

# LAUREL

TO FOSTER AND RECOGNIZE LEADERS AND SUPPORT LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT

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## THAT'S WHY I'M HERE

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There is a great line in a James Taylor song when a friend approaches James and asks: "Brother, can I borrow your truck?" And the response that James provides is "that's why I'm here." It is a great refrain because it takes the request and turns it around into a sort of "I'm glad you ask me that question" or "it's about time someone asked me" answer. It is a feel good line for both sides of the conversation.

Growing up in a household of constant activity there was always something going on at our house. I had many brothers and sisters involved in a variety of adventures and we were home base for the neighborhood. Kids of all ages from up and down the street gathered there, eat meals there and had sleepovers there. You could be a participant or a spectator but either way you were part of the gang. And although I consider myself a relatively introverted, patient sort of person, this is where I honed my leadership skills.

In such an environment you couldn't be too shy or you might get left in the dust. You certainly did not want to be late to the dinner table. You couldn't be outrageously aggressive either or the masses would squash you like a bug with their own form of metered justice which might include embarrassment, humiliation or worst of all - go to the end of the line. You had to find the right balance, make difficult judgments and express your opinions, all in a very public forum, in front of family and friends.

Ah, but what an opportunity for everyone involved! This is where we learned that sympathizing with a problem makes friends and dealing with emotional issues makes close friends. It is where we discovered that power is best used in a positive way and serving others wins respect. We have to thank JT for emphasizing that perspective - serving others has served us well. It is a lesson that has taken us from those humble roots to where we are today. It has shaped our decision making and influenced our actions and allowed us to grow into new and interesting experiences. This ultimately, as Mr. Taylor points out, helps to define us.

I have felt very fortunate to be able to participate with PLS as a member, chapter advisor, regional officer and now as a national office holder. It has given me the opportunity to continue to participate and give in a most meaningful way. I encourage you to reflect on your own journey and to consider a more prominent role in PLS - as a chapter officer, a regional liaison or national office holder. Talk with your local chapter and visit our national web site for specifics.

John J. Denio, Past-President, Phi Lambda Sigma

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To see PLS National Award  
Winners!

## PHI LAMBDA SIGMA CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

Beta Lambda

University of Maryland

Each year, the incoming class is split into 12 groups, in which they will work together for the year in group projects, laboratory, and discussion sessions. At the beginning of the year, each group par-

ticipates in a team-building/leadership-building exercise to facilitate the importance or teamwork, communication, and other concepts essential for a successful year. PLS members and faculty led these sessions with the groups in the Class of 2009, and facilitated the activities and

discussion surrounding each meaningful activity. Student and faculty members also participated in a training session prior to the group sessions to help them prepare to lead the sessions, discover what leadership skills were being taught, and bring out those skills in the students and themselves.



## OUTSTANDING CHAPTER ADVISOR AWARD

Dr. Frank Romanelli

University of Kentucky

Dr. Romanelli has served as the University of Kentucky's Chi Chapter advisor since 1998. According to one of his nominators, "Dr. Romanelli allows the students to lead the organization and serves as a great source of insight when needed," said Nina Crossley Whitehouse, a 2008 Pharm.D. candidate and president of the Chi Chapter. "He is always ready and willing to help in areas such as procuring resources, executing ac-

tion plans and organizing Chapter events."

Dr. Romanelli joined the faculty of the UK College of Pharmacy in 1998 following completion of a clinical residency at UK Chandler Hospital. He received his bachelor's degree and doctor of pharmacy degree from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in Boston. In 2006, he completed his master's degree in public health at UK. He also is a clinical specialist in HIV/AIDS at the Kentucky Clinic and holds a joint

appointment as associate professor of physician assistant studies in the UK College of Health Sciences Department of Clinical Sciences.

Dr. Romanelli has received the Outstanding Faculty Award from the graduating pharmacy class in 2004, 2005 and 2006 and the Outstanding Third-Year Professor Award in 2004 and 2006. He also was named the Bluegrass Pharmacist Association's Pharmacist of the Year in 2002.

### Regional Liaisons 2007-2008

*Applications are still being accepted for the upcoming year. Please submit your application to the National office by July 15<sup>th</sup>.*

## MORE PLS LEADERS ARE AWARDED

Phi Lambda Sigma's mission is "to foster and recognize leaders and to support leadership commitment". In keeping with this mission, it is our desire to reward leadership in pharmacy through the provision of awards. Congratulations

to the recipients of the following awards:

- Founder's Award—John Watts IV, University of Maryland
- AFPE First Year Grad Scholarship—Rebecca Boudreaux, University of Texas

- Proctor and Gamble National Leadership Award—Dr. Ted Tong, University of Arizona
- Leadership Challenge—University of Arizona

*A big thank you to all of our 2006-07 regional liaisons!*

**CHAPTER REPORTS AND OFFICER INFORMATION**

- Submit your chapter report: Electronic submissions are accepted any time, however only those reports received by July 31<sup>st</sup> will be considered for the Chapter of the Year award. Please submit to the National Office at [eulerm@umkc.edu](mailto:eulerm@umkc.edu)
- Update your chapter officer/advisor list with the National Office every time there is a change
- Establish permanent record of your current and past members, please include email and mailing addresses
- Check out the PLS website for updates, forms, chapter information, and important deadlines
- Have your chapter 's website linked to the National PLS website

**Pins, Certificates, and Cords:**

This is our busiest time of the year for orders. Please make sure you submit your orders in a timely manner so that your materials arrive on time. We are happy in any way. Contact Mary or Kathlene at

[eulerm@umkc.edu](mailto:eulerm@umkc.edu) or [hawkinska@umkc.edu](mailto:hawkinska@umkc.edu).

*"if your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."*

~ John Quincy Adams

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**Wear your pin and encourage others to be leaders!**

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