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A History of Alpha Phi and Phi Delta Chi

Motto: "Alterum Alterius Auxilio Eget"

Creed: "A man should first direct himself in the way he should go; only then should he instruct others." - Buddha

Objective: The objective of this association shall be to advance the science of pharmacy and its allied interests, and to foster and promote a fraternal spirit among its members.

Mission: Phi Delta Chi Fraternity develops leaders to advance the profession of Pharmacy. Phi Delta Chi, a life-long experience, promotes scholastic, professional, and social growth in its Brothers. In this way, we encourage service to patients and improvement of public health and our profession. We help people become better people.

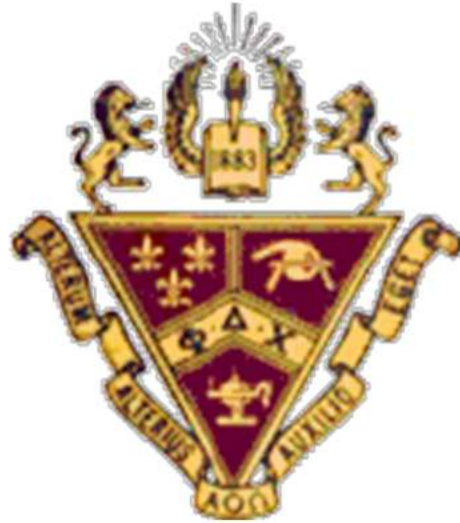
History: The Alpha Phi Chapter of Phi Delta Chi at Butler University was founded on December 28, 1955. The following are the names of the twelve men who founded the Alpha Phi Chapter: Carl Erdman, Jay Gibbs, Karl Hunt, George Klein, John Kozar, Charles Poulton, John Rupich, William Schaffer, Loren Toler, Edmund Trojan, Robert Weimer and Robert Wilson.

From 1955 to present day - The Alpha Phi chapter has been striving to represent the chapter, community and profession of pharmacy and Phi Delta Chi to the best of its abilities and to promote and strengthen brotherhood wherever brothers find themselves to be.



“Finding My Place”

Alpha Phi Brotherhood Report By Molly Steinkamp



“Finding My Place”

Alone. That’s how I felt when I first arrived at Butler University as an incoming freshman. Having been the only high school student from my graduating class to attend Butler and being assigned a single room, my once seemingly bright future was now clouded with an inescapable feeling of solitude. I didn’t know a single soul. Sure, I could make new friends, but what I really missed was feeling comfortable. Feeling like I belonged somewhere. I missed my family. A week after my classes started, I heard from a fellow pharmacy classmate about a couple opportunities to get involved with some on-campus professional pharmacy organizations. Phi Delta Chi was one of those organizations. Those letters didn’t mean much to me then, but fast-forward about six months and those letters would mean the world. Those letters saved me.

I attended Phi Delta Chi’s new member recruitment event and immediately fell in love. For the first time at this university, I felt like I belonged somewhere. I talked freely with these individuals, many of them coming from situations similar to myself. After leaving the first event, I felt like maybe things at Butler wouldn’t be so bad if I had such encouraging people like these to stand behind me and support me. A few weeks later, after attending two more potential new member events, I found myself holding a slim manila envelope. This was it. I opened the envelope to find my Phi Delta Chi bid card. To say I was ecstatic would be the understatement of the century. I signed my bid card with a shaking hand and promptly turned it into the Phi Delta Chi mailbox.

The pride I felt in both my fraternity and myself was immediate. I couldn't wait to call these individuals my brothers. To tell people I was a part of such a prestigious organization. In my mind, initiation couldn't come fast enough. My pledge mother showed me the ropes and answered each and every one of my questions about both Phi Delta Chi and college in general. This was one of my best experiences with Phi Delta Chi. Having so many older members to tell me what to expect and to answer any questions I could come up with further reinforced the feeling of brotherhood within this organization. The one particular event that stands out the most for me actually happened second semester my freshman year. I had enrolled in a microbiology course that was intended for second semester sophomores. It's safe to say I was intimidated, especially when it came to my first lab. None of my friends my age who were also enrolled in this course were scheduled for my lab section. As petty as it sounds now, I was mildly concerned for who I would pair up with when it came to lab partners. I arrived early to lab and chose my seat. I sat patiently in the room by myself, hoping, *praying*, that as the sophomore students trickled in I would know someone. Anyone. Just as I was about to give up all hope, I heard someone call my name from across the room. I looked up, startled, and saw one of my Phi Delta Chi brothers crossing the room to come sit next to me. Relief washed over me. Once again, being a brother of Phi Delta Chi has paid off in ways I am grateful for every day.

No more am I the lonely girl I was before I joined Phi Delta Chi. This organization has brought out the best in me and I can't imagine the person I would've developed into without the amazing support of all of my brothers. I always have people to turn to if I need help, need to talk, or simply need a friend. I already have formed friendships with my brothers that will last a lifetime. There is no doubt in my mind that I have found a place here at Butler University where I belong. Within this organization, I have found my home away from home. I have found a family.



My pledge mom (right) and myself (left) after initiation.

AAAE,

Molly Steinkamp

Chapter Officers

Worthy Chief Counselor	Kevin Bozyski
Worthy Vice Counselor	Sean Polacek
Worthy Keeper of Records and Seals	Jamie Ostrem
Worthy Keeper of Finance	Kyle Mohler
Worthy Correspondent	Conor Pardo
Worthy Prelate	Sarah Fitzpatrick
Worthy Alumni Liaison	Adam Romesser
Worthy Master at Arms	Nick Neulieb
Worthy Inner Guard	Maggie Thomas
Committee Head Chairman	Tommy Fehn



Worthy Chief Counselor

Kevin Bozyski

Being initiated into Phi Delta Chi as a freshman pre-pharmacy student back in December 2009, I never imagined that I would end up as the Worthy Chief Counselor for the Alpha Phi chapter. Sure, I had my aspirations, notably the “WC” position that would allow the organized report-writer in me to excel. However, I did not peg myself as the full-on leader type, always placing myself into roles that I like to define as “supportive leadership.” Of course, that is not the purpose of this great pharmacy fraternity—it seeks to foster leaders in pharmacy, even in those who do not see their full leadership potential. So, as the executive board last academic year departed on APPE rotations, my role models of the time convinced me that I was just the sort of brother needed to lead our chapter in 2012-2013. My then-P1 self didn’t have the same degree of confidence, though here I am with a presidential term in the books.

When I took on the title of WCC, I did not aim to “gain glory.” Upon meeting with my new exec board in August 2012 (which had representation from pre-pharmacy sophomores up to P3’s), the go-to word in my arsenal was “transition.” Having a personality that likes data and thorough preparation, I had learned from summer break surveys that our chapter members had a plethora of concerns: membership apathy, pledge program shortcomings, and lack of programming. Yes, we have a lengthy list of strengths as Alpha Phi brothers, but it’s difficult not to focus on the faults as a leader. With such a variety, I knew that attempting to tackle the concerns overnight would hardly result in success. Therefore, I stressed transition—we may not have the most tangible of improvements, but we would be the executive board that would at least get the ball rolling in the right direction (continued on page 9).



Worthy Chief Counselor

Kevin Bozyski

Though I have a tendency to be critical of my work, I like to think that we accomplished this overarching goal for our chapter. We brought in a pledge class of 30 members, nearly every one remaining enthusiastic about Phi Dex throughout the academic year despite joining social, undergraduate fraternities on Butler's campus. We inspired committee heads to expand upon professional projects and social events, notably holding a joint canoeing trip with Tau chapter in the fall and having a great Relay for Life turnout in the spring. We began seeing brothers in chapter meetings who in times past had a poor attendance record. Are these changes the sort that could be documented on paper? Not really, though the *feeling* of positive change is most certainly in the air now, something I dedicate to my fellow exec officers (and I am sure the new WCC Maggie Thomas will continue to build).

I wish I could accurately capture how much Phi Delta Chi has impacted my life for the better. As *The Activator* committee head my sophomore year, WC as a P1, WCC as a P2, and looking forward to a term as WAL as a P3, I can claim without hesitation that Phi Dex has shaped me into a leader that is both versatile and selfless in intention. My roles have involved responsibilities at both a national and local level, and each role I have taken has been at the suggestion of an older brother. It is for this latter reason, in fact, that I am so eager to serve as Worthy Alumni Liaison this upcoming term—it is my chance to “give back” in a concrete manner to those who have inspired me since I was that introverted freshman back in 2009, showing them that their lifelong brotherhood to me and others still active is truly invaluable. While it is bittersweet to only have one more active year left in the Alpha Phi chapter before APPE rotations, I intend to make the most of it, helping further develop this fraternal community that has contributed so much to my personal development already.

AAAE,

Kevin Bozyski



Worthy Vice Counselor

Sean Polacek

This past year, I had the privilege to serve on the executive board of the Alpha Phi chapter as the Worthy Vice Counselor. The general role for the WVC is to aid the WCC in any and all endeavors possible. Just as the WCC had a hand in a majority of the chapter operations, I too was part of a great deal of the chapter's functions. The best part about this position was that there were very few guidelines as to what was specifically required of me so I could spend my efforts on improving areas of the chapter I felt needed it most.

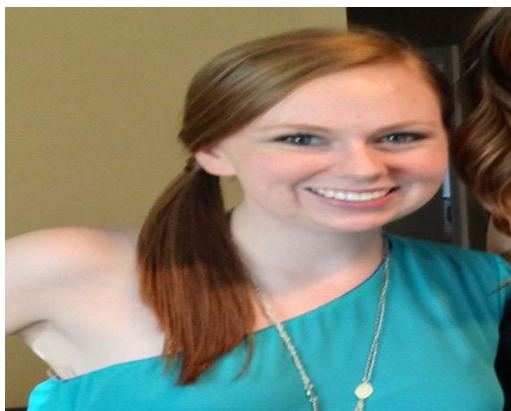
As stated at the beginning of the year, our executive board knew that this was going to be a transition year. The main areas that I focused on were helping the WMA and WIG to improve the recruitment process along with functionalizing review board as opposed to performing it solely because ritual requires it of us. While I believe that review board has not quite reached its final purpose, I do believe that we made great strides towards reaching that goal this year. I found this experience to be the most rewarding part of my position: to know that years from now, a positive and lasting impact will have been made upon this chapter because of the work that our brothers put in was a great motivation to make it through the hours of meetings and sometimes frustrating segments of the year.

Another one of the duties of my position is a relatively new one – the Window Display project. Following in the footsteps of the WVC before me, I undertook this project knowing I had very little creativity for these sorts of things. Thankfully my lack of ingenuity was supplemented by the support and aid of several of my brothers who helped me come up with plenty of ideas and assisted me with some of the more laborious aspects of the project. This was yet another example of our motto AAAE acted out in real life and another example of why our chapter's brotherhood and support is as necessary for our chapter to prosper as it is desirable for each member to have on a more personal level.

Overall, serving as the WVC has been extremely rewarding. While chapter life sure has had its ups and downs, one thing in my life has remained constant: the fact that I know the bonds I've made over my Phi Delta Chi career will remain long after I leave Butler.

AAAE,

Sean Polacek



Worthy Keeper of Records and Seals

Jamie Ostrem

As the WKRS, I was responsible for the organization and record keeping of the chapter. My regular duties were to keep track of attendance at chapter meetings and other chapter events as well as take minutes and record all important information that was given out at chapter. This information was made available to members that were not able to attend chapter for some reason as well as our advisors. For safety reasons, I also collected driver agreements from all the members that could potentially drive other members for chapter purposes. At the end of the school year, I planned a farewell dinner to all Phi Delta Chi P3 students going out on rotations and provided a new white-coat for them to use.

Through my experience as the WRKS I learned a lot about what is required to keep a successful chapter going. There is a lot of organization and “behind the scenes” work that occurs that, prior to being on exec, I did not realize as an active member. I also came to appreciate the members that made Phi Delta Chi a priority. As pharmacy students, everyone is very busy and it definitely takes effort to be an involved member of Phi Delta Chi. Through my experience on exec, I have seen many examples of brotherhood and fellow members taking on additional responsibilities to help another brother. As I transition out of exec I will definitely remember these experiences as positive and continue to be an active member.

AAAE,

Jamie Ostrem



Worthy Keeper of Finance

Kyle Mohler

Being the WKF allowed me to collaborate with all the other officers of Phi Delta Chi and also enabled me to form relationships with those in the organization. My duties consisted of collecting all payments from members, such as dues and other expenses the chapter covered. I would then log all transactions in our “master binder” of accounts for each member, and I would also post the transactions on our university’s Blackboard page for students to see their personal account history, payments, and costs incurred for the year. I was also responsible for keeping our bank accounts up-to-date and make sure that all money went to the right account for our expenses. I also had to make all payments and reimburse individuals who bought things for chapter use.

I thought that the most rewarding part of my job was a feeling of completeness when I was done collecting dues and updating accounts. It was nice to know that everything was complete and all accounts were updated. I was able to learn about brotherhood by forming relationships with people who could not pay all of their dues at once, so we set up a payment plan, which allowed me to trust my brothers. This was also a frustrating task at times, but overall I felt it helped me form relationships with my fellow brothers. I was able to promote scholastic, professional, and social growth by delegating adequate money to each committee from the budget I came up with at the beginning of the year. I tailored it from the previous year and it worked out really well and those committees who needed money most were able to have it and do what was best for the chapter with it. Included in our budget was scholastic rewards for members, professional conference reimbursement funds, and numerous social funds for us to grow together more as brothers, as well as fully including the new members. We have a bright future ahead if our most recent pledge class is a representation of the legacy our fraternity will leave behind, and I am glad to call myself a brother of Phi Delta Chi.

AAAE,

Kyle Mohler



Worthy Correspondent

Conor Pardo

Second semester of my Freshman year, I was ready to get my feet wet and take up leadership in as many organizations as possible. In Phi Delta Chi, I had an ambitious vision of getting highly involved early on. Talking to officers in our chapter and other brothers who recruited me to lead, I learned quickly that the Worthy Correspondent position might be right for me. I am organized, I like to communicate and work with people, and I don't mind organizing the team effort from behind the front lines.

The Worthy Correspondent is charged primarily with the organization and completion of monthly reports for the Achievement Award Program. Basically, I was the guy who got to tell everyone else what needed to get done by the end of the month for the program. I edited documents ranging from service project reports to our chapter publication, and also added some finishing touches to major reports. Weekly updates for my position included keeping the chapter up-to-date on AAP happenings, as well as other external affairs—the chartering of new chapters, for example. Everyone learns to LOVE getting lengthy email updates from our correspondent.

The position is very much task-intensive and most of the work is done behind the scenes, but corresponding for my chapter has certainly been rewarding. As WC, I have developed for myself an increasingly wholesome vision of the organization, what it means to be Phi Delta Chi on a national level, and a more educated diagnosis of where the chapter needs improvement.

Perhaps more importantly, working outside the limelight has reinforced my value of hard work as its own reward, rather than working for recognition. I have gained a stronger sense that, as members of our chapter, we must avail ourselves of the opportunities provided by our social environment, not for some shiny medal or a pat on the back, but because it can make us better as people or help others. I hope that, in the future, I can maintain this lesson as a guiding principle for my involvement in Phi Delta Chi and beyond.

AAAAE,

Conor Pardo



Worthy Prelate

Sarah Fitzpatrick

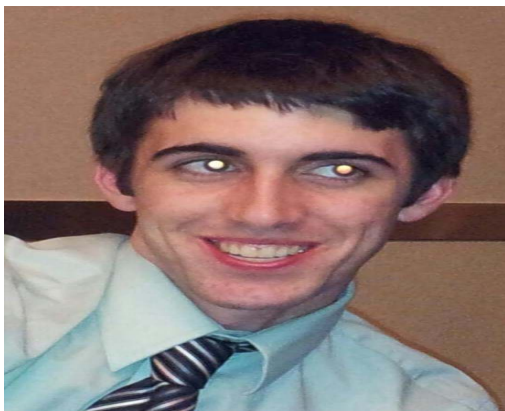
As Worthy Prelate, my main duty was to take pictures from all of the events throughout the year and create a scrapbook to preserve the memories of the past Phi Delta Chi year. I also announce birthdays and present some history facts at each meeting. Something our chapter has done for the past several years is having the WP write the Grabenstein Report for the November Report. This year, I started a personalized email for each brother on their birthday, as well as ordered apparel for our chapter.

Through my position, I was able to meet and get to know many of the new members which was very rewarding. I love meeting new people so being able to see the pledges become brothers of Phi Delta Chi was an amazing experience. As WP, I needed to be at many of the events to take pictures which also got me more involved with the chapter which I really enjoyed. This allowed me to become closer with the older active members as well. Overall, my job has helped me to create and capture memories with my brothers, old and new, that I will cherish for a lifetime.

I learned that brotherhood means friendship on a much deeper level; it is always being there for your brothers when they need a laugh or a boost if they are feeling down. These are the people who you share a special bond with that cannot be replaced or recreated. Knowing that I can always count on my brothers for support, guidance, and advice is very comforting. We all share a common goal of progressing the field of pharmacy and we can do this with the help of each other. By encouraging brothers to be active in philanthropy and social events I was able to promote social growth and professionalism. Also by announcing birthdays this creates another common bond with our brothers by recognizing and celebrating their birthdays; this would promote social growth as well.

AAAE,

Sarah Fitzpatrick



Worthy Alumni Liaison

Adam Romesser

As the WAL for the chapter, I organized alumni events, contacted alumni with chapter updates, and served as a medium between the collegiate brothers and those passed to alumni status.

Being the alumni liaison was personally fulfilling to me because I know many of our recent alumni and learned from them through the fraternity and listened to their continued advice and support throughout my school career. I highly respect all of these brothers that have devoted and continue to devote their lives to our fraternity. Just another way that our motto *alterum alterius auxilio eget* shows its greatness.

Holding an exec position for the first time is also a great and, at times, difficult learning experience. It is a large time commitment and requires a lot of patience. Through my position particularly, I learned that brotherhood never ceases with our fraternity. An example of this to me is the fact that we were able to have one of Indiana's state senators (a brother of our chapter) come in and devote time in his busy schedule to address our chapter and impart some of his knowledge to us. I highly valued this experience and the many lessons it taught. It enforced the fact that I want to continue my involvement with the fraternity after graduation and that our oaths and obligations truly persist after we leave college. The position is a great transition for me personally into the professional career of pharmacy. I now know both how to get involved and who to contact with my advice and support.

My position has helped the fraternity grow by attempting to eliminate the knowledge and age gap of alumni to collegiate brothers. I would always recommend our brothers to utilize the alumni and ask for their help or just to get to know these amazing brothers. I, personally over my years, have made it a point to contact alumni or older members when I am unsure of the correct path to take, and I trust the advice that is always willingly given to me. I believe that with continued alumni support our fraternity could grow immensely in the aspect of brotherhood. Alumni are the most under-rated resource we have at our disposal.

AAAE,

Adam Romesser



Worthy Master at Arms

Nick Neulieb

Upon originally joining Phi Delta Chi, I knew that I wanted to get involved. When Maggie Thomas came to me wanting to run for the WMA/WIG as a “team”, I was not sure what to expect. Would I have enough time for it? Would I be able to organize everything? Would I be good enough for the job? Maggie had faith in me, even though I did not have faith in myself. We both ran for the positions, and we received the support and confidence of our brothers. Maggie and I won the election, and were granted the chance to work closely with and educate the pledges for the Alpha Phi chapter.

Running the rush events and discussion meetings was a little intimidating. I am not the best public speaker. But, working within my position of Worthy Master-At-Arms has opened me up, allowing me to be a more up-front and outgoing man. Other than running the rush events, Maggie and I also had many other responsibilities. We completed tasks such as dispersing the bid cards and invitations, educating the new pledges on our chapter and national history, and being the people that the pledges felt they could approach with any problem. Maggie and I also organized the pledges and placed them into families, as to help guide them in fraternity life, as well as life as a pharmacy major.

There is one particular aspect of my job that has really meant so much to me. Being able to become so close with the newest members has meant so much to me. I have been through a lot over the past year of my life, but one thing that always helped “pick me up” was the presence of these new companions that I would soon be so blessed to call brothers. Anyone that knows me knows that I usually a pretty shy guy at first. However, all these new faces accepted me so quickly and whole-heartedly, that it was quite unexpected. I do not think they even they all know how much they have done for me in the past year.

Between the pledge activities that we did (like the canoe trip with the Purdue chapter or the capture the flag event), the study sessions in the lead-up to initiation, the trip to Gatlinburg for the national event, or even the Relay For Life event that occurred on campus, I feel so lucky to have gotten to know each and every one of them personally. They make me so proud to be a brother of Phi Delta Chi, and I cannot even begin to express my love for each and every one of them.

Now, I have a renewed and strengthened commitment to my brothers. I feel that the brotherhood and friendship shown in our chapter now is so much more solid, and that the passion shown for Phi Delta Chi is greater than it has been in years. I am thankful to God every day for the experiences I have had in this fraternity, and cannot be more proud of the bonds that were built this year.

AAAE,
Nick Neulieb



Worthy Inner Guard

Maggie Thomas

Fulfilling the position of Worthy Inner Guard has been such a rewarding experience. My main duty for this position was being in charge of recruitment and the pledge process. I worked alongside the Worthy Master at Arms to plan all of our recruitment events. Once we gave bids to prospective pledges, we worked together in helping them through the pledge process. We had weekly meetings with them, teaching them about Phi Delta Chi history and what it is like being a brother of Phi Delta Chi. When it came time for initiation, we planned and organized everything so that the pledges would have a good experience. Throughout the semester, we planned social events so that they could not only get to know their fellow pledges but that they could also get to know the other brothers. Being the Worthy Inner Guard, I was also a member of the executive board. I was responsible for attending weekly meetings and helping make decisions that would affect the entire chapter.

I was very proud that my fellow brothers chose me to represent Phi Delta Chi during recruitment. They trusted me to compile a pledge class that would continue the great legacy of our fraternity. The most rewarding part of this job was to see the pledges grow from not really knowing much about the fraternity to understanding our history and loving the brotherhood that Phi Delta Chi offers. This experience has taught me so much about the brotherhood we have. This position helped me realize that our brotherhood is very strong and it is something that I can rely on for the rest of my life. Seeing my fellow members of executive interact, as well as, the entire chapter I know that we are truly brothers for life.

I was able to promote scholastic, professional, and social growth with the pledges throughout the entire semester. I did this by making them be responsible for knowing the history of our fraternity along with knowing all of the current member's names. I stressed to the pledges that they needed to make sure they stayed on top of their school work along with the studying needed to become an initiated member. I saw a large amount of social growth in the pledge class. During the first meeting it was almost completely silent. By the end of the semester, they had all become friends and I often saw groups of them together outside of Phi Delta Chi events.

This experience has changed my college experience. Before this position, I was an active member that attended meetings and events. Now I am the newest Worthy Chief Counselor and planning on attending my second national Phi Delta Chi event.

AAAE,

Maggie Thomas



Committee Head Chairman

Tommy Fehn

This year I took on the position of the committee head chairman, a new position and only the second year that it has existed. I served as a liaison between the exec and the chapter members. I would sit in on exec meetings and learn stuff that the chapter had planned and helped relay this information to the chapter in means of e-mails, survey monkeys, and fliers at chapter meetings. By doing this I was able to help inform the chapter of events so that we could have greater participation. A second thing that I have done this year was to find out what each of the committee heads had planned for the semester. I would send out survey monkeys to get their information and help get information to the WCC to help get the information out to the chapter. I helped keep the WCC informed about what was going on with each of the committees.

I found this position to be very rewarding. Since the position is relatively new, I spent the year trying to figure out what works and what could be improved upon from the position. I found the freedom of the position to be a benefit. I was able to further my leadership skills and find out how to connect with a large group of people. The position was full of great memories and great experiences.

I have learned the strength of brotherhood through this position. A lot of times I was overwhelmed with school work and other organizations, brothers would step in and help me with my work. I also made a ton of friends through this position. I was able to talk to a lot more people with this position and make memories through the activities that I participated in throughout the year. I feel like this position really helped me feel like a huge part of the fraternity and that I had friends that I could always count on if I needed help.

I think that this position did a lot to promote scholastic, professional, and social growth. The committees are a very important part to the chapter and help organize many of the events that go on throughout the school year. Being in charge of the committees, I was able to help encourage members to participate in events as well as motivate committee heads to plan programs that will be exciting to members of the fraternity. The exec has looked into things that went well this year with the committee head chairman positions and have leadership development in the works for next year.

A lot of this position has been looking at things that worked from the first year and trying to change things in the following year. By holding this position for a second year in a row, I will be able to develop the position even further. I look forward expanding the brotherhood that can be brought from this position. I am glad to serve as the committee head chairman and look for ways to further serve the chapter in the following years.

AAAE,

Tommy Fehn

A Listing of Committees

Activator Committee	Matt Heinsen
Fundraising Committee	Kassy Fernsler
Membership Committee	Jordan Pflum
Pro Projects Committee	Claire McCarthy and Sammy Christie
Scholarship Committee	Kelsey Delsignore
School Visits Committee	Kim Kraska and Allie Gritzman
Social Committee	Andrew Gonzales and Jake Mankin
St. Jude Committee	Jenna Ksiazkiewicz and Kaitlyn Robinson

Pictured below: Brothers at a Pro Project event





Activator Committee

Matt Heinsen

This was my second year heading the Activator Committee and I am glad that I decided to head this committee for the past two years. As head of the Activator Committee, my main duties were making sure everyone contributed to this publication and that I received reports from all the executive officers and committee heads. Members of my committee were responsible for editing and proofreading the executive officer's reports and the reports from my fellow committee heads. Another one of my duties was to correspond with many of the brothers in the chapter for pictures that can be included in this publication and to gain input on the various events that Phi Delta Chi participates in throughout the academic year.

The most rewarding experience about being in charge of this committee is being able to look back throughout the past academic year and see everything that Phi Delta Chi has accomplished since the assembly and organization of the Activator takes place more towards the end of the school year. Personally, it is also a bittersweet moment. As I prepare myself for my upcoming APPE rotations for the next school year, I can still vividly remember all the fun and worthwhile experiences I have had through Phi Delta Chi and the friendships that I have established with many of my past and current brothers. I have become so accustomed with conversing with my brothers in classes and seeing all the familiar and friendly faces of my brothers throughout the Butler University campus that it is going to be a change to not see them as much while I am out on rotations. But as this chapter of my academic life changes, another one opens and I am sure that I will come across some Phi Delta Chi brothers while on rotations and will be able to establish new connections and links with brotherhood and alumni.

Seeing as how I have done a lot of reflecting upon my past 5 years at Butler and with the Alpha Phi chapter of Phi Delta Chi, I have adopted a classic look for this year's Activator which will feature look backs throughout the 2012-2013 year.

AAAE,

Matt Heinsen



Fundraising Committee

Kassy Fernsler

I have always loved to come up with ways to make money and been very competitive in wanting to help any organization I am part of make money. For the last year and a half I have served as the Fundraising Committee Head which has been a great honor for me. I have been able to really see what works and what does not, and have found this position to be vital to our chapter. Our goal as a committee is to provide the chapter with general funds that help to stabilize the chapter and provide a financial basis for the fraternity.

I took this position as fundraising committee head in order to help better the chapter and its needs when it comes to fundraising. People in our chapter wanted to find a way to make more money, but fundraising is hard when you do not live in a neighborhood and are surrounded by college kids who are trying hard to pinch pennies. When I was asked to take the position, I leapt at the idea because I had been looking to get more involved in the fraternity, and I knew that I had some great ideas for our fraternity to earn some extra funds. Our chapter typically sticks to concession stands, which is what we did this year again, however, we have some bright ideas for next year and I am sure the new committee heads who take over will do a phenomenal job of implementing such ideas.

Due to communication issues we did not complete a fundraising event first semester, however second semester we had several brothers turn out for a men's basketball concession stand. I scheduled the game for a night that would be convenient for all brothers, and luckily we had so many volunteers that we were able to run the busiest concession stand in the arena. We found a very efficient process by handing off food and only having experienced people work the cash registers. Our concession ran smoothly with no mishaps. It was a nice break from the normal routine, and all of my brothers put their best foot forward in lending a helping hand. We even helped with clean-up of other concession stands because we are dedicated to the job and wanted to make a good name for our organization. The men and women attending the game were very impressed by our professionalism and many of them complemented how well we represented the fraternity, and even tried to tip us. The concession stand was one of the most fun events I have partaken in with Phi Delta Chi, and it made me really realize how awesome the brothers of my chapter are.

Due to the hard work of all brothers in the Alpha Phi Chapter, we far exceeded our goals and helped make a generous donation to the chapter. I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve as a committee head, and proud of myself for taking a leadership position in Phi Delta Chi. I am hoping to stay involved with the fundraising committee next year by helping to lend any ideas I have to the new committee heads, as I already have ideas for other things our chapter can do to not only benefit the chapter, but also will benefit the name of Phi Delta Chi and the community.

AAAAE,
Kassy Fernsler



Membership Committee

Jordan Pflum

The Membership Committee of the Alpha Phi chapter of Phi Delta Chi is committed to meeting the challenge of “each needing the help of the other” through its service to the quality of brotherhood amongst Alpha Phi’s members in general and via its direct assistance to the Pledge Masters throughout the pledge recruitment and education process in particular.

The Membership Committee helped our Pledge Masters, Nick Neulieb and Maggie Thomas, in the planning and execution of new-member recruitment events and in the preparation of pledge education materials to be distributed to Alpha Phi’s newest members upon their selection. In the Spring 2013 semester, the Membership served as a resource to those new members again by offering to review, edit, or otherwise assist them in the writing of their Brotherhood Reports. More qualitatively, the Membership Committee always stands ready to assist our chapter’s new members in their assimilation into the chapter as a whole. To draw an analogy from dosage forms class, the Membership Committee tries to act as our chapter’s “surfactant,” helping to bring both new and active members into a single, cohesive whole. To this end, the Membership Committee was extremely impressed this past year by the quality of our new members and by their instantaneous commitment to active brotherhood in our chapter, quickly taking on formal leadership positions and informal responsibilities. The Membership Committee is proud to have left the Alpha Phi Chapter of Phi Delta Chi in capable and caring hands for the future, confident that our chapter will continue to recruit and cultivate the best Leaders in Pharmacy that Butler University has to offer!

AAAE,

Jordan Pflum



Pro Projects Committee

*Claire McCarthy and
Sam Christie*

The Professional and Service Projects Committee is important for making the Phi Delta Chi fraternity present, helpful and engaged within the Butler University campus and the Indianapolis community. As Committee Co-Chair this school year, I was able to delegate projects to committee members and communicate with other campus and city-wide organizations to organize events and volunteer for various organizations. The most rewarding experiences as the Committee Co-Chair occurred when committee members were eager to help set up events, felt engaged in our projects, and when we could directly see the effects of our efforts in our communities. It was great to have freshmen up through our elder P3 brothers attend events at both Ronald McDonald House and at the Generation Rx Initiative Table on Campus this semester. Brotherhood is about each of us helping one another and coming together to help our surrounding community that has helped us so much in the past get to where we are today.

This was the first year that Phi Delta Chi became involved with the Timmy Foundation of Indianapolis, and it was an extremely rewarding experience for myself as well as the members who were involved in the project. The Timmy Foundation receives donations that include medical supplies and medications which they take with them on their missions to various third world nations to help those who are less fortunate obtain quality medical attention. It meant a lot to the brothers to use our pharmacy knowledge to help the Timmy Foundation organize these medical supplies and medications and to have our knowledge and service eventually reach out to those people in need.

We also were able to reach out to Habitat for Humanity for the first time this year. The brothers involved as well as myself were extremely excited about helping out the community of Indianapolis by assisting families by constructing homes for them. Not only did we have a positive experience through helping out a family in need, we also had a fantastic time bonding with one another while working on various projects together. We developed great connections with these two organizations this year, and I hope we continue to build our relationships with them in the future because they were both equally positive and worthwhile causes for the fraternity.

AAAE,

Claire McCarthy and Sam Christie

A Description of our Pro Projects

Generation Rx Initiative - promotes awareness of prescription drug abuse and in doing so tries to help prevent it through educational prevention. This was the first year that the Alpha Phi chapter got involved with Generation Rx to set up an awareness table and pass out information inside the campus Starbucks.

Rebuilding the Wall - assists lower income areas in the city of Indianapolis in the cleanup and renovation of neighborhoods.

Habitat for Humanity– assisted the Indianapolis community in the construction and renovation of homes for low income families.

Timmy Foundation - The Timmy Foundation receives donations that include medical supplies and medications which they take with them on their missions to various third world nations to help those who are less fortunate obtain quality medical attention. It meant a lot to the brothers to use our pharmacy knowledge to help the Timmy Foundation organize these medical supplies and medications and to have our knowledge and service eventually reach out to those people in need.



Scholarship Committee

Kelsey Delsignore

Being the scholarship committee head has been a very rewarding experience thus far. My duties consist of a broad array of ideas and events that foster the scholarship of our chapter. As the scholarship committee head I am responsible for chairing blood drives, rewarding brothers for their academic achievements, and thinking of new and innovative ideas to motivate brothers.

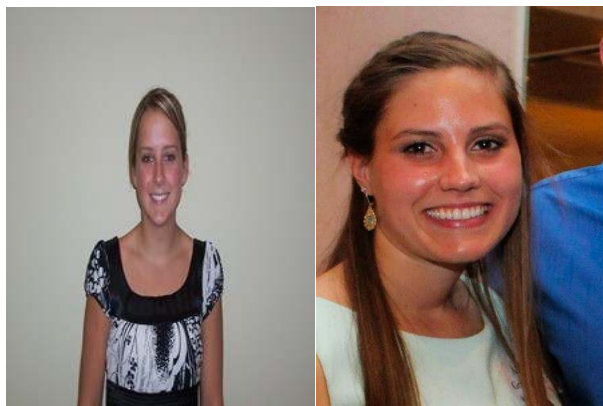
The main duty of my position is to reward brothers for their academic performance while motivating them to do better. After every set of exams, I hold the A drawing; the brothers tell me the number of A's that they received on tests and their names are put into a drawing. The first name to be drawn is given a \$5 Starbucks gift card while the next four names drawn are given a Smartie (hence the name of the program Smarties for Smarties). This way the brothers are recognized among others in the chapter for their scholastic achievements.

The blood drive this year was very successful. Out of about 30 slots we filled 20 which is equivalent to saving 60 lives. It was very rewarding to see members of our chapter step up for such a good cause.

Since I have been in this position I feel like I have grown as a leader. I enjoy being able to reward people for their hard work. It is important for the new members to realize that we take our academics seriously as a chapter. Setting academic goals at the beginning of next year will be one of the first things that I do. As we all know, pharmacy school may seem like a daunting task and sometimes the littlest thing such as a smartie may serve as a tad bit of motivation.

AAAE,

Kelsey Delsignore



School Visits Committee

Kim Kraska and Allie Gritzman

The duties of the school visits committee are to contact elementary schools and high schools in the Indianapolis area. In the fall we focused on contacting high schools and we moved to elementary schools in the spring. We contact the schools via e-mail first and then progress to calling them. Our high school visits involve a group of 3-5 Phi Delta Chi brothers going to the interested school and presenting on the profession of pharmacy, the common pharmacy curriculum and Butler's program in general. We typically present to the advanced chemistry classes since they would have more of an interest in pharmacy. For elementary visits, a group of brothers goes to the interested school and does a presentation on poison prevention. Our presentation is based on "Petey the pill" who we use as a visual aide to do comparisons between poisonous materials and everyday household items.

This year, we were able to schedule an elementary visit in the fall and a high school visit in the spring. Each visit was rewarding in its own way. The elementary students were very engaged and receptive to our presentation so you could tell how much they learned. The high school students we visited were all interested in health professions in the future and based on the questions we were asked, you could tell we sparked some interest in pharmacy as a career option.

I've also found it to be rewarding to get to know the brothers on my committee on a more personal level. Our individual committee meetings during the informal chapters allow us to catch up on our progress and come together to generate ideas on how to be more successful in contacting our schools. My position has really taught me the importance of working together to achieve a common goal.

The school visits committee was able to promote scholastic, professional and social growth among our current and incoming brothers by involving everyone on our committee. We were able to add some new schools to our contacts this year so this enabled the new incoming brothers that were initiated this past December to have a chance to be involved by contacting a school. This gives them a chance to be involved in the start of their Phi Delta Chi careers and to hopefully promote the new members to get involved in a larger position in the chapter. By having everyone on our committee taking the initiative to contact their school gives everyone a chance to grow throughout the year.

AAAE,
Kim Kraska and Allie Gritzman



Social Committee

Andrew Gonzales and Jake Mankin

The duty of the Social Committee is to promote brotherhood by holding fun events. This year, we wanted to really emphasize the importance of the social aspect of the fraternity. Yes, while other brotherhood events and philanthropies are very important to building what Phi Delta Chi stands for, social is where we feel it all begins. The participation in all Phi Delta Chi events varies from person to person. However, the way we see it is that there is less attendance, less participation, and less involvement overall in the members that do not feel they have good friends also attending Phi Delta Chi events. While friendships and brotherhood can build (as it is supposed to!) in service events, chapter, and other gatherings, social events seem to be the least “intimidating” of chapter functions, and one of the most conducive to starting friendships. There is no “catch” other than to have fun and socialize at these events. We view the Social Committee as a great stepping stone to help get brothers more involved in other vital committee activities.

Because of our view of the importance of socials, our committee held quite a number of events this school year. At a quick glance, the social committee was hard at work this year, getting brothers involved by:

- Promoting six Phi Delta Chi dinners at nearby restaurants.
- Planning the alpaca farm visit to Whispering Willows for Founder’s Day 2012.
- Welcoming the new class of 2012 with a canoe trip (in conjunction with the Purdue chapter, Tau), capture the flag game, and new member cookout.
- Assisting with coordinating the visit of Ryan Costantino, the national Grand Vice President for Student Affairs (GVPSA).
- Coordinating with Kappa Psi and Lambda Kappa Sigma both a Skyzone and ice skating trip.
- Participating in the Butler High Ropes Challenge course.
- Providing a catered Yats dinner to the chapter at the year’s final chapter meeting.

We were successful with getting a good attendance of events, especially with the new members. It was great seeing such an energetic and involved group of people. Brotherhood is about connecting with all ages, not just those with whom you already have a long-standing friendship. It is our hope that throughout the years, the committee will continue to help promote and strengthen the bonds within our fraternity.

AAAE,

Jake Mankin and Andrew Gonzales



St. Jude Committee

Jenna Ksiazkiewicz and Kaitlyn Robinson

As head of the St. Jude Committee I was involved in a lot of planning this year. In the fall, I was in charge of making a team for the St. Jude Give Thanks Walk in Indianapolis. I organized our team website and my own personal website. I promoted the walk to my chapter and got members to sign up as part of the Phi Delta Chi – Butler University team. As a team we set a goal of raising \$1,000. We ended up just short of our goal at \$870. We had ten team members that participated in the fundraising and the walk on November 17. It was a very fulfilling experience and I was overjoyed at the support we got from our families and friends. Next year I hope that the new committee head will be able to increase participation at this event because it really is an amazing opportunity for our chapter to raise money and awareness for St. Jude.

Our spring event this year was a letter sending campaign called “Rx for Hope”. We have participated in this event in many years past. This year I set up the event on a Tuesday night. We supplied pizza and soda for the chapter. Everyone in the chapter was required to send out 50 letters. If they met this goal they were entered into a drawing for a \$100 Visa Gift Card. This event took a lot of help from my committee and I delegated out a lot of the work. Members ordered the pizza, picked it up, bought soda and helped me pass out letters and get organized in the beginning. I could not have made the event a success without the help of my brothers that night and leading up to the event.

Being a committee head has made me appreciate all that my brothers do for me. They are always willing to help me out with whatever needs to get done for certain events. My committee was great this year about following through with what I asked them to do and I really appreciated their hard work. I think St. Jude is a great way to promote growth among our chapter because it gives us a common goal that we can all work towards no matter what else is going on in our lives. I hope to see our continued success with St. Jude in the future.

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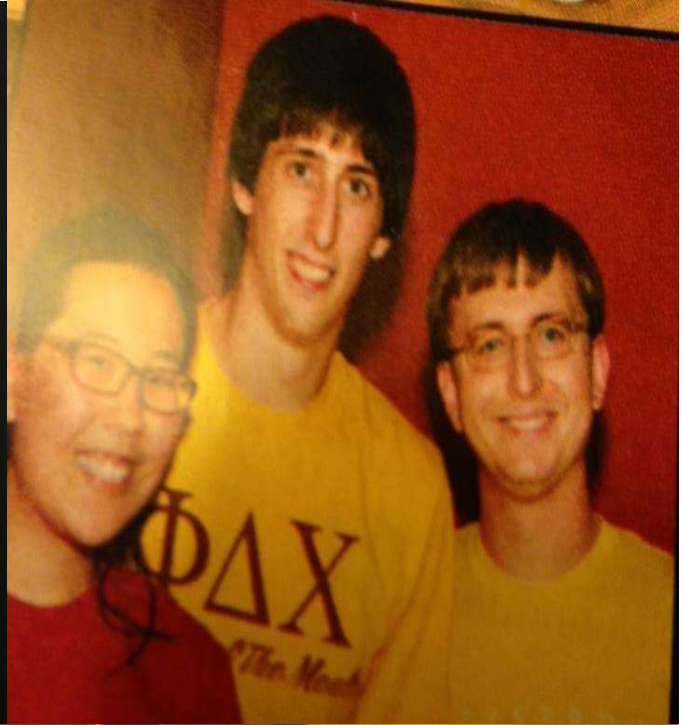
Jenna Ksiazkiewicz and Kaitlyn Robinson

LDS (August 2012)

Due to the close location of last summer's Leadership Development Seminar, we were able to have 9 brothers attend from the Alpha Phi chapter in August 2012. This event proved to be a very beneficial endeavor for us in regards to preparing for the 2012-2013 academic year. We received ideas of reflective exercises that could be implemented at our start-of-the-year chapter retreat, and we also developed our own "break-away retreat" during the seminar with Purdue University's Tau chapter, using time with their delegates to plan future events between our Phi Delta Chi chapter bodies. We also had the chance to develop working relationships with other brothers from across the nation, keeping in contact with them throughout this academic year to keep "bouncing" ideas off one another in the spirit of brotherhood. Though we were slightly disappointed in our Thurston Cup ranking, we saw the feedback received as a valuable resource to use for future improvements, along with continual 100% Achievement Award Program completion. We look forward to gaining more insights at the 69th Grand Council this summer in Omaha, especially since a handful of our most recent initiates plan to be in attendance at this national event!



LDS (August 2012)



Chapter Retreat (August 2012)

The Chapter Retreat in August is an opportunity for the chapter to reconvene after summer vacation to discuss chapter and committee goals as well as to deepen ties to brotherhood.

This year's chapter retreat focus points were: initiation improvements, brotherhood (events, families, ties between grades and knowing names), wider participation and attendance, St. Jude's (possibly joining with Tri Delta sorority) and a greater variety of options for Pro-Projects.



Chapter Retreat (August 2012)



Block Party (August 2012)

Block Party is a campus event by Butler University during Welcome Week where every organization and club on campus has an opportunity to meet the freshman on campus as well as educate returning students to promote participation and involvement on campus. It also kickstarts our chapter's rush process for the year.



Block Party (August 2012)

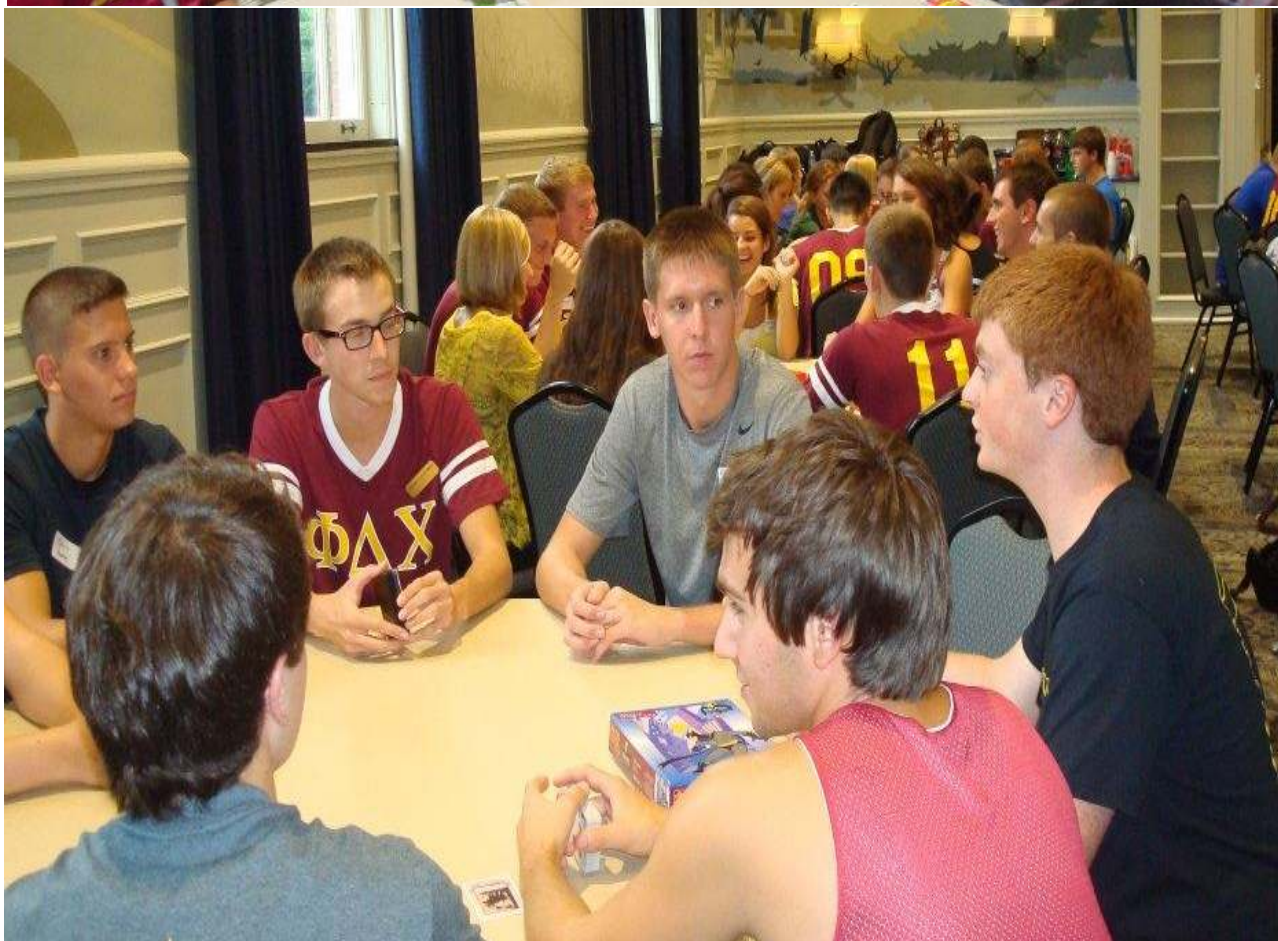


Pizza Party and Game Night (September 2012)

Pizza Party and Game Night are part of the rush process for interested members of Phi Delta Chi. Through these events, it is an opportunity for potential new members to learn more about the chapter as well as an opportunity for active brothers to meet the potential new members.



Pizza Party and Game Night (September 2012)



Night Out (September 2012)

Night Out is the final rush event held by our chapter. It is, once again, an opportunity for active brothers to discuss the interest that our potential new members would have in our chapter and an opportunity amongst active brothers to share their thoughts and attitudes and what it means to be a part of Phi Delta Chi with potential new members.



Night Out (September 2012)



Canoe Trip with Tau Chapter (September 2012)



Window Display Project (September 2012 - March 2013)

This year, our chapter decided to get the word out about hypertension with our Window Display project. Our goal for the project was to present the public with basic facts about high blood pressure which would hopefully lead people to get their blood pressure checked more often. We also wanted to inform the public on non-pharmacological ways to help treat and prevent hypertension.

Our chapter chose this topic in September when we were deciding what message to display in our campus display board. A small group of brothers spent the better part of the night researching information to put on the board as well as preparing the board for display. This board was on display to all students and faculty as well as through the various events that were taking place in the pharmacy building over the course of the year.

When January came around, we began the plan to start spreading the word to the Indianapolis community. We passed out brochures to all our brothers pharmacies with a blood pressure machine. Another group of brothers took the information researched for our bulletin board as well as some new information we found on websites like the American Heart Associations and organized it into a brochure. We passed out 150 brochures in about 2 months at our local pharmacies to patients that were utilizing the automated blood pressure machines.

In March, several of our chapters' members were putting together a free public health screening which included a blood pressure monitoring and counseling station. The health screening was held on campus and was attended by 77 various people from the Indianapolis community. For this event, we made a poster board with blood pressure related statistics displayed enticing the attendees of the health screening to pick up our brochures. For the health screening, several brothers made a poster board and more brochures to pass out during the health screening where patients were also directed to our campus display.



Window Display Project (September 2012 - March 2013)



Founder's Day (October 2012)

The chapter celebrated Founder's Day by visiting the alpaca farm of one of the chapter's advisors, Dr. Todd Hrubey. Both many active members and members of the 2012 pledge class joined in the Founder's Day fun.



Habitat for Humanity (November 2012)

As one of the chapter's goal from retreat was to have more variety in pro projects, Phi Delta Chi volunteered and performed some service work with Habitat for Humanity.



St. Jude Give Thanks Walk (November 2012)

With excellent leadership from the St. Jude Committee, the chapter was able to fundraise \$870 and some of our Phi Delta Chi brothers participated in the St. Jude Give Thanks Walk at the Children's Museum in Indianapolis.



Initiation (December 2012)

Initiation was an opportunity for the chapter to take family photos. Our WIG, Maggie Thomas, put special emphasis this year on enhancing familial bonds within the chapter and she organized a family tree for the entire chapter.



Initiation (December 2012)



Gatlinburg (January 2013)

Brothers from the Alpha Phi chapter of Phi Delta Chi descended upon a cabin in Gatlinburg during the MLK Day holiday to strengthen brotherhood and meet other members of the Phi Delta Chi brotherhood.



Gatlinburg (January 2013)



Gatlinburg 2013

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Rebuilding the Wall and Ronald McDonald House (February 2013)



*Rebuilding the Wall and Ronald McDonald House
(February 2013)*



Timmy Foundation (April 2013)



Relay for Life (April 2013)



Miscellaneous

- Our P1 class visited the State House for class this year, our WCC gets photo-bombed by bunny ears, the Alpha Phi chapter class of graduating brothers



The End

I'd like to extend a special thank you and gratitude to all of the members of executive council, committee heads and brothers of the Alpha Phi chapter who helped in compiling this volume of The Activator

The 2012-2013 year was a tremendous year for the Phi Delta Chi brothers at Butler University. Our brothers are capable of so many great things and the future is limitless for the Alpha Phi chapter.

