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Gamma Psi

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Spring is upon us and now, more than ever, the bond that we have as a Chapter and Brotherhood overall is of the utmost importance.

Adapting to change and answering the call of duty when needed is what defines us as Brothers. I take a lot of pride in belonging to this Chapter and I say this for a couple of reasons. The relationships I have developed in as a Gamma Psi Brother are some that will carry me both personally and professionally for the rest of my life. The collegiate Brothers above me and the men in my pledge class have all had a significant impact on my development as a student and as a young professional. Alumni who have come in the years before us have demonstrated the value of

giving back and simply shown us that they care. They are all dedicated pharmacists who have full time jobs and licenses to maintain. Some of them even have families to provide for yet they take time out of their busy schedules to tend to the needs of Gamma Psi, the chapter that they belonged to during their time at Mercer. Through them we shall continue to put the needs of the Chapter before our own because when with this mindset, not just one of us succeeds, but all of us succeed.

Being a Brother has shown me that when I do make a sacrifice for the Brothers, it is always worth it in the end. We are all busy with our own lives inside and outside of the classroom, but Gamma Psi is what we ALL have in common and what we hold dear. The experiences we have had together, the common bonds we have, and the goals and values we share are the glue that holds us all together. Of course, we get upset with one another at times but at the end of the day, we always know where we stand with each other. We all have different strengths and weaknesses that balance us all out and this balance is a huge part of what helps us to succeed.

Lastly, I want to mention the twelve P's. "Piss Poor Preparation Promotes Piss Poor Performance. Piss Poor Performance, Promotes Pain." This quote is motivation enough for my Brothers and myself to first and foremost prepare because without good preparation, we risk falling apart and losing the Brotherhood we have all worked so hard to build. Not only this, but we would be failing those who came before us. Good preparation allows us all to know our roles, carry out our tasks efficiently, and continue to succeed as a Chapter. These aforementioned statements are why we are so strongly connected as a Chapter and why we will continue to keep the Gamma Psi legacy alive for many years to come. Thank you all and continue to DO WORK!

Fraternally,

Robert "Vinyl" Johnson



Brothers at the Atlantic Province Winter Assembly - Athens, GA

Vice Regent's Corner



Our Gamma Psi Founder's Weekend is a tradition that continues to amaze me each and every year. This weekend truly epitomizes Brotherhood and allows us to reconnect with one another. We are able to revitalize our friendships with Alumni that we may have not been able to see for quite some time. We are also able to give our pledges a glimpse of the extent and depth in which our brotherhood runs. We are able to show our significant others and spouses how much this great Chapter and Fraternity means to each and every one of us. The fellowship portrayed throughout the weekend is one unlike any other and allows us

to continue to strengthen these bonds of our family.

Each year, we are able to honor an Alumni Brother who has exemplified the characteristics of Gamma Psi and continues to support our Chapter in a variety of ways. This year we were able to honor an alumnus who extends his love and support back to the Chapter constantly. Brother Sujal Patel (Spring '09) has returned for numerous events throughout the year's and participates in any Brotherhood events that he can. His dedication to helping us grow is unprecedented and we are forever grateful for that. His support of our Chapter is incredibly appreciated by the collegiate Brothers, and we only hope that we bring as much joy to him as he does to us. We are very thankful that Dr. Sujal Patel is a Brother of Gamma Psi.

I want to thank all of the Alumni and Brothers who made this year's Founder's Weekend such a tremendous success. We were incredibly fortunate and thankful to have a vast number of alumni join us for this year's

Founder's Day celebration. The turnout for the events throughout the weekend was remarkable and we are so thankful to have such a supportive network of alumni. The inaugural "Family Tree Games" had great participation and we are very excited for its continuation in the coming years. Our formal dinner hosted 60+ Brothers and significant others, which is a number that continues to grow each year. We hope that you all enjoyed the weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone next year!

PTBYB,

Preston "Henley" Skersick



This year's Founder's honoree - Dr. Sujal Patel



Inaugural Family Tree Games Champions



Alumni Brothers paying homage at the Founder's Day Banquet

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: mercergammapsi@gmail.com. Your information will be used to ensure that you are always updated with Chapter news.

Reflection From The PCP



The famous quote “The whole is greater than the sum of our parts” rings exceptionally true when it comes to brotherhood and personal development, especially within the Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Inc. The Gamma Psi Chapter here at Mercer University has displayed time and time again the value of sacrifice for a common goal. By their example I have seen what it takes to be a high performing Chapter of Kappa Psi and also the benefits that come from such an effort.

Our time on Earth is finite so why would we invest our valuable time into anything but ourselves and not act simply for our own self-interest? The answer is for those around us. We put time into our Chapter because we know evidently it will be for betterment of all of our

Brothers. It is important for the Brothers of Gamma Psi to be able to lean on each other and the most effective method is investing into the same reservoir that pools us all together. Another reason is the very same motivation why a Brother originally pledged to become a member of Kappa Psi. They have been through a rigorous process with many sacrifices made to the brotherhood and have had to place their own interests after the needs of the Chapter. It would absurd for them to not have the intention of placing the Chapter's ideals second to their own, considering they have already sacrificed so much. However, pledging with others who do the same helps shift the mentality from one that involves ourselves to one that involves our Brothers.

The Brothers of the Gamma Psi have always emphasized to me that “You will get out what you put in.” With each day I understand this statement more and more and through our pledge process I see the fruits of the time my pledge brothers and I have invested into each other. We observe the far-reaching goals we obtained together that we could not have accomplished on our own. We then

quickly learned the value of a cohesive investment to the whole has a greater value than the sum of our separate efforts. With that being said, I also believe that even though we put our effort into the chapter before our own personal issues, that it will eventually come full circle back to each individual Brother. The bottom line is that if you take care of the Chapter, the Chapter will take care of you.

Nothing worthwhile is without sacrifice and no Chapter would thrive without the sacrifices of its Brothers. What gives this Chapter its value and prestige is their willingness to pour themselves into its growth and progress. That same energy then arrives back to the Brothers as a return on investment. This positive feedback loop is what has kept the Fraternity going for so many years and is what will continue keep it pumping as long as we continue to put our Chapter's interest above our own.

Respectfully Submitted,

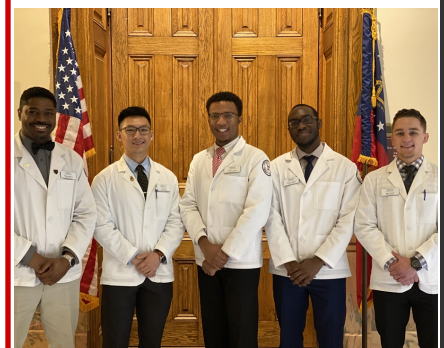
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Poison Prevention Week



Reach Out and Read



Brothers present for Day at the Dome in the Georgia Capitol



Gamma Psi Roadside Clean-up

Dates to Remember

Pinning
Ceremony **March 6-8**

Hooding
Ceremony **May 4**

Commencement
Ceremony **May 8**

The Hallmark of a Gamma Psi Brother

There are many adjectives that may be used to describe a stereotypical Gamma Psi brother. Leader, determined, professional, ambitious, creative, and industrious are some that have been used. These are all true but could be said of a great number of individuals. What is different about a Gamma Psi brother? What separates us from others in our profession? From others within Kappa Psi as a whole? The Hallmark of a Gamma Psi Brother can be found in the new Brothers as soon as they cross each Spring and is also found in the grads that continue to be engaged many years after graduation. What is it?

It's Chapter Pride. In other words, being a Gamma Psi Brother has become part of our identity. This comes with a constant burning

desire to make the Chapter better. We place the Chapter's needs as a top priority in both our personal and professional life. This includes and goes beyond checking the boxes on chapter reports and day-to-day chapter activities. It is being there for brothers in the best and worst of times. There is an innate willingness to drop everything for a Brother or the Chapter. It could be answering your phone at 2AM when a brother is struggling personally and needs to talk, flying across the country for a wedding, baby shower, or anniversary party, or even helping a brother meet a deadline, promote an event, study for an exam they need to pass in order to remain in school, etc. We have all done at least one of these things or something similar.

It goes back to a couple of concepts we all learned as pledges. The first is being a servant leader, which means putting the best interest of others ahead of our own without need for recognition or kudos. The second goes back to Brother Late Nite's favorite question in the Pledge Manual. Question 20 asks "Can a member of Kappa Psi resign?" The correct answer is "No. Membership is for life. However, Members may be expelled according to conditions

set forth in the Constitution." Let's reflect on that answer, the Chapter may expel members, but members cannot expel themselves. Once a brother always a brother. I challenge all Brothers, both Collegiate and Graduate, to reflect on your Chapter Pride. Are the needs of the Chapter (both individual and as a whole) a top priority for you? Are you a servant leader? Will you be around and relevant in a year? 3 years? 5 years? 10 years? A lifetime? Or is this just something you did while in pharmacy school that will continue to fade? I hope not the latter and through this pride, we can ensure that we will succeed as a Chapter and as individuals.

– Respectfully Submitted,
Johnathan Hamrick, GCD



Brothers gathered for the 2020 Founder's Day Banquet