



NEWSLETTER

WELCOME to our first ever newsletter! Our hope in establishing an annual chapter newsletter is to foster lifelong connections between our Society members. Each newsletter will provide updates regarding recent events and activities within our chapter, the current executive board officers and inductees, an alumni spotlight, and any other exciting information we have to share. Thank you all for your continued support; we look forward to staying in touch throughout the years to come!

Induction Banquet

Our annual initiation ceremony and banquet was held at Maggiano's Little Italy in November of 2022. Sixteen students were initiated and thirty two people attended!

LGBTQ+ Speaker Event

In June, Rho Chi organized an interprofessional LGBTQ+ Speaker Event with Dr. Tam Phan, Assistant Professor of Clinical Pharmacy at the University of Southern California and Clinical Pharmacy Program Coordinator at the Los Angeles LGBT Center. Students from various disciplines including pharmacy, physical therapy, and physician assistant programs joined together to learn about LGBTQ+ care and medications. A concurrent fundraiser was run, generating a total of \$183. All proceeds were donated to the LGBTQ Center Orange County.

Research Exploration Fair

This past year we implemented a new event to help expose CUSP students to the different areas of research that exist within the field of pharmacy. Student and faculty researchers joined us to discuss their current or upcoming research projects, showing attendees what opportunities may be available to them. The attending students were then able to identify areas of interest and reach out to the respective faculty or student research teams to apply for open research positions.

Executive Board 2022-2023

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{The 2022-2023 inductees with Dr. Lewis}



{Dr. Phan presenting at the LGBTQ+ Speaker Event}

The first Research Exploration Fair was such a success that our chapter partnered with Dr. Totonchy to host a second one!



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{CUSP & KGI students at our Networking Night}

Rho Chi Networking Night

Our chapter had the pleasure of networking with pharmacy students from Keck Graduate Institute at Dave & Buster's. It was great getting to meet other members of the Society and make meaningful connections. We look forward to hosting more networking events with other schools and alumni!

Academic Readiness Panel

Current chapter members volunteered as panelists to host an informative sessions about how to excel in T2 prior to the start of the trimester. Advice regarding academic choices, study tips, research experience, and other extracurriculars was shared.

Other Chapter Initiatives

- Tutoring (individual students + group tutoring)
- Krispy Kreme Fundraiser
- Organization table at CUSP orientation

They Matched!

We are proud to share that several of our Class of 2023 chapter members matched to PGY1 residencies. Congratulations to all on this big accomplishment; we can't wait to see what other amazing things you will do!

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@cusp_rhochi to stay connected!

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| 1. Iriny Abdou | 4. Young Hur | 8. Mason Myers |
| 2. Lucia Basilio | 5. Annie Kim | 9. Harrison Phan |
| 3. Jessica Carter | 6. Bao Le | 10. Beshoy Saad |
| | 7. Rachel Lee | 11. Ninno Villareal |

Alumni Award and Spotlight

We are proud to announce the creation of an annual Alumni Award for our Epsilon Rho Chapter! This award is meant to recognize a chapter alumnus who has continued to demonstrate commitment to advancing and leading the pharmacy profession, outstanding work in the field of pharmacy, and engagement with CUSP. Each year, the winner of our Alumni Award will receive a certificate, be submitted to the National Rho Chi Alumni Honor Roll, and be recognized at the National Convention of The Rho Chi Society.

The first ever CUSP Alumni Award recipient is Jenna Stewart (Class of 2022)! More information about Jenna's incredible achievements and continued engagement with CUSP can be found on the next page. Congratulations, Jenna, and thank you for all that you do!



Jenna Stewart, PharmD
UC San Diego PGY1 Ambulatory
Care Residency
Yale New Haven Health PGY2
Ambulatory Care Residency



Alumni Spotlight

How have you stayed in touch with Chapman after graduation?

I have stayed in contact with my previous mentors and colleagues which has greatly impacted my personal and professional life. As an Alumni Advisory Board (AAB) member, I am heavily involved in Chapman-hosted events and opportunities to strengthen bonds between current students and alumni. I have mentored students from the class of 2023, '24, and '25 in effort to give back to Chapman and future pharmacists. I hope to help my mentees navigate pharmacy school, career paths, and more, much like my mentors did for me. Additionally, I am still involved with Supplemental Instruction research at CUSP, where I work with current faculty, another alumnus, and a P3 student.

How has Rho Chi helped you with professional development and making connections?

Rho Chi has been an excellent resource for professional development and networking. Being a member of Rho Chi was something I strived for at the beginning of pharmacy school. It was a goal that challenged, motivated, and helped me achieve the educational foundation necessary to be a knowledgeable pharmacist for my patients. Throughout my years at Chapman, the Rho Chi organization helped my growth and progression due to the colleague and mentor connections I formed. I am thankful for the opportunity and honor to be a part of Rho Chi!

What is your favorite pharmacy school memory?

One of my favorite memories was the California Pharmacy Student Leadership (CAPSLead) conference. During my first year of pharmacy school, the conference was a fantastic opportunity to network with pharmacy leaders, connect with students from other schools, and present student-led research. I met some of my closest friends at that conference; I cannot imagine my pharmacy school experience without it!

Jenna Stewart

What are your career goals?

After residency, I hope to become a board certified ambulatory care pharmacist (BCACP) and continue my career helping patients. I have a strong interest in primary care and diabetes, but also find many other clinics interesting. I will be happy with any job opportunity that allows me to support and empower patients to take control of their health. I plan to assist in professional development of future pharmacists as a preceptor and active alumna of CUSP. In the future, I hope to create more ambulatory care clinics and increase collaborative practice agreements between pharmacists and physicians, resulting in more patients having the benefit of a pharmacist on their team!

I am forever grateful for CUSP and Rho Chi. It is an honor to be apart of the Panther family and Rho Chi Society.