

# The Texas Tablet

The Official Newsletter of the Texas Alumni Chapter of Phi Delta Chi

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## Letter from the President

Brothers,

As we approach November, I would like to recognize the hard work that we have all put towards our goals. Whether our goals include progressing in our careers and taking on new challenges, or the late nights studying to successfully pass the upcoming exams and be one step closer to practicing pharmacy. Texas Alumni Chapter has goals to provide an experience that will bring you closer with your brothers and celebrate our great fraternity.

I would like to invite everyone to attend our Southcentral Founders' Day in Dallas, TX on November 4-6, 2016. Whether this is your first Founders' Day or your 17th, we are excited to see you. We welcome brothers of all experience and pledges to join us for our celebration of Phi Delta Chi. Registration is currently open at our website <http://www.pdctexasalumni.org/> and if you would prefer to mail in a form, please request it by emailing [pdctxalumni@gmail.com](mailto:pdctxalumni@gmail.com)

Part of the Founders' Day program is the election of officers to serve for the 2016-2017 year. We have the roles of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Correspondent. If you are interested in serving as an officer, please let us know by email at [pdctxalumni@gmail.com](mailto:pdctxalumni@gmail.com) or in person at this years Founders' Day celebration.

As we get closer to Founders' Day, I would like to thank everyone for their assistance and contributions that have made the Texas Alumni Chapter successful so far.

Looking forward, I hope that we are able to provide an opportunity to interact and serve to promote the great Phi Delta Chi spirit.

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Kevin Kratz, Pharm D

*Alpha Tau*



# Pharmacy Management Team



**Pharmacist-In Charge**  
President  
Kevin Kratz, Pharm D  
*Alpha Tau #942*

Kevin Kratz is a pharmacist at Methodist Hospital Dallas and Methodist Hospital for Surgery. He is an Alpha Tau Alumnus where he served as Worthy Keeper of Finance and Fundraising Chair. Kevin migrated to Dallas after experiencing the city during 4<sup>th</sup> year rotations. Outside of pharmacy, he enjoys live music, cooking, travel, and anything related to automobiles.



**Staff Pharmacist**  
Vice President  
Erica Wilson, Pharm D  
*Gamma Eta #49*

Erica Wilson is a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Resident at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa TX. Upon graduating from McMurry University and marrying her high school sweetheart in 2011, she began pharmacy school at Texas Tech at Abilene and pledged PDC. She served as WVC and WCC for the Gamma Eta chapter during her P2 and P3 years. She enjoys basketball, and currently lives in Odessa with her husband and Doberman pincher, Cain.



**Staff Pharmacist**  
Recording Secretary  
Pamela Bosse, Pharm D  
*Gamma Epsilon #74*

Pamela Bosse is a pharmacy manager at CVS in Wharton, Texas. During her time at Gamma Epsilon, she served as philanthropy chair her P2 year and Worthy Correspondent her P3 year. Currently she is planning her first international trip to Italy this summer with her best friend.



**Staff Pharmacist**  
Corresponding Secretary  
Scott Volosen, Pharm D  
*Gamma Epsilon #102*

Scott Volosen is currently working at Citizens Medical Center in Victoria Texas rotating shifts as a staff, outpatient, and clinical pharmacist. He remains an active participant with the Gamma Epsilon chapter, whom he served as WAL during his P3 year. He has a cat named Echo and is an avid fan of his alma matter- University of Houston. He hopes to someday move into pediatric pharmacy or pediatric pharmacy.



**Staff Pharmacist**  
Treasurer  
Sara Miller, Pharm D  
*Alpha Omega #744*

Sara Miller is currently a clinical pharmacist in the Emergency Care Center at Grady Health System, specializing in Emergency Medicine and Toxicology in Atlanta. She moved there after completing PGY1 and PGY2 residencies there. Sara pledged PDC in 2006 and served as WKRS, WCC and WC. An honorary member of TAC, she has served as Treasurer since 2012. In addition to reading and gaming, she enjoys craft brews, short walks to the tattoo parlor, discussing the luxuries of excessive horsepower, and collecting hazardous materials for her ever-growing toxicology collection.



**Pharmacist Intern**  
Treasurer Apprentice  
Kevin Ferrall, P4 student  
*Gamma Epsilon # 116*

Kevin Ferrall is currently a P4 student on rotations. Upon graduating this May, he will be earning his Masters in Business Administration with a concentration in Health Care Administration by the end of the summer. He served as fundraising chair and WKF for the Gamma Epsilon chapter. When not on rotations, he enjoys reading manga, cooking, baking, and playing league of legends with his Brothers.



# FOUNDERS' DAY 2016

## Home Sweet Home

That's right! We are returning to the Embassy Suites in Dallas for our weekend of celebrating Phi Delta Chi's Founders' Day! Dates: Nov 4-6, 2016

What To Expect: **FUN and BROTHERHOOD !!**

Friday: Registration  
Mix and Mingle at Fox and Hound

Saturday: Registration  
Dodgeball Tournament/ Field Day Games  
Chapter Garage Sale  
Pledge Workshop/Ritual  
Candlelight Ceremony  
Banquet

Sunday: TAC Alumni Breakfast/ Meeting  
**Come visit with and get inspired by The Grand Poobah : Ralph Saroyan**

Register online at <http://www.pdxtexasalumni.org/>

Cost: Early Registration

Collegiate: \$70

Alumni: \$85

Banquet Only: \$50

\*A \$3 service fee will be charged if using paypal

Hotel Cost: If reserve by Oct 14,2016

1 King Size Bed: \$99/night

2 Double Beds: \$105/night



Picture by Amanda Klar- post from Southcentral Facebook page





# St. Jude Walk/Run: September 24, 2016

Members from across the Southcentral Region participated/volunteered at the 5K St. Jude Walk/Run across various cities. Thanks to our Brothers from across the nation Phi Delta Chi has now officially raised over \$1,000,000 to help the children of St. Jude. Here are some pics posted on Facebook:



Lambda



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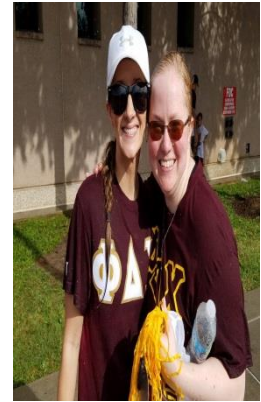
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Alpha Tau/Beta Omicron/Gamma Epsilon



Texas Alumni Chapter



Gamma Epsilon



Beta Omicron/Gamma Epsilon



Alpha Tau pledges



# Leadership Development Seminar: St. Louis

## Summary from The Grand President

The 17th Leader-Development Seminar was held in St Louis, MO in August. It was the largest attended LDS in our history. The Pharmacy Leadership and Education Institute developed the LDS programming. PLEI has been actively contributing to our leaders in pharmacy vision since its inception in 1995. As our Foundation, they not only contribute to our mission, but also continue to help provide financial support to our Brothers on a yearly basis through their many scholarships for travel and awards.

At LDS this year, PLEI again exceeded their scope by hosting the first ever advisor track. Seventeen Phi Delta Chi Chapter Advisors participated in this new course. Their biggest and only complaint was it was too short. We hope this new track will become an LDS tradition and one we can incorporate into Grand Council sessions as well.

PLEI this year saw an industry need to develop a curriculum for Colleges of Pharmacy to utilize to meet the new requirement of leadership training in their programs. PLEI has authored and published a book for pharmacy students to get structured leadership training during school. PLEI continues to advance the profession of pharmacy being led by some of our best and brightest Phi Delta Chi Brothers.

For more information on PLEI, how to donate, or how to become involved please visit [www.PLEI.org](http://www.PLEI.org).

Traci K Thompson, PharmD, BCPS  
Grand President  
Lambda #1273



Our Grand Officers- GVPSA Brandon Hill, GVPC Jeff Prescott, GVPAA Andrea Bourque, Exec Dir: Kenny Walkup, Grand President: Traci Thompson, Grand Past President: Amy Valdez, GVPCA Tiffany Johnson. Photo from Tiffany Johnson's Facebook page.





# Scholarship Winners' Reflections

## Ike Oguejiofor- Beta Rho WVC

I originally wanted to attend LDS, which was held this past summer, to keep in touch with the new friends I made at Grand Council and meet new faces as well. However, I was pleasantly surprised by the leadership sessions that we participated in during the conference. I learned so much about myself as a leader, and what leadership is, in general. I had a very stereotypical expectation of what a leader should be, and our facilitators turned that expectation on his head by the first day. I learned leaders can lead in different ways and use a variety of methods to accomplish tasks. I always had doubts about my leadership qualities, which is another reason I wanted to attend LDS. However, after LDS, I am now able to tackle business at my Beta Rho chapter with renewed confidence as the WVC. The Leadership Development Seminar was everything I could have hoped for and more. Picture: Beta Rho, Sigma, and Alpha Nu brothers enjoy a night on the town at the City Museum. (Brothers pictured from left to right: Ike Oguejiofor, Jooy Chae, Maya Robinson, Kelvin Tran, Alex Tran, Karen Mok, Alice Li)



## Christine Hong- Gamma Epsilon WCC



Meyer, Christine Hong, and Thien Nguyen)

Since my initiation into the fraternity, I have been to every local, regional, and national conference. However, this past experience at the Leadership Development Seminar (LDS) has impacted me by far the most. I have never learned so much about myself as both a Brother and a leader, and am eager to bring concrete plans back to my Chapter. I've learned to have courage and vision, for both my team and myself, and this experience as a whole was all that I hoped for and imagined. A tremendous thank you to the Texas Alumni Chapter for helping me attend this conference, and I cannot wait to attend LDS again! AAAE! Picture: Gamma Epsilon accepting the 100% Achievement Award (Brothers from left to right: Grace Le, Elissa Meyer, Christine Hong, and Thien Nguyen)



Photo from <http://www.phideltachi.org/>



# Southcentral Collegiate Staff

**Lambda (Λ):** WAL: Jordan Suh

**Rho (Ρ):** WAL: Dakota Russell Tanner

**Alpha Tau (ΑΤ):** WAL: Brian Nwokorie

**Alpha Omega (ΑΩ):** WAL: Nicholas Duschel

**Beta Beta (ΒΒ):** WAL: Kaleb Hanson

**Beta Eta (ΒΗ):** WAL: Justin Lee

**Beta Omicron (ΒΟ):** WAL: Masooma Ghori

**Beta Rho (ΒΡ):** WAL: Nika Hakim

**Gamma Epsilon (ΓΕ):** WAL: Brandon Nguyen

**Gamma Eta (ΓΗ):** WAL: Taylor Benavides

**Gamma Nu (ΓΝ):** WAL: Danielle Briones

**Delta Beta (ΔΒ):** WAL: Andy Ho



## Supporting Collegiate Brothers

When collegiate Brothers become alumni we pledge our support and advice to our Brothers. There are several ways an alumni can support PDC collegiate chapters. Some examples include donations, helping out with initiation, and going to chapter events. Each chapter within our region has a Worthy Alumni Liaison, whose responsibility it is to keep alumni aware of how the chapter is doing and get alumni involved. Please make sure your corresponding chapter has your updated personal information to contact you. If you don't live near your chapter anymore, you can still support PDC collegiates by attending events of a chapter near you. If you want to know what our collegiate Brothers are up to the Texas Alumni Chapter has a google calendar on our website. You can access it under the news section. The link is: <http://www.pdxtexasalumni.org/#!/news/cjg9>



# Join the Texas Alumni Chapter

The Texas Alumni Chapter (TAC) of Phi Delta Chi Fraternity (Phi Dex) is an organization comprised of alumni and 4th year pharmacy students whose goal is to promote brotherhood in the South Central region of Phi Dex. We strive to increase awareness of TAC, increase membership and participation, be visible at Phi Dex events, raise money for our national philanthropic charity St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and provide scholarships to local and national conferences to worthy collegiate brothers.

## How to Join:

Joining fee (one-time) \$100  
Annual dues \$25  
Lifetime dues \$250 (includes TAC pin)

## Update your contact information:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd6S9Ls57aVE6DwIQzdKUL6jPirU4pG97SKIk5-dQPeDnwCVA/viewform?c=0&w=1>

## How to pay:

Paypal on the Texas Alumni Chapter Website: <http://www.pdxtexasalumni.org/#/donate/ct74>  
~will be charged a \$3.00 convenience fee

Check: Contact Sara Miller for details: [pdctxalumni@gmail.com](mailto:pdctxalumni@gmail.com)

