

# Illinois Graduate Chapter

Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Inc  
Summer 2013 Newsletter



## Calendar of Events

- June 27 – Formal I-Grad Meeting
- July 30 – August 4 – 2013 Grand Council Convention
- October 18-20 – Mid America Province Assembly

## A Message from the Regent

Nishil Patel, PharmD, BCPS

Reflecting upon my involvement with Kappa Psi over the past ten years I am grateful for the lifelong friends, colleagues, and brothers I have made along the way. Starting as a collegiate liaison after graduation in 2007 with the re-initiated Illinois Graduate Chapter I have grown as a person and a professional. I believe that my involvement with Kappa Psi as a graduate has been rewarding, and I hope that all the new graduates this year consider involvement with a Graduate Chapter in whatever part of the country their careers take them. Regardless of the time you think you can contribute to the Chapter, your support through membership and staying connected right after graduation is the key to longevity within the fraternity. As my year as Regent comes to an end I would like to congratulate all the new pharmacy graduates and also thank the Illinois Graduate executive committee for their hard work and another great year!

PTBYB!!!

## Ocean, Sun, and Lots of Fun

Elaine Moy, PharmD

Historian/Chaplain/Webmaster

It's that time again for the Grand Council Convention. Have you registered yet? Brothers from around the world will be meeting at the Tradewinds Island Grand Resort located in St. Petersburg, Florida. This 56th GCC is expected to be the largest in history! What are you waiting for? Clear your schedule from Tuesday, July 30th through Sunday, August 4th. You don't want to miss out.

Many amenities were negotiated for the week just for the Kappa Psi Family. The typical resort fee has been waived just for you and your family. And it gets better; more FREE stuff. Each room will receive one free beach cabana rental for 2 people per day per room, free mini-golf, free wi-fi, free paddle boats and free beach volleyball. Bring the kids. Its going to be fun for everyone. Take a plunge down the the High Tide Slide. You can start swimming in any of the five on-site pools and then graduate and swim in the ocean which is right outside of the resort. There is no need to cross busy streets to get there. Don't forget Continuing Education will be available for those who would like to enhance their understanding of various topics in today's healthcare. End the week on Saturday night with the 132nd Anniversary Banquet. Come out and play with your Brothers in July. Don't forget the sunscreen.

Register at <https://kappapsi.org/history/publications/gcc-history/56th-gcc>



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## Feed My Starving Children

Genna Parise, PharmD

In April 2013 Illinois Graduate Chapter went to Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg, IL for a brotherhood philanthropy event. We worked together in a team with other volunteers to fill over 2,000 meals to send to children in a third world country. The meals are specially designed to give each child a well-balanced meal. Instead of the "mud cakes" they are usually served as a last resort.

This event was also opened up to the undergraduate chapters and we had several Brothers come out to help support the cause. It was a great experience to be able to work side by side with our Brothers knowing our hard work was going to help make a difference in a child's life if only for the day.





# Collegiate Update



## Delta Nu

Josephine Aranda

Spring 2013 has been an eventful quarter for Delta Nu. In addition to bonding at our monthly Brother Hour luncheon, we held a comedy club, karaoke & sponsored bowling social. We also helped organize an athletic inter-fraternity field day in which we competed against other frats on campus.

For philanthropy, Delta Nu Brothers continued involvement with Feed My Starving Children, local domestic violence shelter visits & assistance with Midwestern University's Groovin in the Grove 5K race. We also worked with the DuPage County Health Department to provide training & certification for Midwestern pharmacy students on Point of Dispensing medication assistance during public health emergencies.

Lastly, we held our annual white coat embroidery fundraiser & Pie Extravaganza event. Pie donations were collected from local businesses, then sold along with the opportunity to pie students & professors. It was a great success & the proceeds were donated to the domestic violence shelter that we visit. With our hard work, we were awarded for best community service organization at our university. We hope to maintain Kappa Psi's contributions to the community, strengthen our Brotherhood & recruit passionate motivated pledges next fall.

## Chi

Pratik R. Shah and Kelsey E. Johnson

Chi Chapter recently closed the books on another great semester at UIC College of Pharmacy. Our semester started with our Spring Province hosted by Rho (University of Kansas) where 27 Chi Brothers were in attendance. With elections for MAP Executive Committee taking place as well, we had 4 Chi Brothers get elected to the Executive Committee: Brother Kelsey E. Johnson (MAP Vice Satrap), Brother Cesar R. Sison (MAP Chaplain), Brother David H. Kim (MAP Parliamentarian), and Brother Pratik R. Shah (MAP GCC Alternate Delegate). Also, a big shout out to Brother Linda Sok for receiving the Mid-America Province Outstanding Brother Recognition Award and the entire Chi Chapter for being awarded Chapter of the Year. Great job everyone!

As classes were winding down in April, we elected our new Executive Board. Then, we had a blast at our annual Spring Formal! Over the last month, a number of our Brothers have been excited to get involved with the Rosalind Franklin University Pledging process. We have enjoyed attending several events, including the food pantry, game night, and pinning ceremony. We look forward to continuing these bonds over the summer, throughout Pledging in the fall, and beyond. More locally, we are pleased to announce that our 22 P4 Brothers have officially graduated! We want to congratulate the Class of 2013 and wish the Chi Graduates and all other graduates all the best on their residencies and careers over the years to come. As the summer draws near, our focus excitedly shifts to GCC! We hope to see you all there!



## Epsilon Rho

Brent Bialik

We enjoyed our first Founder's Day celebration shortly after the beginning of this past semester. After tripling from 10 to 30 active brothers it is without any doubt that there will be countless memorable Founder's Day celebrations to come. In addition to growing in number, we've also expanded our social and professional agenda. We participated in poison prevention week, held an OTC information event, and also held a video game tournament fundraiser at the college that was a huge success. Keeping with tradition we raised money for the Illinois Special Olympics by taking the Polar Plunge. This year we raised a record \$1,190! Thank you to everyone who participated and donated! Aside from professional and community events we also held numerous social events including our first semi-formal.

In February 9 Epsilon Rho Brothers made the trip to Lawrence, KS for the second Mid-America Province meeting. Rho chapter spoiled all those who attended, us included. To our good fortune, Beta Chi chapter at Drake hosted the spring Northern Plains Province conclave. Nine brothers were able to attend and all had a blast getting to know the brothers of our neighboring province. We definitely look forward to heading to Purdue this Fall!

Toward the end of the semester we held our first elections as a chapter. I'm very excited to say that our new executive board is extremely motivated and I look forward to seeing all the great new things they develop over the next year.

Lastly, our newly elected Regent, Steven Shoyer, will be representing Epsilon Rho at GCC this year! A few other brothers are still deciding, but regardless we're excited that we will be representing our chapter and Mid-America Province at Epsilon Rho's first GCC!



## Epsilon Upsilon

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In the beginning of the year we worked up everyone's appetite and held a spaghetti dinner fundraising event where it was open to all of Roosevelt University's faculty and students. We managed to raise over \$400 for our chapter in just one night! In addition, Alex Mersch planned a successful event for St. Baldricks in an effort to raise \$2,500 for children's cancer research. Brothers Stephen Jankovic, John McNiff, Tom Bochula, and Bruce O'Young were very brave and shaved their heads to support the cause. Another fundraiser event that was truly unforgettable was when we came together to support a sweet boy, Owen Payton who is awaiting a heart transplant. Brothers volunteered at the Spring Fling Carnival to help raise money for his surgery.

To advocate for our profession and to serve the community, Brothers took part in checking blood glucose levels at the American Diabetes Expo and also educated the public about hypertension and its complications at the Black Women Expo. We also had fun putting a booth on campus to educate people about poison control. Camaraderie amongst Brothers and strangers were also experienced at Men's Health Urbanathlon by cheering on runners and coming together to help them cross obstacles.

In an effort to get to know other Brothers from different chapters, we planned a social event at Gameworks and invited Delta Nu, Epsilon Rho, and Chi Chapters. Brothers Gordana Milosevic and Tyler Davis represented our Chapter at the Mid-America Province Spring Conclave.

At the end of school year, we had lots of fun at our first Chapter formal at the beautiful Seville Banquet. We ended the night with a lot of dancing and memories of a great year. We definitely look forward to next year and see what it has in store for us!

# Announcements!

## Engagements!

Brothers Eugene Hahn and Susan Jin  
Brothers Edward Kim and Sarah Yi  
Brothers Louis Kim and Nicole Rong  
Brother Kevin Shah and Lillian Mehta  
Brother Jason Groch and Stefanie Kametas



## Weddings!

Brother Krunali Parikh and Amar Patel  
Brothers Jun Ma and Danielle Jin  
Brothers Brittany Taunton Jon Ebrom

## Babies!

Aryan Patel  
Son of Brother Neil and Monali Patel  
Born: May 1, 2013

