gives our P2 brothers an introduction to the material they can look forward to learning. Kahoot! Challenge serves as a friendly competition that gets us rejuvenated for the remainder of our meeting.

Akamai Cookies
By Imaikalani Chock, #263

The Gamma Theta Chapter continues to recognize our Brothers based on academic achievement through the use of "Akamai Cookies." Akamai in the Hawaiian Language means "Smart" so Akamai Cookies means "Smart Cookies." At the beginning of each semester, Brothers and Candidates set personal GPA goals for themselves. The minimum GPA goal that needed to be set was 3.0 and those who have been on the Dean's list needed to maintain above a 3.5. This is past year, Reeses Peanut Butter Cup Chocolate Chips were made for 35 brothers who made the GPA goal that they set for themselves at the beginning of last semester. This event allows Brothers to be recognized for their hard work during the semester.

Yay For A's!
By Stacie Waiamau, #294

At Gamma Theta, we strive to excel in our academics. Every month our Scholastics Committee sends out a Google Form for Brothers to fill out which exams they have gotten A's on, A-'s included. For every A or A- a Brother receives on an exam, his/her name is entered into a monthly raffle for a prize. Brothers earning more A's or A-'s will have a greater chance of winning a prize at the next PDC meeting. At the PDC meeting, the winner is announced and recognized by the whole chapter for their academic achievement. This program instills a sense of encouragement to other Brothers to strive to do their best in academics as well.

Yay for A's Overview
Number of Eligible Brothers: 52
April/May 2018 Recipient: Johnson Siu
Sept 2018 Recipient: Johnny Tran

OUTCOMES OF SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT

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<td>Number of Brothers who earned a GPA &gt; 3.5</td>
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<td>Average GPA of Collegiate Brothers</td>
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<td>Total number of scholarship received</td>
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<td>Total amount of scholarship money earned</td>
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<td>Number of Brothers participated in Clinical Skills</td>
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Chapter GPA Overview

**40 Brothers on Dean's List Fall 2017 (41%)**
**38 Brothers on Dean's List Spring 2018 (39%)**

**Gamma Theta Fall 2017 Average GPA: 3.43**
**Gamma Theta Spring 2018 Average GPA: 3.48**
**Cumulative Gamma Theta Chapter Average: 3.39**

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**Dean's List Fall 2017**

**Class of 2019**
Sydney Barney, Rene-Scott Chavez, Cathlyn Goo, Leigh Heffner, Faith Hicks, Stacy Huynh, San Ly, Kate Malasig, Jennifer Nguyen, Thu Nguyen, Kara Paulachak, David Pham, Clement Tran Tang, Veronica Wong

**Class of 2020**
Brandi Chun, Jensine Melody Domingo, Tracy Lopez, Mary Lui, Stacey Nguyen, Brent Ocker, Felix Rasgo, Taumie Richie, Shaina Saiki, Samantha Texeira, Johnny Tran, Kelsey Trujillo, Thi Hong Vo, Stacie Waiamau

**Class of 2021**

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**Dean's List Spring 2018**

**Class of 2019**
Sydney Barney, Rene-Scott Chavez, Cathlyn Goo, Leigh Heffner, Faith Hicks, Trish Huynh, Stacy Huynh, Cami Kanahele, Kevin Lei, Kate Malasig, Jennifer Nguyen, Kara Paulachak, David Pham, Jae Sung Shim, Clement Tran Tang, Veronica Wong

**Class of 2020**
Brandi Chun, Jensine Melody Domingo, Tracy Lopez, Mary Lui, Stacey Nguyen, Brent Ocker, Shaina Saiki, Samantha Texeira, Kelsey Trujillo, Thi Hong Vo, Brooke Zarriello

**Class of 2021**

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**Research**

**Kara Paulachak**: Stress Ulcer Prophylaxis Study

**Nathan Sunada**: Multi-Drug Resistance in Neuroblastoma, a highly-aggressive pediatric cancer, and the contribution of altered calcium signaling on resistance to existing chemotherapies.

**Veronica Wong**: "Impact of IPSF Campaigns on Pre-Health Students Baseline Knowledge" & "Examination of Beers Criteria pain medication use in elderly Medicare Part D Enrollees."
### Scholarships & Awards

Gamma Theta earned **$72,100** in scholarships.

14 Brothers reported receiving Scholarships

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The Rho Chi Society

Class of 2019 (7/17) - 41%
Rene-Scott Chavez (#224), Tyler Hirokawa (#230), Kate Malasig (#238), Jennifer Nguyen (#240), Kara Paulachak (#243), David Pham (#244), Veronica Wong (#225)

Class of 2020 (7/16) - 44%
(Top Left to Bottom Right)
Brandi Chun (#264), Jensine Melody Domingo (#300), Tracy Lopez (#271), Mary Lui (#272), Stacey Nguyen (#276), Shaina Saiki (#284), Thi Hong Vo (#293)

Ph.D. Students
Nathan Sunada (#211)

Local & National Competitions
ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge (Local)
2nd Place - Clement Tran Tang
2nd Place - Kara Paulachak

ACCP Clinical Research Challenge (Local)
1st Place - Stacey Nguyen
Competitor - Andrew Thai

ACCP Clinical Research Challenge (National)
Finalist - Stacey Nguyen

APhA-ASP National Patient Counseling Competition (Local)
Top 10 Placement - Jessica Cadiz, Cathlyn Goo, Connie Le, Stephanie Ramirez, Johnny Tran

ASHP Clinical Skills Competition (Local)
Competitor - Stacey Nguyen, Samantha Texeira

Publications & Presentations
Geralynn Gamayo: Presentation on Hawaii Act 067: Authorization of Pharmacists Prescribing Birth Control


APPENDIX A

Scholastics Committee

Congratulations to our recent graduates & Alumni Brothers who have received a residency!

- Mark Allen Biber 
  PGY2 - Oncology at University of California, Davis Medical Center; Sacramento, CA

- Christopher Diaz 
  PGY2 - Critical Care at Stanford Health Care; Stanford, CA

- Matt Chen 
  PGY1 - Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center; Spokane, WA

- Kelli Goo 
  PGY1 - Kaiser Foundation Health Plan; Honolulu, HI

- Garret Hino Jr. 
  PGY1 - University of Hawaii at Hilo; Hilo, HI

- Katrina Kutter 
  PGY1 - Trinity Hospitals; Minot, ND

- Jessica Lee 
  PGY1 - University of Washington Medicine Northwest Hospital; Seattle, WA

- Nicolette Lew 
  PGY1 - VA Roseburg Healthcare System; Roseburg, OR

- Christopher Nakagawa 
  PGY1 - VA Puget Sound Healthcare System; Seattle, WA