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Gamma Psi

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As Spring blossoms and makes way for the summer, we reflect on the highlights of a season past. In

early January, the Brothers hit the road to Chapel Hill, NC for Winter Conclave hosted by the Brothers of Beta Xi. The Brothers did work, at the same time, got to bond before hitting the books once again. The Chapter has also groomed 5 Pledges to be worthy to join our Brotherhood. Throughout the semester, their commitment was tested as they took part in several activities to strengthen their sense of responsibility and prepare them on the journey of brotherhood.

The brothers demonstrated their service ethic by taking part in the roadside cleanup. It also enabled the brothers to take time away from classes, strengthen bonds and offer encouragement wherever it

was needed.

Brothers, Alumni, and the Pledges came together to celebrate Founder's Day. It was a time to sit back and reflect the birth of something special and that will continue to grow for years to come! Dr. Jonathan Hamrick was honored for his commitment and service to the Chapter. Thank you Dr. Hamrick for everything that you have done!

Spring is also the season for the annual car wash. The brothers vacuumed and thoroughly washed an overwhelming number of cars from Mercer students and faculty. In the end, the Chapter raised a sufficient amount of money that can go towards future activities.

Recently, the Brothers collaborated with the American Red Cross to host a Blood Drive. Blood given today can make the difference of a life that is saved tomorrow. Students and faculty were once again generous in their support to donate 47 pints of blood! A special

thanks goes to those who donated blood. Your contribution makes a difference!

The Pledges took the spotlight in their Pledge Party themed: "The Greater Gatsby." The Brothers as well as some Alumni were in attendance to support the Pledges as they facilitated the event. The event helped strengthen their teamwork and build their brotherhood. They also put on a show at the end which stirred a few laughs. Way to go Pledges!

As the summer draws near, the Chapter will commence 5 of our Brothers. We want to thank these brothers for their service and dedication to the Chapter. We wish them luck in their future endeavors. They were an intricate part of the Brotherhood and it was an honor to have them as Brothers in our Chapter. God Bless!

Obinna "Sully" Ojiaku



Brothers at the Roadside Cleanup.

A Word From Our Regent



As the spring semester is quickly coming to a close, I cannot help but reflect back on the growth of Gamma Psi this past year.

Following winter break, the Brothers hit the road to Tennessee for the 2014 Ski Trip. In addition to Mercer students, Brothers from five other chapters joined us.

Gamma Psi worked very hard on this trip to build upon our relationships with the other chapters as well as form new friendships with the many Mercer students in attendance. The Brothers hit the road the very next weekend to attend the Winter Conclave at UNC. Gamma Psi continued to demonstrate our work ethic and leadership by having three Brothers elected to the Atlantic Province Executive Board. Most notable Immediate Past Regent Habeeb Ashiru-Balogun was elected Satrap.

Amidst all of our fraternal bonding, the pledge season began and Mother Nature was not particularly kind to us. The ice storms that occurred in Atlanta took away two weeks of the pledge season. Our five member pledge class has faced many challenges along their journey to Brotherhood.

Though it has taken them an extended amount of time to grasp some of the core concepts that lay the foundation of this glorious

Chapter, I have seen marked improvement as of late and fully expect them to make great Brothers if they survive the last couple of weeks. As Regent, it has been an honor to lead such a distinguished group of men. I can honestly say I have been surrounded by many future leaders in the pharmacy profession. I want to thank all the Alumni and fourth year Brothers for their advice and guidance throughout the year.

It is this continued dedication to the Chapter that sets Gamma Psi apart from any other Chapter in Kappa Psi. I also want to deeply thank my fellow third year and second year Brothers. I have personally watched every one you grow this year. No matter the task, big or small, you all constantly excelled and the results speak for themselves.

The Gamma Psi Chapter is strong and no matter the challenges presented to us we will continue to pave the way. Be proud Brothers, you are a Gamma Psi and no matter where life takes you, the Chapter is always ready to welcome you home with open arms. DO WORK!!

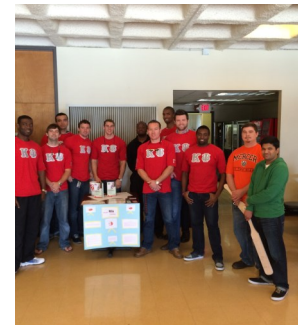
Faternally,

Blake Meeks

Regent, Gamma Psi



**Brother Kyle Brown
at the Red Cross
Blood Drive**



**Brothers at the
Poison Prevention
Control**

Stay Connected!

We are constantly updating Gamma Psi Alumni mailing addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. If you have moved since graduation or changed your email addresses, or know a Brother who may not be in our system, please send updated information to: mercergammapi@gmail.com. Your information will be used to ensure that you are always updated with Chapter news.

Dates to Remember

Formal Initiation
and New Officers

MAY
4

Advocacy
Fundraiser

MAY
6

Mercer Pharmacy
Commencement

MAY
10

Atlantic

AUG

Province

8-10

Conclave

A Faculty Testimony...



During my time at Mercer University, the Kappa Psi fraternity has consistently distinguished itself as being a brotherhood

that is committed to a spirit of excellence and respect for others. This is exemplified in academic life, but also thru campus initiatives like the blood drive and the car wash. In addition, I have observed this in simply noticing the way the brothers carry themselves on campus through interactions with fellow brothers, students and faculty. This year's Chapter has continued to build upon this strong foundation and long tradition at Mercer.

Another value that can be somewhat hidden without careful observation, but certainly lies at the core of the Chapter is the heart of service, which characterizes the brothers. This extraordinary characteristic sets the Chapter apart

from many other organizations and campus initiatives. The concept of service is best embodied in my opinion by the biblical saying that the greatest among us will be the servant of all. Many individuals strive for success in life and embody characteristics of excellence like our Chapter; however, very few individuals dedicate themselves to a spirit of excellence in personal and professional matters while also adopting a lifestyle of serving others. This is an area where the brothers clearly are leaders for the campus and fellow chapters around the country.

Finally, there is a lot of rhetorical attention given to the merits and value of serving others and this is widely recognized in society as being noble. I commend the brothers though for going past rhetoric and establishing a reputation for action in this area. The chapter is one that does not simply talk of serving others, but has a lifestyle that reflects the value we place on service. The Chapter has established the reputation it has in

this area because the brothers are consistently committed to serving others in both highly visible and less visible ways. This includes serving our colleagues on campus, but also in watching out for each other and making sure we are all progressing successfully in our professional and personal journey through life.

Thanks again for the work you are all doing. I count it a privilege to be associated with each of you.

Dr. Bobby Jacob

Clinical Assistant Professor

Mercer University



**Gamma Psi Brothers at the
Pledge Party**



**Alumni Brothers at Founder's
Day**

An Alumni Moment



Hello Brothers,

I hope everyone is doing well. First off, thank you for being my brother. It truly is an honor to be writing this letter, and I hope that what I say and how I feel about this chapter is the same way you feel.

Becoming a brother IS the best decision I have made in my life, and it will always be. I say that because my brothers taught me about life, and what it means to have true friends. I know that if I was ever in need, I could call upon my brothers.

It is a great feeling to know that, because the majority of people can't say that. The majority of people may have one or two, I have a whole chapter. The Gamma Psi Chapter. A chapter of leaders and future leaders of pharmacy. A chapter where every single Alumni Brother I know, has gone out and taken on a leadership role and succeeded.

As a pledge, I was the youngest in my pledge class at 20 years old. I was eager to learn and eager to grow, but I didn't know what I was doing. My brothers helped me to figure out what I needed to do to achieve my goals, and helped me to grow so much as an individual.

A special shout out to my pledge brothers for being there for me, and helping me to be the man I am today.

After graduating from pharmacy school, my involvement in the

Chapter dropped significantly. Life and all of its responsibilities hit me pretty hard. I realized that I needed to prioritize the things that are important to me in order to be successful, and give back to those who cared about me the most. My top two priorities were family (of course my brothers), and my career.

So six months after graduating I changed my job, and I moved closer to home. I didn't want to forget and more importantly neglect those that helped me and cared about me. I didn't want to neglect my family. My goal became to give back, and hopefully help other brothers to realize how great this Chapter truly is.

As alumni brothers, we are in a unique position to help individuals of true quality and character. It matters who you help, and whether they care and listen to what you say. What is better than helping your family?

As our profession changes, and our roles expand over the next five years, it will be important that our newly graduated pharmacists are prepared to take on the challenges. Prepared to do more than just dispensing. Lets show our support! I know that many of you are busy with your lives, or don't live anywhere near Atlanta. However, **even one phone call a month or an e-mail to the Chapter letting them know you are there makes all the difference.**

Our collegiate brothers are our frontline when it comes to representation, and representation at the school level where it matters most. They are also our newest and youngest brothers. So it is that much more important to make sure they know we are hear for them!

I challenge every single alumni brother to send an e-mail to the chapter, just to check-in and say hello.

I had the opportunity of attending the Halloween social this past October. I was truly impressed by how this Chapter has become such a close family. Brother's wives and girlfriends all knew each other, and more importantly every brother.

It is truly amazing to hear some of the stories of our collegiate brothers, as to what challenges they overcame to get into pharmacy school. Any individual would be lucky to call these guys their brother.

In closing, our Chapter is truly growing in leaps and bounds. Not just in our ranking, which has been top 3 nationwide for over 6 years, but in our brotherhood.

Lets show our support for what our collegiate brothers are doing. It doesn't matter what your involvement has been since your graduated. **We would love to hear from you, and remember we are family. If you need us, let us know.**

Best regards,

Sujal "Caesar" Patel

Pledge Class of 2009



Regent Blake Meeks honors Dr. Jonathan Hamrick during Founder's Day



Pledges gathered together during the Pledge Party



Regent Blake Meeks with Dr. Juan Lopez and Dr. Brian Franchio at Founder's Day