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Making Leadership Real

Written By: Cynthia J. Boyle, PLS President

It is always stimulating and exciting to start a new academic year. I hope you are invigorated as you set goals with your PLS chapter and implement your plans for the year.

In late August I was privileged to participate in our Student Government Association's (SGA) Leadership Retreat. Participants were presidents of the 18 student organizations, advisors, and school administrators and staff. The SGA leaders took care of business by setting the goals and preparing the agenda, timeline, and budget for SGA activities throughout the year. However, they made leadership real by hosting legislators for an afternoon panel discussion on important Maryland issues, by including a notable preceptor-of-the-year who has applied leadership to improve his health-system pharmacy, by inviting an influential administrator from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene as a lunch speaker, and by visiting a rural AHEC the last day of the retreat. Also, the SGA leaders (most of whom are PLS members) collaborated to share the leadership development portion of the retreat and enhanced networking opportunities with active new practitioners from the Maryland Pharmacy Coalition state pharmacy organizations. There was also time for fun and unscheduled events.

I use the example of our school's retreat to highlight what I think is essential for PLS chapters to succeed- collaboration and networking to meet real needs. Leaders are often busy with many other activities and organizations, but through that involvement, they are in strategic

positions to understand student body or campus issues, local health concerns, and key resources which may address those issues and concerns. For example, if interdisciplinary practice is a goal, PLS can facilitate projects where student pharmacists have interactions with other health professions students. By collaborating with others to identify problems and solve them, you make leadership real. You affect change, right a wrong, find a better way, or even discover new strengths in yourself or others. Real leadership!

I hope you will read every page of the Laurel for upcoming events and opportunities. I look forward to working with PLS chapters, Regional Liaisons, the Executive Committee, and our Executive Director toward the ultimate goal of a PLS chapter in every school or college of pharmacy as we recognize leaders and foster leadership development.

Best wishes,



Contact information for each Regional Liaison can be found at philambdasigma.org

Be sure to keep in contact with your Regional Liaisons for any questions you may have!

**PLS welcomes
Gamma Epsilon
Chicago School
of Pharmacy
Midwestern
University
Charter Date:
Sept. 15, 2005**

Look for the PLS First Year Graduate Recipient and the Charles Thomas Leadership Challenge Recipient details in the October issue of the Laurel.

Meet Your Regional Liaisons!

Region 1 Trish Morin, University of Rhode Island

Region 2 Renata Dul, Rutgers University

Region 3 Scott Kimbrough, University of North Carolina

Region 4 Aleshea Schultz, University of Kentucky

Region 5 Amy Goodwin, MUSC

Region 6 Dionne Allen, University of Texas

Region 7 Jennifer Johnson, University of Washington

Region 8 Kelly Lee, PharmD, Advisor, Loma Linda

Procter and Gamble National Leadership Award Winner

Written and Edited By: *Laure Kenealy*

2005 Recipient—

Dr. Joseph Fink

Award Background: This annual award is sponsored by Procter and Gamble to an individual who excels in leadership by supporting and promoting pharmacy.

Dr. Fink currently serves as Professor of Public Health for University of Kentucky, Professor of Pharmacy for University of Kentucky

College of Pharmacy, Professor of Public Policy and Administration for the Graduate School of University of Kentucky, and Acting Director for the Appalachian Center at the University of Kentucky.

Dr. Fink received his pharmacy degree from Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science and his Doctor of Law from Georgetown University Law Center. As a pharmacy student, he held the position as National President of American Pharmaceutical Association and currently serves as parliamentarian

for the House of Delegates for the Association. He was founder and the first president of the American Society of Pharmacy Law. He has written over 260 publications and is Editor of Pharmacy Law Digest. Dr. Fink has twice received the "Great Teacher Award" from the University of Kentucky National Alumni Association.

In addition to numerous offices held and awards received, Dr. Fink has been an excellent resource for students and peers in the pharmacy profession.

Phi Lambda Sigma Founder's Award

Written and Edited by: *Laure Kenealy*

2005 Recipient—

Janet L. McGuire

Award Background: The Founder's award is given annually to a pharmacy student that excels in leadership qualities and mentorship to others.

Janet is a student at Mercer University. She currently serves as President of the Gamma chapter of Phi Lambda Sigma.

Janet also serves as Secretary of Georgia Society of Health-System Pharmacist and Treasurer of Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy.

Janet has assisted in organizing Mercer's health fair by getting cholesterol screenings and smoking cessation included in the event. She has also worked to help set up a new chapter of Academy of Students of Pharmacy at South University.

Janet is characterized by her fellow peers and members of her University as a student who strives to bring honor to her school and the Society of Phi Lambda Sigma.

Phi Lambda Sigma Chapter Spot-lights

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Beta Sigma
Florida A & M

The Beta Sigma Chapter was reactivated in March of 2005. The chapter inducted twenty-four students members during the spring semester. With the chapter up and running, they look forward to chapter activities planned for this fall.

Beta Gamma
University of Washington

This PLS chapter worked with the Washington State Board of Pharmacy to help improve patient safety awareness. Students worked on assembling "portable health care kits" for pharmacists who will be attending health fairs. The kits included powerpoint presentations, posters, and flyers focusing on enhancing medication safety. The chapter also attended Seattle's Diabetes Expo in May. At this conference they focused on educating attendees of the importance of Diabetes Care.

Epsilon
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Student members of this chapter spent time working with first and second year pharmacy students in a workshop entitled "Chill Pill." Topics that were covered included leadership characteristics, misconceptions of leaders, and communication skills. The chapter also hosted Mr. Charles Thomas, who presented, "Pharmacy Leadership: The Future is You."

Gamma
Mercer University

The Gamma chapter has been working to set up a scholarship for future PLS students who truly exemplify the qualities of a leader. They were also busy hosting a Leadership dinner which featured four speakers from various aspects of pharmacy such as long-term care, industry, and independent pharmacy.

Beta Omega
University of Southern Nevada

As a newly chartered chapter, the members of this PLS organization spent the past year organizing chapter by-laws and recruiting new members. They held two fundraising events in the spring, including a Valentine's Day card sale and Pharmacy Trivia Night.

Alpha Epsilon
University of Oklahoma

This PLS chapter is busy planning a CV and resume workshop to help students prepare for residencies and job interviews. They are also planning an annual blood drive for students and faculty. In the spring the chapter spent time putting together a training session for new telecommunication equipment for the two campus sites at the university.



Submit your Chapter Reports and your chapter activities will be highlighted in an upcoming issue of the Laurel!

Chapter Activities Time-Line

September:

- Begin making plans for attending your local MRM meeting.
- Turn in updated officer information and new advisor contact information.

October:

- Remember to send updated roster lists of your organization to national office if you had Initiation.
- Attend your local MRM. Remember to wear your PLS key pins.

November:

- Make plans to attend the ASHP Mid-Year meeting in Las Vegas.



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**TO FOSTER AND
CHALLENGE LEADERS
AND SUPPORT
LEADERSHIP
COMMITMENT**

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Join the Phi Lambda Sigma Discussion Board

A discussion board for members of Phi Lambda Sigma across the Nation is now available on the Phi Lambda Sigma website. Simply log into the site and share ideas and stories of leadership from students of other PLS chapters. The discussion board is also a great resource for questions you may have about your chapter!

Product Highlight—Phi Lambda Sigma Key Pin

The key pin is green and gold with a clutch back. Initials are available to be engraved if indicated. Cost for the key pin is \$17.00. You may also re-order lost and missing key pin's.

For ordering information please go to philambdasigma.org. The key pin is available under the Product Line link.

Merchandise will be shipped within 2 weeks of receipt of the order.