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Love to Keep You Warm This February

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**Brothers of the Month**

**Alpha Phi Chapter – Butler University**

Katie is a P3 student preparing to go on rotations, and has been recognized as Brother of the Month for her work on the fundraising committee. Our brothers would like to thank her for her dedication to raise money for our chapter and for St. Jude. One brother, stated that “Katie is an absolute superwoman, and has been a very big asset to the fundraising committee. She took over our annual popcorn sale with minimal help while working fully on her P3 year, and broke our record for popcorn sales. Considering this is a major fundraiser for us, it was huge to see a successful project so early. She’s been a rock for the fundraising committee, and I don’t think the committee would be even a fraction as successful without her.” Therefore, for her dedication and efforts to help our chapter raise money, Alpha Phi would like to thank Katie Hettinger and congratulate her on Brother of the Month.

**Alpha Chapter – University of Michigan**

Mel Johnson is a P2 student from Alpha Chapter. Mel was nominated for brother of the month for her continued effort in the scholarship committee. Over the past month, she has organized a study brunch to help students eat a healthy breakfast while preparing for finals, as well as a practice SPI for P1s going into their OSCE. Mel has embodied several characteristics it means to be a brother.

**Beta Gamma Chapter – Duquesne University**

Andrea Jaenecke is a P2 brother of the Gamma Pi chapter and our Brother of the Month. She is currently serving as our Membership Committee Chair. This past year she has organized four very successful recruitment events including: Game Day, Lasertron, Corn Maze and Thanksgiving Dinner/Ugly Christmas Sweater Party. Her efforts as Membership chair have helped to welcome one of our chapter’s largest candidate classes. She has recently been invited to join Rho Chi Honor Society and we are very excited for her. Keep up the good work, Andrea!
Feel the Love

Trevor and Cassie Thain are alumni brothers of the Tau chapter. The two were wed in March of 2018 and are loving the married life! Cassie is currently a pharmacist for Meijer pharmacy and Trevor owns an independent pharmacy in Topeka, Indiana.

Ilya and Kiersten Rybakov are alumni brothers of the Tau chapter. The two were wed in October of 2018. Ilya is finishing up a residency in infectious disease while Kiersten completing a fellowship with Eli Lily and the FDA. They are looking forward to starting their careers together.

Love is in the air for Gamma Zeta at St. John Fisher College. Alumni Michael Smith and Meagan Monahan tied the knot this Fall. The couple met at the Wegmans School of Pharmacy and both held active roles within Phi Delta Chi. They now live in Vermont, but come back to visit Gamma Zeta at least once or twice a year. They also were key in starting our new Great Lakes Alumni Chapter.

Ryan and Molly met in their first year of undergraduate studies at D’Youville College. They are both in Rho Chi Honor Society and both hold committee chair positions for the Gamma Pi Chapter. They’re looking forward to traveling more together over the next year on their off blocks of APPEs.

AAAE For Life.
Feel the Love

Liz Bauer is an alumni brother of the Tau chapter that graduated in the spring of 2018. She and her husband are expecting their first child in April 2019. The couple decided to keep the gender a surprise...stay tuned!

Hani and Miranda are both P3 brothers at D’Youville College. They met at the beginning of pharmacy school as P1’s. Last year they led our candidates through the candidacy process as WMA and WIG. Throughout the process their close friendship later led into a relationship. They have taken many PDC trips together including Grand Council, Founder’s Day at Alpha, and multiple wing dings. They have two APPE rotations together this upcoming year including a trip to the Cleveland Clinic and Anchorage, Alaska.

Our local love story is with Kaitlyn Agedal a P3 Student and Nick Husak a P4 Student. Kaitlyn and Nick are both active members within the fraternity and have co-led events such as a badge reel sale and a Valentine’s Day fundraiser where they sold and delivered Orange Crush Soda to anyone’s “crush”. When they aren’t in school or running fundraisers, they can both be found working at St. Josephs Hospital in Syracuse, NY.
With February right around the corner, love is no doubt in the air. Leading up to this month, the alpha chapter has reflected on what, or more importantly who, PDC has brought into their lives. The Krafts set the bar for “Love Your Brother” month, as at one point, were big and little, now are simply referred to as He-Kraft and She-Kraft. The are two alumni brothers both work in the health system at the University of Michigan, and are frequently at the college of pharmacy, teaching various lectures and mentoring students. That was not the only instance in which PDC brought together two love birds. Austin and Ericka Brown met at the Alpha Chapter during their time in school, and have started a successful life together now.

- Will Sassack, wassack@med.umich.edu

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Interested in starting an Alumni Chapter for your state? Email glrdaa@phideltachi.org or gpaa@phideltachi.org.

AAAE
As we head into the month of February, love spills into the air as the hearts of our brothers fill with joy and fraternal love. However, our chapter also has plenty of couples in love on the more romantic side of the spectrum. This month, we would like to highlight the love story of Cole Luty, last year’s Worthy Chief Counselor of the Alpha Phi chapter. Cole, a P4 currently on rotations, is such a vital brother in our chapter. From the constant jokes and laughs to his dedication into evolving our chapter into what it is today, Cole has become such a well-loved brother. When all of the brothers found out him and his wife are having a baby, all our fellow brothers beamed with pride and happiness for the expecting couple. Our Worthy Chief Counselor became a Worthy (soon-to-be) Father, and our chapter can’t wait to meet the Worthy Baby at Arms. Therefore, the Alpha Phi chapter would like to congratulate the expecting couple, Mr. and Mrs. Luty. We are all so excited to meet their child.

- Lauren Cardo, lcardo@butler.edu

Bacon the cat is thrilled about the potential snuggles of his future tiny human <3
Over Martin Luther King Jr. weekend, the Tau brothers were able to experience brotherly love after a long winter break apart. Fifty-five brothers traveled to Gatlinburg, Tennessee to reunite with new and old brothers, and even alumni! This was the first “large” brotherhood event since the initiation of our new brothers in December, and it provided the opportunity of growth of relationships within the Tau chapter. This year, we were lucky to have a high level of representation from each class; PP1s all the way to P4s! Some of the best memories of the trip were made on the 7-hour car ride to the town, where many stories were shared, and naps were had. To start each day, a group of brothers volunteered to make a homemade breakfast for the brothers, giving them the fuel to take part in various activities such as hiking in the Smokies, adventuring in the town, and competing against each other in euchre tournaments!

Emily Letsinger, eletsin@purdue.edu
The Beta Gamma chapter at Duquesne University has had an excellent start to the New Year. The event, “Meet the Greeks” was a success as there was a large amount of interest from pharmacy students in joining Phi Delta Chi. The booth generated over twenty potential members and was a great start to the new recruitment season. Beta Gamma has already completed various recruitment events including a basketball game with the members and a trivia night. Both of these nights were a success with continued interest in joining the chapter and fraternity. Rush events will continue throughout the month, as potential new members are able to learn more about the fraternity. The chapter also had the pleasure of hosting two representatives from nationals this past weekend. This allowed the representatives to get an inside look at how the Beta Gamma chapter operates, meet its members, and observe a ritual. It was a please and honor to host representatives from nationals.

The January Brother of the Month is Brother Nick Notto. Brother Nick currently holds the role of Worthy Alumni Liaison. He has been in constant contact with alumni throughout the past year. His efforts were rewarded when he started the first annual alumni dinner. This allowed current members to meet some of their predecessors to about their journeys through the world of pharmacy. In addition, brother Nick captained the Beta Gamma flag football team to a championship over all other professional and social fraternities on campus at Duquesne University. Brother Nick has been an integral part of the Beta Gamma Chapter and well deserves the honor of Brother of the Month.

- Joseph Simpson, simpson6@duq.edu
I have been part of the Gamma Zeta Family for roughly 3 years now. I have had a couple of formal names, but mostly I just go by “The Badger.” I go to all of Gamma Zeta’s meetings and I hear about all of the great things they are planning. All of my Bros keep me busy with activities like blood pressure clinics, social events and fundraisers. I don’t always live in the same house, instead I like to switch it up and spend time with all my bros. My favorite time of the year is Candidacy Training. This year I got to spend time at all the different houses of each candidate to get to know them better. And this is when I realized how much everyone really must like me because some of my established Bros would try and steal me to spend time with me! It was kinda like when I went to LDS last Summer and Brothers from far away tried to steal me too! I loved going to LDS and meeting new Brothers from other places and even some other furry Brothers like me! I love traveling, I have gone on Spring Break and have been to all sorts of places, I especially like the places that don’t have as much snow as Rochester does. I am even hearing rumors that I might be going to California this summer to go meet even more Brothers at Grand Council!

- Hailey Button, heb01604@sjfc.edu
Gamma Pi – D’Youville College
Buffalo, NY

Gamma Pi held our first pharmacy themed Jeopardy game night which was open to the whole School of Pharmacy at D’Youville College. Our Scholarship Committee Chair, Eric Wightman, organized and hosted the event. It was a great way to learn some fun pharmacy trivia. Our chapter has also recently started the Candidacy process with 20 new candidates. We’re all very excited for our pharmacy family to grow

- Isabella McCumber, mcumi10@dyec.edu

Gamma Phi Chapter – University of Findlay
Findlay, OH

The Gamma Phi Chapter of Phi Delta Chi had a great Christmas break and is glad to be able to start off the semester strong. With Christmas and the New year occurring, we have been working hard on planning a Buddy chapter event with the University of Michigan as well as The Ohio State University. Throughout the months of December and January, this is where Gamma Phis focus has been. Our chapter is looking forward to this tremendous opportunity to be able to host our buddy chapter brothers and show them around Findlay Ohio. A good amount of our brothers went to founders weekend in Michigan and this is a way for us to pay back with great hospitality like the Alpha chapter did for us. We look forward to this weekend in the coming weeks and as we reflect on this future event we remember that, “We may be separated by distance, but are united by brotherhood for life.”

- David Ohlin, ohlind@findlay.edu
Brotherhood-Building Initiatives

Charity Miles – Donate to St. Jude with every step or bike ride

Charity Miles will donate funds to the charity of your choice, for every mile you run or bike. Chapters in the Great Lakes have created accounts to contribute to the kids at St. Jude who need our help. Download the app today to start giving! Contact your local Chapter representative or WC to contribute to a Chapter’s success in the competition, or go rogue and give for every step you take.

Charity Miles
Walking & Running Tracker

Current Combined Mileage in the Region:
1021 miles

Ron Ward Jr. Travel Award

Ron Ward Jr. Travel Award Mileage
Reset on February 13th!

How far will you go?

Ron Ward Jr. was a recipient of the 2017 Selfless Servant Award at Grand Council, and has served the fraternity for many years. We honor his hard work and dedication with a Travel Award. Earn points by traveling and hosting other Chapters. The Winner will receive one free registration to the 2018 Great Lakes Regional Meeting. Contact your local WC for more details.
Travel and Win!

Through Phi Delta Chi, as Brothers, we share a common bond through our ritual and traditions. However, within each individual chapter exists a unique history and chapter identity that is clearly their own. These differences contribute to the strength of Phi Delta Chi as a whole, and offer to the diversity of our association. Traveling amongst chapters can help to broaden our chapter identities as we gain new perspective into what our Brothers do across the nation. Through networking with each other new ideas can be brought to the table, new friendships made, and an overall strengthening of the fraternal spirit of Phi Delta Chi. The Ron Ward Jr. Great Lake Travel Award was established to encourage traveling, which opens up a new realm of possibilities for individual Brothers and chapters as a whole. This will be awarded to the Chapter that both travels to other chapters within the region and hosts Brothers the most during the time period between January, 2019 - Grand Council, 2019. For more information on points awarded and calculations, please see this Google Doc.

To submit for the Travel Award:
1. Visit Bros!
2. Thoroughly read instructions on Google Doc
3. Fill out the Suvey Form Here
4. Submit pictures to glrdcomm@phideltachi.org

Check out future issues of the Depths to see your travel featured!

Congrats to Beta Gamma for winning in 2018. Who will be next?