PDC: GOING OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY
Work at the JCC

This past year we recently began a new relationship with a local public organization, the Jewish Community Center. This center provides activities, daycare, and a weight lifting center for people of all ages, and is a popular spot in Squirrel Hill, right outside of Oakland. One of our brothers, Nick Farina, worked with a director from this center to organize brown bag events and lectures on various medical conditions that could be available to the residents. This new opportunity allowed us to assist the community using our pharmaceutical expertise and to grow as professionals. We prepared for these lectures by having brothers volunteer to put together a presentation for the rest, allowing for a better understanding of the several medical conditions that we were presenting. Throughout the entire process, we had a PDC alum from Gamma Zeta, Dr. Nick Schwire, who oversaw our lectures and precepted our visits with the Jewish Community Center. This was a great experience for our fraternity, allowing us to grow professionally and contribute to the community. We look forward to continuing our work with the Jewish Community Center and partnering with other organizations in the community to help in whatever way we can.

ADOPT-A-BLOCK

This past semester we ran several adopt a blocks on various streets throughout Pittsburgh, working in all sorts of various weather conditions to try and make the streets of Pittsburgh a more inviting and cleaner place. Whether it was cold or warm, sun shining or snowing, we worked to remove the trash from the streets, and provide the community with a simple service. We labored with a Lambda Kappa Sigma, a fellow professional pharmacy fraternity at our university. Together, we managed to collect and remove several bags of trash from the streets of Pittsburgh.
NEW LEADERSHIP
Continuing to Expand

This past year sees another new group of brothers step up to assume the responsibilities of executive board positions, continuing to push the fraternity in a forward direction. This next year looks to push our chapter more into the community, cleaning streets, contributing our pharmaceutical knowledge to brown bag events, and helping our school of pharmacy with various outreach events. We also have plans to team with local restaurants in order to create new fundraising opportunities for the Mu chapter. We’re also continuing last year’s project of maintaining our own individual bank account and keeping an active list of past and present members available for future generations who may need to reach out to alumni.

The New E-Board
Worthy Chief Counselor – William Wilson
Worthy Vice Counselor – Dylan Nelson
Worthy Keeper of Records and Seals – Brent Milovac
Worthy Keeper of Finances – Alex Cockerham
Worthy Correspondent – Cam Ninos
Worthy Prelate – Michael Diduch
Worthy Alumni Liaison – Lucas Walker
Worthy Master at Arms – Matthew Bruno
Worthy Inner Guard – Tyler Hoffman

THE JOURNEY FROM PLEDGE TO BROTHER
Meet the new members!

This past fall, thirteen pledges made it through the necessary trials in order to join the ranks of our esteemed brotherhood. They hail from a variety of homes, from as close as Pittsburgh to as far the plains of Cameroon in Africa, as young as 18 to as old as 27. In this time, they went from casual acquaintances with each other to one of the tightest group of brothers that I’ve ever seen. All the brothers, new and old, have all come together in a remarkably quick fashion, enjoying our annual formal dance, working together for the St. Jude’s Walk, and assisting the community at our monthly outreach at the local Jewish Community Center. In this past semester, the new members of Phi Delta Chi also have earned their first white coats, taking their next step in their road to become full pharmacists.
One of the many annual events between PDC, KY, and LKS is the LKS-KY powder-puff football game, coached by members of PDC, with the PDC-KY football game right after. This year, Brothers Tyler Hoffman and Matt Bruno volunteered to coach the girls and had some great fun in the process. However, the real fun came during the PDC-KY men’s football game. PDC continued their winning tradition beating KY 8-4. Though the game was a close 4-2 at halftime, PDC piled it on the 2nd half. The offense was led by quarterback Dylan Nelson, who had five total touchdowns, three in the air and two on the ground. Tyler Hoffman, Kyle Hejmanowski, and Craig Dennis each caught touchdowns, while Tyler added two more on the ground. Brother Cam Ninos anchored a strong offensive line, while Mike Diduch also contributed. On the defensive side of the ball, Tyler Hoffman and Ryan Difelice kept constant pressure on KY’s quarterback, while Tony Chiappelli and Kyle Hejmanowski played strong at cornerback, with Kyle recording two interceptions, one being returned for a touchdown. It was a strong effort on both sides of the ball, with multiple brothers from every class, P1 to P4, made an impact. PDC remains undefeated in the annual football game and looks to continue their dominance next year.

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This past spring, the P2 Brothers, along with some of the P3 and P1’s, made the journey to Harrisburg in order to promote the cause of pharmacy on Legislative Day. We helped to promote awareness in a variety of bills, and enjoyed the sites and scenery Pennsylvania’s capital, Harrisburg.

Above Picture: Brother Dylan Nelson demonstrating his support for one of the Pharmacy bills in Harrisburg.

PDC brothers on the field after winning the annual PDC-KY men’s football game.
SPORTS: CONTINUED

PDC – All We Do is Win

In February, four brothers of the Phi Delta Chi Mu chapter took part in the Pitt Fitness Classic. It is an annual event here at the University of Pittsburgh and it is usually dominated by the undergraduate fraternities on campus. This year, as advocates of physical fitness and healthy lifestyles, we decided to throw our hats into the ring to take home the trophy. The competition, composed of four timed events that tested each participant’s speed, strength, and physical determination. Each participant was grouped into one of three weight classes (lightweight, middleweight, and heavyweight) depending on their weight. Although it was an individual competition, brothers cheered each other on and discussed tactics before each event. Due to this, it came as little surprise when one of our own, Craig Dennis, took home the middleweight trophy and the overall fitness trophy. Although the competition may not have been pharmacy related per se, the Pitt Fitness Classic shows that Mu chapter brotherhood extends far outside the classroom.

Dylan Nelson, Mike Diduch, Jose Nery, and Craig Dennis striking a pose after their competition.

CHARITY

PDC Doing Work for St. Judes – and Taking Home Trophies

Mu Chapter capitalized on a great opportunity to showcase some of its talent in this past year’s installment of Dr. Salk Hall. Partnering with dental students, the school of pharmacy hosts a pageant of sorts, consisting of an opening dance number, a talent portion, and an interview. The winnings of the competition are awarded to a charity of the victor’s choice. Phi Delta Chi boasted an impressive 6 of the 9 overall participants. Brothers Matt Bruno, Tyler Hoffman, John Lyons, Brent Milovac, Dylan Nelson, and Cavan O’Reilly all braved the storm as contestants.

As always, PDC brothers shined brightly. John Lyons took first place, Brent Milovac came in at runner up, and Cavan O’Reilly rounded out the top 3 at second runner up. Over $1,000 was raised from admission and other donations, which was proudly given to St. Jude’s. Mu Chapter members were ecstatic to represent our fraternity at a school-wide event while contributing to something so very important to the foundation of Phi Delta Chi.

John Lyons, center left, with brothers Brent Milovac (left) and Cavan O’Reilly (right) after being crowned Dr. Salk Hall.
HONORING THE FOUNDERS
Lexie Turner Pays Pittsburgh a Visit

This past year, we were fortunate to receive a visit from the Grand Vice for Collegiate Affairs President Lexie Turner. During her visit, we held a ceremony with Duquesne Mylan School of Pharmacy, chapter Beta Gamma, honoring the founders. Together with Lexie, we went down to the Ohio River and lit 11 candles, saying the name of each founder, and taking a moment to respect all that they accomplished those long years ago by taking the initiative to start this great organization. Afterwards, we went out to lunch at a local restaurant and discussed with our GVPCA the strengths and weaknesses of our chapter, and how we can aim to improve the Mu chapter. For the rest of the day, we showed Lexie around the city and took her out for a night on the town.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS
New Rho Chi and PLS members

While we like to have fun here at the Mu Chapter, it’s not all football and talent competitions. We recently had the honor of seeing five of our brothers, Andrew Beyer, Mike Diuch, Kyle Hejamanowski, Cameron Ninos, and Alex Yohe, inducted into the honor society Rho Chi. This is no easy feat, yet these men have managed to accomplish this through diligent studies and keeping their eye on the prize. In another academic accomplishment, Kyle McGrath was inducted in to the Phi Lambda Sigma leadership society, being the first brother to accomplish this in several years. Congrats to all of our new Rho Chi and PLS members! Keep an eye on these young men, for I believe we can expect great things from them in the future.
The Great Lakes Experience

This year Mu chapter sent five brothers (Kyle McGrath, Will Wilson, Dylan Nelson, Mike Diduch, and Brent Milovac) to the GREAT Lakes Regional Conference in Lima, OH. Though not quite as scenic as the Pacific Regional Conference (held in Hawaii), the GREAT Lakes conference was at no loss of brotherhood or bonding. Brothers were able to sit in a variety of meetings and educational sessions which served to develop the chapter, ranging from the Thurston Cup to maximizing contributions from faculty and alumni to ensuring continued prosperity of the chapter through rush and pledging.

The conference wasn’t all meetings and speeches however as the brothers were able to get to know brothers from as close as Duquesne to as far as Buffalo and Michigan.

A fun dinner and night at a local pub allowed for the formation of friendships which will hopefully be renewed and revisited in the coming years.

The final day of the conference consisted of a formal meeting where we made Mu chapter’s voice heard on the prominent issues in the region, said farewell to our very own Kyle McGrath as Regional Correspondent, and were able to welcome our new Correspondent Jacob Northrup. As the conference concluded, new friends said farewell, until the next time when fellow Phi Delta Chi’s may be united in fraternal celebration again.

The six Mu brothers who attended the meeting gathered for a candid group photo.
THE FUTURE OF MU CHAPTER
A Few Words from our New Worthy Chief Counselor

My goal is to make joining the Mu chapter as beneficial to a pharmacy student’s professional career, as it always has been to their personal growth. It is becoming increasingly difficult to match with residencies and find jobs after graduation. All pharmacy students are being required to differentiate themselves and participate in more and more time consuming activities outside of class. I see no reason that the brothers of Mu chapter should have to look elsewhere for these opportunities.

This past year our chapter began making strides to create an organization that combines our tight social bonds with professional development.

The creation of monthly brown bags and a very successful campaign to raise money for our national charity were huge successes for our chapter and has created a foundation that the new Worthy Board can build off of. We have established a professional chair. This chair and myself will be working towards creating teaching opportunities, new leadership roles, and create relationships with faculty that can lead to shadowing opportunities and valuable networking for our brothers. Adding this dimension to our rich traditions and strong social bonds will make the Mu chapter thrive for years to come.

-Will Wilson
Worthy Chief Counselor of Mu Chapter

In Summary
Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. We’ve had a blast making these events happen and would be more than happy to see any alumni or brothers from other chapters who may be interested in helping out or having a good time. If you are interested, look bellow for the contact information of our current Worthy Alumni Liaison, Luke Walker. We look forward to seeing you and always remember:

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