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**Message from
THE PRESIDENT**

Greetings,

I hope this letter finds all of you doing well. Thank you so much for allowing me to serve as your President from 2020-2024. I feel extremely honored that you selected me to lead this great organization. During my tenure, I hope the changes made were positive and helped make this phenomenal honor society even better. Although my term as president has ended, I will continue to serve the students and this organization as Immediate Past President.

The elections that are held at every convention produces new leadership for this great organization. I am excited to welcome Mrs. Amy Raimondo as your new President. Amy has a servant's heart. She serves as the Advisor to the Texas Epsilon Chapter and is beloved by her students. She is extremely passionate about everything she does and will do an excellent job leading AED in the future. I have full confidence in her ability and I know she will continue to put students first.

The rest of the Board is full of excellent people that are extremely capable of leading this phenomenal organization into the future. I cannot express how excited I am that all of these extraordinary people will be a part of leading this organization. As always, Mrs. Laura Dixon and Mrs. Aelanda Counts will be your "go to" people at the National Office. You are in very good hands with these magnificent ladies.

I want to leave you with a few things to keep in mind. Attending the Biennial Convention is extremely important. This is a chance for your chapter to connect with other chapters, the national officers and healthcare professions. It is important that your chapter is involved and maintains an active chapter with national members each year. Please apply to the AED Scholarship program. Applications are due each spring and will follow you to your professional school. Please take the time to apply, as this organization uses those scholarships to give back to you as you continue to give to it. As always, the Scalpel is a fantastic publication because it highlights you, the members of this great organization and the work that you do at your chapters. Please continue to submit your pictures and activities. What you do at your chapter can inspire others and as members, we are in the inspiration business.

It is with a grateful heart that I conclude my letter to you. Serving as President has been one of the most fulfilling parts of my career. I am extremely thankful for the relationships that I have built with the board, and many of you that I have met over the years. I am extremely appreciative of each and every one of you! Keep working hard and continue to strive to be the best! It has been my honor to serve you. Thank You from the bottom of my heart!

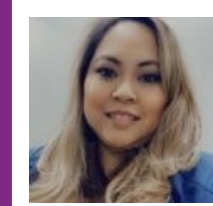
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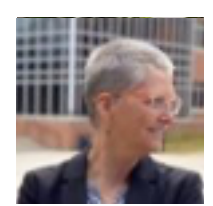
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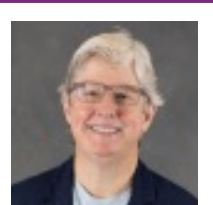
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CHAPTER REPORTS



ALABAMA DELTA

University of Alabama at Birmingham

submitted by Wajiha Mekki

The Alabama Delta chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta is excited to welcome new and returning students on the University of Alabama at Birmingham's campus and help guide them through their undergraduate career, preparing for their future careers in healthcare. We hope to keep up the spirit and charisma from the previous semester as we continue to plan interactive workshops, programming, Q&A board and more.

We ended last semester with an interactive gala for our active members, rewarding them for their participation during the fall. This was a way for us to reflect on the memories made during the semester and acknowledge the future health professionals on our campus. This semester, we have been focusing on increasing service opportunities to our members and utilizing it as a vehicle to help provide our members leadership opportunities to develop their interpersonal skills, preparing this for future patient interactions. Some of these opportunities include MLK's Beloved Community and Rise Against Hunger alongside the

UAB Leadership and Service Council, Jones Valley Teaching Farm, Red Barn, Spirit of Luke, and other community partners.

Our first general body meeting this semester was a reintroduction to AED on our campus and updating members about our updated points system, making AED more accessible to our student body.

Over the past couple of weeks, we have planned and coordinated activities alongside other UAB pre-health organizations and look forward to successful collaborations. Beyond our event planning, we have taken steps to connect with freshmen and transfer students to share our message and teach them about AED.

We have many activities planned for the rest of the semester and are excited to welcome new members and grow our tight-knit community of students, passionate about their futures in healthcare.



ALABAMA GAMMA

Auburn University

submitted by Madden Bain

After another successful fall semester of Alpha Epsilon Delta (AED) meetings and activities, our Executive Board is planning a spring semester full of opportunities for pre-health students here at Auburn University. The team this semester consists of President Lucy Seay, Vice President Gracie Farmer, Secretary Lindsey Gatson, Treasurer Daniel Phillips, Scalpel Reporter Madden Bain, Historian Carson Walters, Pre-Optometry Rep Caroline Brown, Pre-Medical Rep Will White, Pre-Dental Rep Lauren Kuykendall, Publicity Coordinator Jalen Boynton, and Volunteer Coordinator Monique Schindler. Each member of the Executive Board offers something unique to guide younger students and encourage them.

This semester AED will continue to offer weekly meetings with healthcare professionals and admissions boards at different graduate and

professional schools. Students that participate in these meetings are given the opportunity to make connections and learn about different career fields they may have not known about. For example, our first meeting of the semester was from an Anesthesia Assistant program. This is an expanding new graduate school option for pre-health students and they were able to listen and learn from current students in the program.

In addition to the weekly meetings, AED at Auburn offers office hours with the current representative team. The Pre-Medical, Pre-Optometry, and Pre-Dental Representatives that have already applied to their chosen schools will be able to answer questions from younger students and help them with their applications. Also, students will be presented with volunteer and clinical opportunities throughout the semester and enter a raffle for entrance exam costs. AED provides students with many great opportunities and allows them to grow in their pre-professional journey. It will be exciting to see how this organization continues to grow and how we can help students.



ALABAMA IOTA

Troy University

submitted by Danielle Nichols

The Alabama Iota chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta at Troy University has been working hard at hosting and planning new events to engage our chapter and prepare our members for life after college. Our goal is to shape our members into the best candidates for professional schools and graduate programs across the world. This fall, our newly elected panel of officers began working hard at seeking out opportunities to serve our community and experts in different fields of medicine to encourage our members.

This past fall we had multiple guest speakers come to speak about their preferred topics to our members. Multiple admissions counselors from various universities and programs came to give tips about application processes, resumes, and interview skills. We believe hearing from different professional programs and schools allows our members to expand their view of what all they can do with a biomedical sciences degree. We are very grateful for all our speakers that have come to share their expansive knowledge!



We began our service projects last fall and have had great turnouts so far. We have been able to serve our campus through hosting a health booth on our academic quad, where we passed out free water, snacks, dog and cat treats, along with phone numbers to local doctors and other health professional offices. In this event, we partnered with other health clubs on our campus which allowed us to inform students and faculty about healthcare needs and promote our clubs. The Iota chapter started a new event during November that we hope to continue in the future. We held a campus-wide donation drive to collect toys and hygiene necessities to pack into Operation Christmas Child boxes to send to Samaritan's Purse. Our chapter was able to pack 15 boxes to send to children who would otherwise not have had Christmas gifts during the holidays. Looking ahead to this semester, we plan to continue serving our community by keeping up with cleaning our Adopt-A-Mile and initiating ten new members!

ALABAMA ZETA

University of South Alabama

submitted by Connor Lewis

The Alabama Zeta Chapter continues to promote many valuable opportunities, each aimed to enrich the academic and extracurricular experiences of its members. We are proud to offer an assortment of ongoing service opportunities — e.g., BELONG, Wilmer Hall tutoring, and several across the USA Health circuit — that directly benefit our local area and, likewise, our members. We make further efforts to provide fulfilling one-time instructional and community-oriented events, including “Dine with Docs,” bioethics workshops, and suturing clinics. This semester, we are excited to supplement such events with a wide range of in-person shadowing opportunities and select professional exam panels.

BELONG is an embrace program that provides tutoring, life skills, health education, rights awareness, and ESL services to immigrant school-age children and their parents. Although offered since the Fall 2022 semester, this opportunity continues to stir excitement in our members. When asked about his experience as a BELONG tutor, sophomore Dev Mehta explained, “BELONG has exposed me to an assortment of cultures, allowing me to help students who may find their coursework more rigorous than other

classmates due to not having an English-speaking parent. Today, I am more open-minded to helping such students because of BELONG.”

USA Health represents a family of research institutes and academic hospitals across the Gulf Coast, each dedicated to not only the advancement of medicine but also the provision of care, hope, and comfort. The Alabama Zeta Chapter currently facilitates service opportunities at two such hospitals, allowing our members to observe firsthand these environments. Junior Kevin Nguyen has found this to be an eye-opening opportunity: “Volunteering in the emergency department has been a truly insightful experience in which I have gained a deep understanding of hospital operations. Across various cases, I have had the privilege of interacting with several uninsured and impoverished patients, inspiring me to help improve the Mobile community.”

The Alabama Zeta Chapter was proud to host its first annual “Dine with Docs” event in March of 2023. This evening of delicious food and enriching conversation was the culmination of months of coordination, ultimately allowing nearly seventy of our members to network with two USA College of Medicine administrators and nine distinguished physicians. The advice, insights, and shadowing opportunities offered by these professionals were appreciated by all. Junior Jeremy Herren spoke to the unique nature of this event: “Dine with Docs was an amazing experience that I was lucky to be a part of. As an organization, we got to sit down and have dinner with many fantastic physicians and other extraordinary medical personnel. I’m looking forward to the next one!”

The Alabama Zeta Chapter promotes these and many other opportunities so that each of its members can discover their interests and serve their community with due passion. Our constituents excel in these pursuits, both

academically and extramurally, and they continue to have a positive impact on the larger Mobile community through their personal and professional lives. Ultimately, it is our goal and privilege to facilitate such beneficial experiences for all our members.



ARIZONA BETA

University of Arizona

submitted by Madison Grieves

The fall of 2023 was a productive and successful period of growth for the Arizona Beta Chapter. We started the fall by welcoming the 112th New Member Class, which was composed of 32 promising neophytes who have shown academic distinction on campus. These neophytes' unique perspectives and ambitions offer diversity that has strengthened the Arizona Beta Chapter, with motivations ranging from medical school, PA programs, PhD programs, engineering and medical law pursuits.

On October 21st, 2023, the Arizona Beta Chapter supported the local Tucson community through volunteering in the Light the Night Walk. The Light the Night Walk is a yearly philanthropic walk to raise awareness and funds for various blood cancers, such as leukemia and lymphoma. At the event, community members currently battling blood cancer or who have lost a loved one are commemorated. At the event, members of Arizona Beta were stationed throughout the walk, to support and guide those participating. Members of Arizona Beta also arrived early and stayed late to help facilitate the set-up of the event, ensuring that the



philanthropy could serve the Tucson community.

Additionally, the Arizona Beta Chapter strengthened our community as a Chapter through engaging social events that fostered member involvement. One of our most successful bonding activities last semester was the 4-H High Ropes Course. Through this event, members had to work together to get across an obstacle course while being fastened on ropes 30 feet in the air, and in turn strengthened their relationships with one another. This event fostered teamwork, leadership, and communication; all integral qualities of anyone seeking a profession in healthcare. Furthermore, this sense of community is the heart of our organization, and the support our members give each other is undoubtedly related to the success of our members.

The fall semester also proved to be an exciting period for the development of practical health skills and exploration of career paths for our members. On October 16th, 2023, members visited the Arizona Simulation Technology and Education Center and were able to take part in a medical safety lab. In this simulation, members had to utilize key information on patient charts, observe medical technology, and isolate physical risks to ensure the safety of a simulated patient. Additionally, members worked on two teams to resolve these problems, once again fostering teamwork and communication towards a common goal. Through this, members were given hands-on experiences to learn about real safety protocols and medical equipment, as well as grow their interest in health related careers.

As we head into the spring semester of 2024, I am confident that the Arizona Beta chapter will continue to show growth in developing a well-rounded, supportive, academically driven community of students pursuing careers in healthcare.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA

University of Southern California

submitted by Cassidy Chen

The California Alpha Chapter at USC is excited for a new semester to welcome the Spring class of 2024. We hope to share Alpha Epsilon Delta's mission as a service-based, pre-professional honor society by providing students with unique opportunities to explore their professional interests and serve their local community.

Located in the heart of South Central, Los Angeles, the California Alpha Chapter recognizes that we live in one of the most diverse and culturally rich cities in Southern California. In an effort to serve historically under-resourced communities in Los Angeles, we kicked off the semester with a philanthropy event at a local food pantry, St. Francis Center. Here, our members had the opportunity to make over 250 packages of healthy, sustainable food for the local unhoused community.

Our chapter hopes to continue inspiring our members' passion for medicine. To do so, we recently instituted the AED Mentorship Program, where students are paired with physicians throughout Los Angeles to develop a one-on-one connection with their mentors. Over eight weeks, members met with their mentors for various activities, including coffee chats, resume reviews, and even shadowing opportunities. Many of these relationships continued beyond the set program timeline, demonstrating the effectiveness of opportunities provided by the California Alpha chapter.

The California Alpha Chapter prides itself in not only providing professional development opportunities to our full members but also to the larger undergraduate community. We understand how difficult it is to navigate professional development on your own and want to ensure that every student on campus is supported on this shared pre-health journey. Our Associates program does exactly this and covers a semester-long curriculum through weekly meetings that offer a holistic overview of the pre-medical path.

Meetings include gap year panels, course planning, and personalized workshops. This past semester, our most popular workshop was focused on applying to research positions and how to write a professional email when reaching out to faculty. Our Associates Chairs gave members strategies and individualized feedback on how to complete research prior to writing, and how to articulate their interests when doing so.

As we continue to grow the California Alpha Chapter here at USC, we look forward to further developing our resources, increasing the scope of our events, and welcoming new faces. We strive to provide our members with the framework, community, and knowledge necessary to succeed in the field of medicine and beyond, and are excited to see what this next semester holds.



CALIFORNIA KAPPA

Dominican University of California

submitted by Noah Gibson

The California Kappa chapter of Dominican University of CA (DUC) has been hosting informative chapter meetings and continues to create a platform for students passionate about health sciences. Recently, the chapter organized an Alumni meeting, bringing together students pursuing diverse healthcare professions to share their journeys in medical school, physician associate programs, dentistry, and more. Emphasizing community service, many members have actively contributed to their community, aligning with their career aspirations.

Noah Gibson, the Chapter Reporter, gained valuable experiences by shadowing at Todorthodontics Smile Studio, an orthodontics and facial aesthetics studio. Under the guidance of Carmela Valderrama, a Registered Dental Associate working with Dr. Todor, the founding orthodontist, Noah observed orthodontic services, conducted comprehensive oral evaluations, witnessed cosmetic procedures, and actively participated in patient care.

Leslie Bejaran Solorio, the Chapter Service Coordinator, has been engaged in various activities, volunteering at MarinHealth Hospital and participating in the DUC Kaiser Pre-Med Mentorship Program. Simultaneously, Alyssa Crosby, the Chapter Vice President, has been actively volunteering at MarinHealth Hospital, aligning her efforts with Leslie. Additionally, Alyssa has also been working as a Certified Medical Assistant.

Chapter Secretary Clarence Seludo has enhanced his skills as a pharmacy technician. Clarence has also begun to work in emergency medicine and rehabilitation. Furthermore, Clarence is part of the DUC Kaiser Pre-Med Mentorship Program, interning in the pediatrics department.

Chapter President Hooriya Shaghasi has continued her research with Dr. Tyler Johnson, focusing on chemically validating and standardizing biologically active terrestrial and marine-derived natural products for treating cancer, inflammation, and neurobiological disorders. Hooriya's work involves searching for anticancer therapeutics and participating in anti-aging research.

Chapter RSO Aria Norwood, along with chapter members Kimberly Navarrete and Navreet Raju have been part of the DUC Kaiser Pre-Med Mentorship Program. All three continue to do undergraduate research and prepare to apply to professional and graduate schools.

This Spring, the chapter has organized a Blood Drive Competition between research groups, will be going on a field trip to a local medical and pharmacy school and will welcome in a new class of members. This will be their 8th Induction Ceremony.



COLORADO GAMMA

Regis University

submitted by Noah Aguilar

The Colorado Gamma chapter has been hard at work to further its mission of providing prospective health care students with fun opportunities to further both their education and their career. As we look forward to electing new officers and inducting new members, our first meeting was dedicated to giving prospective members information on how to join, the benefits of membership, and talking about the various officer positions available. Since we have recently had an especially good turn out, we hope that this year's induction will be much larger compared to that of previous years.

Looking into the near future, this semester we have numerous events planned for the semester. In collaboration with our university's Biology Honors society, our clubs are going to host a Valentine's Day party on February 14th, complete with snacks and crafts.

While this event deviates from our normal health care related meetings, it will be a great opportunity for club members to get to know their peers better and take a break from the hustle of being a pre-healthcare student. On top of this event, the Colorado Gamma chapter will be going to a local elementary school to show students the wonderful world of science and demonstrate some cool experiments they can expect to do if they choose to pursue a science related post-secondary education. Lastly, the chapter will wrap up the semester with a local podiatry school using pigs' feet to teach members how to suture, followed by our last meeting hosting a speaker from Denver Health. The suture night is especially exciting, as it was an event held last semester that our members loved so much that they want to do it again. Overall, the Colorado Gamma chapter is excited for what appears to be one of its best semesters yet.



FLORIDA ALPHA

University of Florida

submitted by Cassidy Fowler

Following the success of the fall semester, the Florida Alpha chapter of AED is eager to recount the events that unfolded. We were able to donate a record-breaking \$35,000 to Florida Diabetes Camp thanks to the participation of current members, AED alumni, and the Gainesville community. This substantial donation is in part due to the success of our inaugural Color Run 5k. Our Environmental Alliance division also contributed another first for our chapter by adopting a road. We are excited to see the legacy our 208 active members continue to leave behind for future Florida Alpha members.

This coming spring, we plan on engaging members in various philanthropic, family, professional development, and service related events. We are pleased to announce the 3rd annual Gator Mountain Challenge, benefiting Climb for Cancer (CFC). During this tournament style relay, fundraising teams of four

will race up Ben Hill Griffin Stadium in the hopes of summiting a 1000 ft “mountain” first. We expect to far surpass the \$30,000 raised last spring for CFC by recruiting other student organizations at UF. This is just one event we spearhead in our 84 consecutive days of events. We pride ourselves in providing a diverse schedule that explores the various niches of healthcare.

In the summer, our members have the opportunity to continue their service to CFC by embarking on a trip across the Appalachian mountains. Over the course of a week, participants will hike three of the tallest summits in North Carolina, Tennessee, and West Virginia. In the multitude of events we have offered for the coming semesters, there is one thing we know for certain: our members will continue to strive for excellence.



FLORIDA IOTA

Florida Southern College

submitted by Tykie Sfakianos & Alexandria Ingraham

The Florida Southern College Iota chapter has been busy this year with events and support for our students. Our informational monthly meetings were co-hosted by the members of the executive council, allowing members to hear about dues, upcoming events, and tips for the major pre-professional areas. Something unique to our chapter is the expansion of board positions to include pre-professional representatives who focus specifically on popular healthcare fields (Pre-Med, Pre-Dental, Pre-Physician Associate, Pre-Physical Therapy, and Pre-Veterinarian), where the representatives act as the first point of contact to students and coordinate activities between our AED chapter and the other pre-health clubs on campus. These positions also mean younger members can become a part of an executive council early on in their college career, which allows them to foster interest in their career path. This fall semester we sponsored a soap carving event for pre-dental and pre-medical students to work on manual dexterity. A student panel was conducted with our executive council, providing information and guidance for members interested in leadership opportunities on campus, scholarships, undergraduate research, and application tips. Lastly, this Iota chapter brings representatives from graduate programs, including medical and physician therapy schools, to meet with AED members, allowing for direct access to an admissions recruiter to provide information and answer questions.

Another achievement this year was the implementation of the American Heart Association (AHA) Basic Life Support (BLS) course offered to anyone on campus. The course covers adult, infant, and child resuscitative techniques, emphasizing the recognition of life-threatening emergencies, the AHA Chain of Survival, and the

mechanisms for effective teamwork. Current Historian Tykie Sfakianos earned his certification to teach the course and worked with Chapter Advisor Dr. Nancy Morvillo to spread awareness about these life-saving techniques, while concurrently offering the course and certification for those who need it. This has been especially useful for pre-professional students looking to obtain direct patient care experiences, as the BLS certification is typically required. However, the course is still useful for those simply interested in learning CPR, as the material covered in AHA Heartsaver courses is covered with additional material in Basic Life Support (BLS) courses. With courses offered every few weeks, flexibility to participate exists for the ever-busy college student! Course participants actively engage with training manikins and equipment to cultivate the skills and expertise necessary to be effective providers of care. The American Heart Association reports that more than 436,000 Americans suffer from cardiac arrest events each year, with more than 350,000 of those events occurring outside of the hospital. This means that over 80% of cardiac arrests occur outside of the hospital, but only approximately 40.2% of those patients actually received bystander CPR. Thus, having the basic, essential skills and knowledge to provide effective cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) may be the true difference in someone’s life.

The Florida Southern Chapter is very excited to attend the National Conference this year with four members of the Executive Council and to learn about new opportunities and work together with region members to build connections and foster partnerships.



FLORIDA ZETA

University of West Florida

submitted by Josh Pfneisel & Allie Dalton

Our local chapter has engaged in many remarkable achievements and the special meaning behind each activity has not only contributed to our community but also reinforced the spirit of collaboration and support within our pre-health professional community that we have built at the University of West Florida.

During Breast Cancer Awareness Month, our local chapter organized a fundraiser for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, benefiting the American Cancer Society. We are delighted to report that, as a group, we raised over \$500. This accomplishment meant a great deal to us, showcasing the dedication of our members and their commitment to making a positive impact. Beyond the monetary success, this fundraiser served as a powerful unifier, bringing our chapter together as a team, working together to achieve our shared goals.

Our suture workshops have become a highlight each semester, drawing in a higher attendance each semester! Medical students from Florida State University and other institutions participate in sharing tips and tricks of suturing in a hands-on experience for our members. The consistently high attendance and positive feedback affirm the enthusiasm of our members to engage with professionals in the field. These workshops not only enhance practical skills but also provide invaluable networking opportunities for our members to connect with soon-to-be doctors, gaining insights into medical school life and garnering so much information from those already immersed in the field.

Additionally, our interview workshops with Physician Assistant and Medical students have proven to be immensely beneficial. These sessions are filled with questions and valuable answers from our guest speakers, providing our members with firsthand information and advice on the realities of their chosen professions.

In conclusion, the significance of these accomplishments lies not just in the numbers or accolades, but in the creation of a supportive and collaborative community. Our chapter activities are a testament to the power of unity within pre-health education, reflecting the values of Alpha Epsilon Delta. We are proud to share these achievements with the National Office, emphasizing the impact our chapter is making on both our members and our community as well.



GEORGIA ALPHA

University of Georgia

submitted by Hansika Behl

The Alpha Epsilon Delta (AED) chapter at the University of Georgia has exemplified a commitment to excellence and holistic development this school year. As a pre-health professional society, these activities not only fostered a sense of community among members but also provided invaluable experiences that extended beyond the academic realm.

The first notable event hosted by the AED chapter was the "Stop the Bleed" class, a vital training session designed to equip members with life-saving skills. In a society that prepares future healthcare professionals, the ability to respond swiftly in emergency situations is imperative. By conducting this class, the chapter not only addressed the practical needs of its members but also instilled a sense of responsibility and preparedness that extends beyond the academic environment. Members gained crucial insights into emergency medical care, emphasizing the importance of community service and societal contribution, which are core values for aspiring healthcare professionals.

The second notable event was the provision of free professional headshots for members. Preparing for a career in healthcare requires not only academic excellence but also a polished and professional image. The AED chapter recognized the importance of helping its members present themselves confidently to the professional world. By offering free headshots, the chapter demonstrated its commitment to supporting the holistic development of its members by ensuring they are not only academically proficient but also equipped with the tools needed for success in their future careers.

The third distinctive activity undertaken by the AED chapter this year was the "Rage Room" fundraiser held during finals week. This innovative and stress-relieving initiative provided a unique outlet for students to decompress during a high-stress academic period. The fundraiser not only raised awareness about the importance of mental well-being but also served as a reminder that balance and self-care are integral components of a successful journey toward becoming a healthcare professional.

These are just three of the many meaningful chapter activities undertaken by the UGA AED chapter this school year. By combining practical skills training, professional development support, and stress-relief initiatives, the chapter has strived to create a nurturing environment for its members. These initiatives are a testament to this chapter's dedication to producing not only excellent healthcare professionals but also well-rounded individuals equipped to navigate the challenges of their future careers with resilience and compassion.



GEORGIA EPSILON

Mercer University

submitted by Christen Arant

The Georgia Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta at Mercer University is eager to begin a semester with new events and opportunities that will help support the students on their pre-health journey. As the application season grows closer for pre-health students applying to graduate programs and internships, we hope to guide our students by providing opportunities to further foster their overall application and encourage the values that will be vital for their future health professions.

As mentioned, our chapter aims to provide resources and guidance to help students navigate their pre-health tracks. This semester we have continued several of the pre-health organizations that proved beneficial to many of the students on pre-health tracks. One of the peer mentorship programs is titled the Pre-Health Ambassadors. This program allows students to receive guidance from upperclassmen on pre-health related topics. Likewise, this program allows the upperclassmen to grow through a leadership role. Additionally, we plan to continue holding test-prep panels and provide an opportunity to register for a mock exam. We hope that these will help better prepare students for their future MCAT, DAT, or GRE exam conditions. As a chapter we are also planning to incorporate suture clinics to help prepare students for their future professions.

Serving the Macon community is also one of our chapter's top priorities. This semester, we have several exciting service opportunities in clinical and non-clinical settings to help students become involved with our local organizations. One of the organizations that we have been involved in for many years, and continuing this semester, is MerServe. This program allows students to go to various service events on Saturdays throughout each month and connect with our community. During



the holiday season, we had the opportunity to partner with our local hospital. Through this opportunity, we were able to write letters to the patients and provide encouragement and kind words. One of our favorite parts of this opportunity was that we were allowed to hand deliver these cards! Additionally, one of the service projects we are most looking forward to is volunteering at Watercrest Senior Living center. We are hoping to encourage the residents, provide support, and help the staff with various tasks that need to be taken care of. Our goal in these opportunities, and various others throughout the semester, are to encourage students to recognize the importance of giving back and foster connections in our local community.

To further prepare our members for their future health-care related careers, we also put a strong emphasis on cultural competency. During this semester, we are planning to host several cultural competency workshops. As of now, one of the talks we are planning to host will focus on explaining how people's socioeconomic status contributes to the level of care and bias they may experience. Likewise, we plan to host workshops on topics such as women's health as well as ethnic and racial disparities.

The Georgia Epsilon chapter is looking forward to helping our members succeed towards their pre-health goals. We believe that the various opportunities and events we have organized will help provide students with resources to encourage their passion for their future pre-health professions.



ILLINOIS DELTA

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

submitted by Ashley Potter

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Delta Chapter is delighted to welcome back our members as we start the Spring 2024 semester! We look forward to a successful and fulfilling semester with our largest Illinois Delta cohort to date, consisting of 182 active members. Throughout the fall semester, our chapter demonstrated great success in upholding our commitment to academic excellence, philanthropy, service, and networking for our current members. Our chapter is proud to foster a welcoming and close-knit community of future healthcare professionals.

Our chapter has been exceptionally successful in its philanthropy efforts this academic year, giving back to the Champaign-Urbana community. In addition to the philanthropic events that have already taken place, we are looking forward to hosting our annual volleyball



tournament later in the semester in continued efforts to raise money in support of the Crisis Nursery. The Crisis Nursery

provides an "Island of Safety" dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect in our local community.

This academic year, our chapter has been diligent in expanding our network beyond our local Champaign-Urbana campus community by inviting guest speakers from around the country to further our member's professional and academic goals. We have hosted professional speaker events such as neurosurgeons, physician assistants, physical therapists, admissions officers, and other significant healthcare professionals from all backgrounds. We plan on continuing these professional speaker events into our Spring 2024 semester in hopes of allowing our members to expand their knowledge and achieve their academic goals.

In AED at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, we believe in promoting a sense of family throughout our organization. We do this by hosting weekly social and networking events to help members curate meaningful connections with other members of similar academic goals and values. We hope that as an Alpha Epsilon Delta family, we aspire to grow together and expand our community, in hopes of helping as many future healthcare professionals achieve their career aspirations in the future.



ILLINOIS KAPPA

Bradley University

submitted by Seth Stidham

The Illinois Kappa chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta has been hard at work here at Bradley University! We are happy to say that we have had a successful year volunteering and supporting the local Peoria area, as well as learning from varying health professionals. Some of our favorite meetings included hearing from Dr. Dustin Brown, a DPT specializing in vestibular rehabilitation, getting our hands busy at a suture clinic hosted by the US Army, and learning all the work that goes into making prostheses from Todd McAllister, CPO. Outside of our meetings, we enjoyed working with Almost Home Kids, a Peoria nonprofit that specializes in assisting and rehabilitating children with medical complexities. We especially enjoyed making blankets for these children as the fall semester was coming to an end. We are also very excited for our upcoming meetings ranging from a "Stop the Blood Clinic", which will be hosted by the US Army, as well as presentations from an ICU pharmacist and an occupational therapist.

While the year went well, a transition of our faculty advisor due to University-wide layoffs left our chapter at a loss coming into the year. Dr. Valerie Bennett not only founded the Illinois Kappa chapter here at Bradley University, but her hard work allowed it to flourish. We are so very grateful that our student body and chapter members, alongside Dr. Jennifer Jost, were able to come together and continue her work.

Partnering with other Bradley University Prehealth clubs like BUMED as well as the Health Science Organization allowed our chapter to maximize our opportunity to learn and grow. Continuing these partnerships inside Bradley, as well as with organizations throughout Peoria is our main goal for this upcoming year.



KENTUCKY ALPHA

University of Louisville

submitted by John Fernandez

The Kentucky Alpha Chapter has been hard at work to further its mission of providing pre-health students with valuable and engaging opportunities to further both their education and their career. We have invited many wonderful speakers to share advice that is applicable to our career goals as health professionals. Gathering inspiration from these influential voices, our commitment extends beyond learning, focusing on the importance of service outreach. As one of the primary tenets of membership, many of our members have been sharing their time and talent with our local community.

Planning is currently underway for the largest event of the semester – the annual UofL Health Careers Fair in April. The Health Careers Fair offers all University of Louisville students the chance to learn more about our region's professional schools specializing in medical, veterinary, public health, dental, nursing, physical therapy, and

podiatric education and has proven to be a valuable experience for many of our members and university students. This year, we are excited to have over nineteen different programs represented at the fair. Not only does this provide students with the opportunity to interact with



representatives from a variety of disciplines but also offer insights into potential career paths. As always, the annual UofL Health Careers Fair continues to play a pivotal role in supporting the aspirations of our members and contributing to the growth of our campus community.

We are looking forward to all of our planned activities this semester. In fact, the event that officers and members alike are most eager for is our chapter's spring 2024 initiation. One of the officers' primary goals this year was to increase the number of initiates, and we are currently on track to achieve this goal with 9 students who have already joined us this past semester. We hope to raise our members' excitement for the upcoming semester and motivate initiates and current members to apply for leadership positions within our chapter. Our ultimate, long-term goal is to continuously increase recruitment for our AED chapter, as well as provide increasingly unique and beneficial pre-health experiences to all those who participate in our chapter's events.

The Kentucky Alpha Chapter promotes these and many other opportunities so that each of its members can discover their interests and serve their community with due passion. Our members excel in these pursuits, both academically and extramurally, and they continue to have a positive impact on the larger Louisville community through their personal and professional lives. Ultimately, it is our goal and privilege to facilitate such beneficial experiences for all our members.



KENTUCKY GAMMA

Western Kentucky University

submitted by My Tran

Kentucky Gamma chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta has an exciting semester for our fellow members. We are looking forward to serving our pre-health professional students and guiding them to success in their pathways. It is a significant honor to be a part of our members' journey.

This Spring semester, we kicked off our first meeting in person with an introduction from the newly elected officers of 2023-2024 and a fun night of bingo. We have many planned guest speakers from various professional schools in and out of state, such as the University of Louisville Dental School, Campbellsville University School of Chiropractic, and Campbell University School of Osteopathic Medicine. Additionally, there are multiple volunteer opportunities planned for this semester outside of our meetings.



Our chapter will be collaborating with other pre-professional organizations this school year to diversify our members to more experiences. Currently, AED members are given the opportunity to be matched up with the University of Kentucky College of Medicine students. Our members are learning about the medical process through the mentors, receiving advice, getting involved in an AAMC application workshop, and will eventually tour the University of Kentucky College of Medicine – Bowling Green campus.

We are aiming to grow our chapter and welcome new members wishing to be a part of the organization. We will be holding an initiation for new members later this Spring semester and start up another peer-mentor program. This program will connect younger members to upperclassmen, who can share their experiences, advice, and journey to aid the younger members in having a deeper understanding of their pathway.

We strive to serve our members to the best of our ability to reach their goals! We are excited to expand our chapter this semester and see what this semester will bring to our AED members. We are looking forward to seeing the growth in our members, and their pursuits to become future healthcare professionals!



LOUISIANA BETA

Louisiana State University Baton Rouge

submitted by Brianne Bankston

Here at LSU, the center of our mission is a commitment to providing access to healthcare, enhancing academic opportunities, and strengthening member relationships. With a burgeoning network full of connections, we continue to focus on service, social bonds, and medical opportunities to foster the success of our pre-medical students. Our revamped Medical Buddies program has allowed underclassmen to build stronger, meaningful, and sustainable social relationships with senior members of the organization while gaining insight into the road to medical school. Additionally, our Be PrEPared subcommittee expanded its community partnerships and fostered connections with multiple on-campus entities under the Our Lady of the Lake/FMOLHS system and Greek organizations. Continuing to de-stigmatize sexual health and knowledge concerning HIV and AIDS, Be PrEPared hosted many events on campus.

New to our organization this fall was a Cultural Competencies in Medicine series, where we sought to advance our pre-medical students' knowledge on underrepresented populations' experiences with medicine, and how we as future healthcare professionals can work towards more inclusivity and medicine diversity. Fall's installments included an ASL workshop and a MedTech company talk about using medical illustration to increase health literacy. We hope to have two more installments with LSU's Office of Disability Services and the Student Health Center this Spring. Our annual Dean's Convocation meeting and dinner, which sees Deans of Admissions from Louisiana's medical schools visit, was also a sweeping success! We hope to continue to expand our programming, like with our upcoming spring Professional Development series.

As the Louisiana Beta Chapter has a core value of service, we were excited to host our own canned goods drive in the fall, involving other pre-health organizations on campus, after LSU's annual student food drive was canceled. We are very proud to say that the "Geaux Health Food Drive" successfully raised 2,992 pounds of canned goods for our community. Another event we co-hosted was our annual LifeShare blood drive, which exceeded our goal and featured a total of 33 pints of blood donated!

We also began working with Gift of Life, which dedicates itself to curing blood cancer through cellular therapy. With a great participation turnout, we entered 100 swabs into the National Bone Marrow Registry in one day. We are so excited to have fortified our connection with Gift of Life. We will be holding another drive this spring, attempting to expand our audience, and continuing through future semesters to broaden the volume and diversity of the Bone Marrow Registry!

We are looking forward to expanding our continued involvement in the Dance Marathon, a student-led philanthropy event benefiting Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and our very own Our Lady of the Lake Children's Hospital in Baton Rouge, this Spring! Our enthusiasm is also not exhausted regarding the annual Miles for Medicine 5k with goals of further benefiting our philanthropy, the Boys and Girls Club. Multiple LSU organizations have already been recruited to participate, and we hope this 25th M4M will be our greatest yet!



LOUISIANA IOTA

Louisiana State University-Shreveport

submitted by Jackelyn Sandoval

The Louisiana Iota Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta at Louisiana State University's mission is to encourage and support our members to help them become more successful in the field of healthcare. We hope to bring in more opportunities for our members and become more involved with the community. Over a couple of months, the AED Louisiana Iota Chapter hosted two major events: an informative event and a fall fest booth.

The Iota Chapter hosted an informative session called "The Path to Acceptance into Medical School" by students in AED. The goal was to advise both underclassmen and upperclassmen on how to complete medical school applications, a general timeline to complete the aspect of your application, and helpful tips for pre-medical students. A few seniors discussed their experiences through trials of their undergraduate careers. Two seniors who took the MCAT gave tips on what they did to study and what resources helped them. They heavily emphasize making a schedule for studying for the MCAT since there is so much information with just a little time. It can be very stressful and overwhelming to apply to medical school, but having a good support system and preparation can make a big difference.

During the last week of October, we attended our annual university student activity festival "Fall Fest". Faculty, staff, and students came together in the center of LSUS grounds to celebrate being a part of the LSUS community. Various student organizations are present to attract new potential members and to have fun. The AED members helped make a life-size cardboard cutout of the Hasbro Operation Game and served nachos from Pita De Novo to attract students to our booth. We were able to promote AED to the LSUS community and collect emails from students who were interested in the pre-health path. The students and the members at AED had a blast!

For the upcoming semester, we have planned to volunteer in our annual I.D.E.A.S Day (Interactive Day of Education and Awareness of Science), a day full of science demonstration booths to help expose school-age children in the community to show the wonder of science! We also plan to attend our annual university student activity festival "Spring Fling" to further promote our organization.

With the spring semester around the corner, the Louisiana Iota chapter is eager to see our chapter grow. We are also looking forward to having a great new year with our newly inducted and current members!



MASSACHUSETTS ETA

Clark University

submitted by Carolynn Steffens

The Massachusetts ETA chapter at Clark University kicked off the year with a panel event interviewing upperclassmen about their research, clinical experiences working as a CNA and Medical Scribe, and volunteering in hospitals. Through this interactive approach, pre-health students were able to learn from upperclassmen's personal experiences on how they got involved, what the programs or labs entailed, and why they decided to pursue each endeavor. Such experiences are not only important for demonstrating a commitment to medicine and professional competencies in medical school applications but also necessary for figuring out career aspirations and interests.

Another highlight from this semester included Kate Dransfield, a representative from The University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNE COM). During her presentation, she not only provided information about their specific program but also the differences between Osteopathic Medicine

and Allopathic Medicine, what the admission process is like, and what they look for in an applicant. This event was a great way for pre-health students to see the various medical school opportunities that are out there and help them begin to think about what they are looking for in a school that best fits them.

Outside of the career and advising events, we partnered with Clark University Film Screening Society to showcase the movie Concussion (2015), a film about Dr. Bennet Omalu uncovering the truth about brain damage in football players who suffer from repeated concussions, specifically research on chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE) brain degeneration. This movie was important in not only raising awareness about concussions but also for educating students about ethics in sports medicine. Ethics in medicine is important because it guides healthcare providers to provide care that respects a patient's dignity and respect.

MASSACHUSETTS GAMMA

Boston University

submitted by Sarah Petit

The New Year brings the Boston University Massachusetts Gamma chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta feelings of excitement and hope for this upcoming semester. As a chapter, we are ready to continue our dedication to our surrounding communities, to professional development, and to one another. Spring is a season of renewal, and the Massachusetts Gamma Chapter values bringing new opportunities for growth to our new and old members. This spring, our chapter was enthused to explore new ideas, especially with the addition of the next class of members.

Our first event of the semester was our Induction Ceremony, where new members were initiated into the Massachusetts Gamma chapter of AED. New inductees and current members had the opportunity to mingle with one another throughout the ceremony between sips of coffee and bites of pastries. The Induction Ceremony has brought in new members with unique perspectives that have inspired numerous conversations in our chapter. As for service opportunities, our chapter is working with Cradles to Crayons. Cradles to Crayons is a non-profit organization that supplies low-income and homeless children with the essentials needed to thrive in all aspects of their lives. Members volunteered in The Giving Factory, where members processed donated goods to be distributed to children in need within the Greater Boston area.

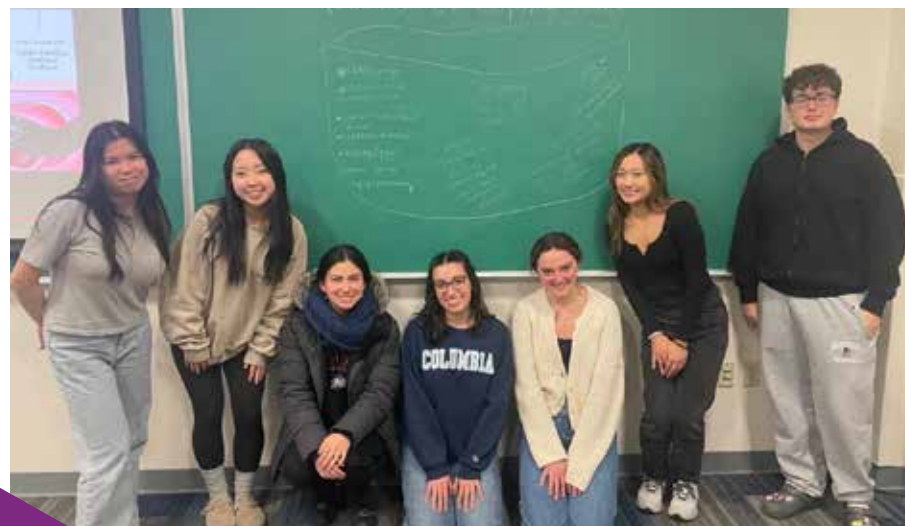
Our chapter has been working to bring new events to our members. One of these events was focused on highlighting different pathways after graduating

from college. For this event, our chapter welcomed a healthcare graduate student. The student discussed how they found out they wanted to further their education, and why their field of study interests them. Our chapter is beyond grateful for the donated time from this student. To ensure that our members could engage in self-care, our chapter also held a Jeopardy Night and Movie Night event. These events gave our members time for themselves to unwind during their busy semesters, as well as gave our chapter time to build community with one another.

At the end of the semester, we held our Healthcare Networking Night, where physicians, medical students, graduate students, and Boston University alumni met with Massachusetts Gamma members to discuss their work in the healthcare field. This event was a success, and our members were able to make meaningful connections with the invited healthcare professionals and students. We will continue to hold our revised monthly reflection sessions that are centered around discourse about health related research and current news. This semester, our members have had lively conversations surrounding reproductive health, AI in medicine, and new research articles that have peaked our interests.

Our final event was our farewell to our graduating senior members. We congratulated our seniors on completing their undergraduate coursework, highlighting their accomplishments in a luncheon. The Massachusetts Gamma chapter is proud of our new alumni, and we cannot wait to see what the future holds for them.

The success of our chapter is due to our dedicated members and advisor. Our Executive Board is forever grateful for all of their hard work this semester. The Massachusetts Gamma chapter wishes all of our members a restful summer, and we look forward to seeing them in September.



MASSACHUSETTS ZETA

Northeastern University

submitted by Angel Sun

The Massachusetts Zeta Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta had a fantastic year! Since our last report we have tabled at Northeastern University's Winter Involvement Fair where we had 15 interested members. We are currently in recruitment and in the application process for new members to apply. Induction for these new members will take place on February 29th, 2024 and we will continue to allow for conditionally accepted members to attend meetings to learn about Alpha Epsilon Delta at Northeastern University.

This past fall semester we have hosted many special events including community outreach at the Boston Healthcare for the Homeless Program where members were able to volunteer during lunch service. Other service events included our annual thanksgiving canned food drive and card making for the elderly residents in local assisted living centers. Many members also attended our last meeting of the semester and decorated holiday cookies including creating many anatomy structure inspired desserts.

We have a very filled upcoming spring semester with many events. On February 8th, orthopedic surgeon Dr Paul Appleton will join us as a guest speaker. On February 13th, we have a CPR training and certification class in collaboration with Northeastern's emergency medical service organization and the American Heart Association. On February 14th, we have a blood drive held on campus in efforts of bridging the gap for students to donate blood. In March we will hold a suture clinic and a Physician Assistant panel working with local college and graduate students.

The Northeastern Zeta chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta had a wonderful semester filled with community service and interactive events. We hope to continue to host events that provide safe spaces for members to learn about healthcare and be a pre-health student. We are excited to grow and develop the organization at Northeastern University and continue our outreach efforts with the community of Boston.



MICHIGAN EPSILON

University of Michigan Ann Arbor

submitted by Hannah Ding

During the Fall semester of 2023, Michigan Epsilon continued to grow and flourish together during their numerous planned events.

Members of the Michigan Epsilon AED continued their service pursuits, and one of the favorite service events of the semester was the “Joy Family Center Flying Event”, where members were able to spread awareness about the services of the center, and of course the importance of mental health. Another highly attended event was the “2023 Walk to End Alzheimer’s”, where members donated to and walked for the Alzheimer’s Association, supporting the organization’s cause of finding a cure for Alzheimer’s.

Michigan Epsilon also continued its pursuit of growth, hosting weekly, in-person meetings with inspirational and experienced speakers. Dr. Michelle Munro-Kramer, a Certified Nurse Midwife and gender-based violence

researcher, was our very first speaker of the year, sharing about her work in gender-based violence prevention and response. The organization was also able to hear from Dr. Chloe Hill, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Neurology at the University of Michigan Medical School. She shared her expertise in the treatment of patients with epilepsy and talked about her research, focusing on expanding access to outpatient specialist care for epilepsy and neurology patients. The variety of speakers gave insight to the interprofessional work that exists in healthcare, providing a well-rounded perspective of medicine for all Michigan Epsilon members regardless of their pre-health track.

Finally, the Michigan Epsilon Chapter continued its pursuit of family, focusing on incorporating its new members and strengthening bonds between existing members. Michigan Epsilon was able to continue its yearly tradition of visiting a local cider mill, enjoying warm donuts and apple cider together on a warm fall day. Wellness, professional development and DEI events were also incorporated into many social events, including gingerbread house making, MCAT preparation seminars, and a trip to the University of Michigan Museum of Art.



MICHIGAN KAPPA

Oakland University

submitted by Kristen Henein

This semester, we are thrilled to have had the privilege to establish the Michigan Kappa chapter of AED at Oakland University. As stewards of the AED legacy, our founding board created an atmosphere that resonated with the values encapsulated in the society’s mission statement. The inaugural induction ceremony held on October 6th, 2023, was a momentous occasion where 11 first-year members were welcomed into our fold, embodying the commitment to excellence in preprofessional health scholarship.

Our collaborative efforts with the Minority Association of Pre-Medical students manifested in a truly exceptional suture workshop, a testament to our dedication to fostering an inclusive environment that aligns with AED’s mission. Further solidifying our commitment to service, we joined hands with the Oakland University William Beaumont School of

Medicine to orchestrate a compelling med student panel. Three distinguished medical students generously shared their experiences, offering invaluable insights that ignited a passion for future pursuits in the medical field among our members.

In each of these endeavors, our chapter strived to not only meet but exceed the core tenets of Alpha Epsilon Delta’s mission. We embraced the multifaceted facets of professional development, providing a forum where common interests thrived, and our service initiatives reverberated throughout the college/university community. As we reflect on this foundational semester, we look forward with enthusiasm to a future steeped in academic excellence, camaraderie, and impactful service under the banner of Alpha Epsilon Delta.



NEVADA BETA

University of Nevada Las Vegas

submitted by Matheu Nazareno

In the Fall 2023 semester, the AED Nevada Beta Chapter demonstrated a commitment to humanitarian efforts and community support by initiating an AED Maui Relief drive. The aim was to aid those affected by the devastating wildfires in Maui, Hawaii. Through the diligent work of the AED NV Beta Chapter's Humanitarian Committee, an impressive collaboration with small businesses and restaurants facilitated the collection of relief supplies. These items were then efficiently shipped directly to the individuals and communities impacted by the wildfires. This compassionate initiative showcased the chapter's dedication to making a positive impact beyond their immediate surroundings.

Simultaneously, the AED Bone Marrow Committee, which partners with the Gift of Life Foundation, continued its vital work throughout the semester, conducting monthly bone marrow drives on campus. Their efforts resulted in a successful match between a donor in the registry and an individual who had previously donated at one of the chapter's drives. This meaningful connection opened avenues for a potentially life-saving bone marrow transplant donation. The committee's achievements were further recognized when its members received an invitation to attend the Gift of Life Foundation 2023 Symposium. This prestigious event provided an opportunity for the AED NV Beta Chapter to be



represented at a broader platform, with members interacting with key figures such as CEO Jay Feinberg, lead scientists, and fellow campus ambassadors. It not only acknowledged the chapter's dedication but also served as a platform for learning and collaboration at the forefront of medical advancements.

In a strategic move to expand campus collaboration, AED UNLV partnered with UNLV Project Wellness to initiate crucial discussions on mental health and student wellness. Notably, chapter members underwent NAPSA-certified peer-led education training, equipping them with the skills to host impactful mental health and education workshops on campus. Additionally, the NV Beta Chapter collaborated with UNLV's Literate Earth Project to organize a campus-wide book drive. This initiative aimed to promote health literacy in underserved communities, including countries such as Uganda.

One of the most significant achievements of the AED Nevada Beta Chapter during the semester was the establishment of a new Public Health Committee. This committee focuses on addressing health disparities within the state of Nevada. By providing members with experiential learning opportunities, health education workshops, and pop-up clinics throughout Southern Nevada, the committee actively contributes to community well-being.

Overall, the semester's overarching focus for the NV Beta Chapter was to incorporate more experiential and impactful opportunities for pre-health students. From humanitarian relief efforts to advancements in bone marrow donation initiatives, mental health awareness, and literacy promotion, the chapter showcased its versatility and commitment to holistic community well-being.



NEW JERSEY BETA

Stevens Institute of Technology

submitted by Neda Milinkovic

During the fall semester, AED organized events including Be The Match, a collaboration on Sky Meditation during finals, and co-hosted the HPACMAX seminar with SHP and HPAC, offering guidance on course advising, resume building, and navigating the journey to healthcare professions.

Primarily, Stevens Institute of Technology's Alpha Epsilon Delta chapter recently organized a Be The Match event, in collaboration with the National Marrow Donor Program, a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving lives through bone marrow transplants. Over 75 students and faculty members participated by entering the registry, showcasing their commitment to potentially saving lives. Be The Match serves as a vital link between patients in need of life-saving bone marrow transplants and compatible donors. Beyond facilitating matches, the organization conducts crucial research to advance medical knowledge in this field, ultimately aiming to improve patient outcomes. Additionally, Be The Match provides essential financial assistance to patients, ensuring that cost doesn't become a barrier

to accessing life-saving treatment. This initiative by Stevens Institute of Technology's Alpha Epsilon Delta highlights the power of community-driven efforts in supporting organizations like Be The Match. Through events like these, students and faculty not only contribute to the registry but also raise awareness about the importance of bone marrow donation. By participating in Be The Match, individuals offer hope to patients battling life-threatening illnesses, demonstrating the university's commitment to making a tangible difference in the lives of others.

In addition to the impactful Be The Match event, Stevens Institute of Technology's Alpha Epsilon Delta chapter also collaborated with the Sky Meditation Club during the stressful finals period. Recognizing the importance of mental well-being during this challenging time, the collaboration aimed to provide students with tools to manage stress and cultivate mindfulness. Through joint meditation sessions and relaxation techniques, students were offered a supportive environment to alleviate anxiety and promote mental clarity. By integrating mindfulness practices into the finals period, the collaboration between Alpha Epsilon Delta and the Sky Meditation Club fostered a culture of self-care and resilience within the Stevens community, empowering students to navigate academic challenges with a balanced approach to their well-being.

In the upcoming spring, AED plans to co-host an interview workshop with Dr. Lombardi while also initiating new members into the organization.



NEW JERSEY GAMMA

Rutgers University-New Brunswick

submitted by Zahra Ahmed

During the fall semester, our chapter has held multiple events that engage our members and foster a sense of community among aspiring healthcare professionals. These events provide a platform for members to come together, share their passion for healthcare, and build meaningful connections with like-minded individuals. One event that we held was a medical scribe information session with Robert Wood Johnson Barnabas Health. This event was beneficial to our students as it offered them first-hand exposure to the intricacies of medical documentation. This

experience not only enhanced their understanding of medical practices but also provided valuable insights into the daily responsibilities and challenges faced by

healthcare professionals, helping pre-med students make informed decisions about their future careers. Another event we held was a community service event with Ronald McDonald House, which involved preparing and serving meals to the families staying there. The Ronald McDonald House community service event further strengthened our commitment to social responsibility and compassion within the healthcare community. This experience allowed our members to witness first-hand the impact of their service on families facing challenging circumstances, reinforcing the importance of empathy and community outreach in the journey towards becoming healthcare professionals. Another important event that our chapter held was when we made care packages for children in hospitals. Creating these care packages was meaningful, as they brought joy to young patients facing challenging medical journeys. These packages offer a tangible expression of love and support, brightening their spirits during a difficult time. Ultimately, these care packages serve as a reminder that compassion and generosity can make a positive impact, even in the face of adversity.



NEW YORK PI

Manhattan College

submitted by Julianne Santospirito

The Manhattan College chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta continues to thrive and benefit various health majors at the school. Over the fall and now at the start of the spring semester the chapter has brought in a number of potential new members that we look forward to inducting permanently into the society within the next coming months. The officers for the 2023-2024 NY PI board remain to be Lauren Raziano (President), Kaitlyn Holly (Vice President), Alyssa Kumar (Secretary), Alexis Colantonio (Treasurer), Stephen Perrillo-Sullivan (Historian), Julianne Santospirito (Scalpel Reporter), Isabella Kola (Mentorship Coordinator), and Ava Cruz (Social Media Coordinator). Under the guidance and advisement of our chapter advisor Dr. Wilkins, Alpha Epsilon Delta, the board has set up many events. Our plans are to continue engaging with a number of students within the Manhattan College community.

During the Fall of 2023, our chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta began meeting an astounding number of prospective members at the college annual Club Fair. We continue to participate in virtual meetings and in person as a society. This provides optimum opportunities for members to attend meetings and guest speakers, even when they aren't able to stay on campus. Virtual meetings help accommodate many of the health professionals to meet much later in the evening, as we understand their jobs are demanding during the day. The meetings with various guest speakers have provided great guidance for our members. The speakers have shared career advice and various stories about cases and what they have seen in their field of work.

Throughout the months of the fall semester we heard from the following guest speakers: Dr. Christopher McDouble (Physiatrist, MD), Christin Nedumchira (Psychologist MC), Kim Robinson (CEO), and Emily Hughes (Genetic Counseling Graduate). As we do every fall we collected a membership fee from members in order to raise funds for future events and chapter pins. We have also upheld the ten hours of community service for each semester to keep membership within AED. We hosted events, like Safe Halloween and Manhattan College Open House to allow ample opportunities for our members to obtain ten hours of community service.

For the Spring semester of 2024, we look forward to more Alpha Epsilon Delta members joining our society. We have posted flyers and plan to host interesting meetings for potential new members and answer any questions for them. We will continue to hold members meetings and guest speakers in person and virtually. Something new we are hoping to implement is open study hours, where AED members and students can meet to discuss MCAT, OAT, and other exams. As we approach the end of the academic year, we look forward to the induction of our new members in April. Friends and families will be able to come to the ceremony and enjoy refreshments afterward. As most of our E-board members are seniors that are graduating, elections will be held for the various positions for members to apply for. The E-board and society members are excited for another successful semester of the Alpha Epsilon Delta NY PI chapter this spring.



OHIO ALPHA

The Ohio State University

submitted by Ruth Johnson

The Ohio State University's Ohio Alpha chapter started the year off strong by expanding our chapter's general body. During last semester's student involvement fair at OSU, executive members of the Ohio Alpha chapter actively recruited individuals from a variety of pre-health professional backgrounds. As a result, we were able to diversify our club's student body by intentionally recruiting more individuals from pre-health programs other than medicine, like nursing and physical therapy. Club members stated that this was beneficial as it allowed students to interact with people with different backgrounds and interests.

The Ohio Alpha chapter has also hosted biweekly general body meetings which allowed our members

to engage in a variety of activities. For example, we held meetings that were workshops on resume and CV building. Other times we made blankets for the children and Nationwide Children's Hospital or had a pumpkin painting session to socialize and destress. Later in the semester, we organized a meeting where we brought in health professionals from different



fields to speak to the general body members. The professionals who came included Emergency Medicine Physicians, Physical Therapists, Surgical Oncologists, a PA, a Research Fellow, and a Physician in Occupational Medicine. Our members met individuals from different fields. Many members found the career panel to be rewarding as they could better gauge future career opportunities.

Our chapter also organized numerous events that occurred outside of general body meetings. We have been committed to getting involved with service opportunities throughout the Columbus area. On October 29, 2023, we participated in the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk" hosted by the American Cancer Society. Our members helped out at the event by manning the refreshments table and passing out water and fruit as participants got through the finish line. We also worked with the Nationwide Children's Hospital to run the Buckeye Tutor Team, a program where our members visit the hospital and tutor the children there. One networking event we regularly hold is called Dining with the Docs. At this event, our members met with a physician in a small-group setting and conversed with them over a meal. This gave members the chance to learn more about the physician's individual experiences in medicine. They also gained valuable contacts, which many members have used for shadowing and networking opportunities.

Overall, the Ohio Alpha Chapter has had a great year and is looking forward to another semester of exciting and rewarding experiences!



OHIO BETA

University of Toledo

submitted by Ashna Tipirneni & Holly Heck

This Spring semester, the Ohio Beta chapter kicked the semester off with an event for members to gather and discuss study habits and planning for a successful second term! Members enjoyed talking with one another in small groups to discuss their classes for the semester and even learned study tips from peers who had already taken certain biology and chemistry courses. This event was a success and helped start our semester on a positive note with valuable conversations among peers!

Our second meeting featured a PowerPoint discussing important first-aid procedures and common emergencies! These were new topics for our chapter, and it was very beneficial for everyone who attended. We discussed guidelines to prepare for emergencies, examples of accidental injuries and common illnesses,

and talked about CPR and accessing the ABCs (open airway, check breathing, and check circulation)! Members enjoyed popcorn during the presentation and we tested our knowledge at the end of the meeting with a group "quiz".

The rest of our Spring 2024 semester will feature a Valentine's Day party with cardmaking, a mindfulness workshop, a meeting regarding scribing opportunities, a presentation discussing timelines for various pre-health students (Pre-Med, Pre-PA, Pre-PT/OT, etc), initiation with a chapter celebration, and elections! We will also be volunteering with our University's pre-health office at an on-campus event called Big Event to benefit the Toledo community, as well as continuing to serve the Toledo community through volunteering with Food for Thought in

downtown Toledo and at the Hope Clinic!

We are looking forward to initiating and celebrating our chapter members who have met the requirements for national membership in April! The chapter executive board is eager to continue to provide opportunities for our pre-health university community and grow AED Ohio Beta!



OHIO ETA

University of Dayton

submitted by Christopher Fleisher

The AED Ohio Eta chapter located at the University of Dayton has grown quite a bit since the Fall. There was a total of about 44 new pledge students that joined our AED chapter this spring and we are all very excited to continue to participate in AED events and all the opportunities that it has to offer. We hope to continue growing and offering new and exciting events and opportunities in the future.

So far this spring semester we have not had the opportunity to hold very many events or service activities but there are big plans in the works! The biggest thing we recently held was our initiation ceremony for the pledges mentioned above. This event had all members in attendance and was a great way to welcome the pledge class into our chapter. After the ceremony portion of the night, we had food catered for the event and were able to get to know each other quite well, welcoming all the new pledges to our chapter.

As we help the active members, and the new members, continue to pursue their goals of

continuing into healthcare we hope to offer a lot of great events this coming semester. As always, we will continue to have guest speakers from a variety of healthcare fields come in and speak to the group, which seems to be one of the most influential events that our chapter does. These opportunities allow the students to hear firsthand experiences of what it is like to work in healthcare as well as some tips and tricks to succeed in the future.

As we continue down this path, we hope to expand the opportunities and experiences that are offered to our chapter in hopes that it will help all the students find their path to healthcare. We plan to continue blood drives, service opportunities, social events, and so much more in the future to help build up this chapter of AED at the University of Dayton.



OHIO LAMBDA

University of Cincinnati

submitted by Ronja Frigard

With the 2023/2024 school year half over, we can look back on fall semester with satisfaction and ahead to our exciting spring semester schedule as well. In terms of professional development, we've had several great guest speakers and opportunities recently. One I'll highlight was Vishnu Patel, who came to speak about his experience as someone who has worked as a nurse across fields and is now in the process of applying to medical school. As the only pre-health club on campus that offers opportunities for a variety of career paths, this was a great event to tie in multiple different fields, and as someone who has broad experiences, he was able to speak to all our members about their different options and his perspective.

Our service goals this year have been focused on the local community. Particularly as the weather gets colder here in Cincinnati, our unhoused population faces a range of struggles, and several of our service events this semester have focused on serving the needs of that community. Our sandwich-making meeting provided 200 sandwiches to the St. Francis- St. Joseph Catholic Workers' House, an organization that provides support

to those getting back on their feet after facing homelessness, as well as serving lunch to those in need three times per week. This semester, we've started off by hosting a 'Warming Drive' for Our Daily Bread, another local soup kitchen. We are collecting items such as emergency blankets, hand warmers, and rain ponchos and putting together packages including messages of hope to distribute.

In addition, coming up is our second of two formal events, which we host to benefit Dragonfly, a local philanthropy that provides services to families experiencing pediatric cancer. Dragonfly is special to us as a local organization, as well as having their own club on campus, which allows for great collaboration. Our formal events are one of the ways that we get people together from across campus for a fun evening of socializing and a great cause. Our fall formal was a great success, and we can't wait to host it again this March. Overall, we have had a busy year here at the Ohio Lambda chapter, and can't wait to finish strong with even more great events, community engagement, and opportunities for our members!



OKLAHOMA EPSILON

Southern Nazarene University

submitted by Dylan Gann & Joanna Zachariah

The last fall semester was fantastic for Oklahoma Epsilon as they had the opportunity to serve in many community-led events.

On October 7th, Oklahoma Epsilon dressed in Halloween costumes and helped with the Haunt the Zoo event at the Oklahoma City Zoo. The volunteers had fun handing out candy to the children and families that attended the zoo that day. In addition to handing out candy and encouraging visitors to explore the zoo, AED members helped families take pictures with the Halloween decorations set up at each candy station. It was a wonderful and wholesome event that allowed AED members to meaningfully give back to their community.

On October 14th, AED hosted Kid Scientist Day, during which children from the Bethany, Oklahoma area could sign up to attend a science activity taught by Dr. Shayna Medley, the advisor for the Oklahoma Epsilon chapter. Dr.

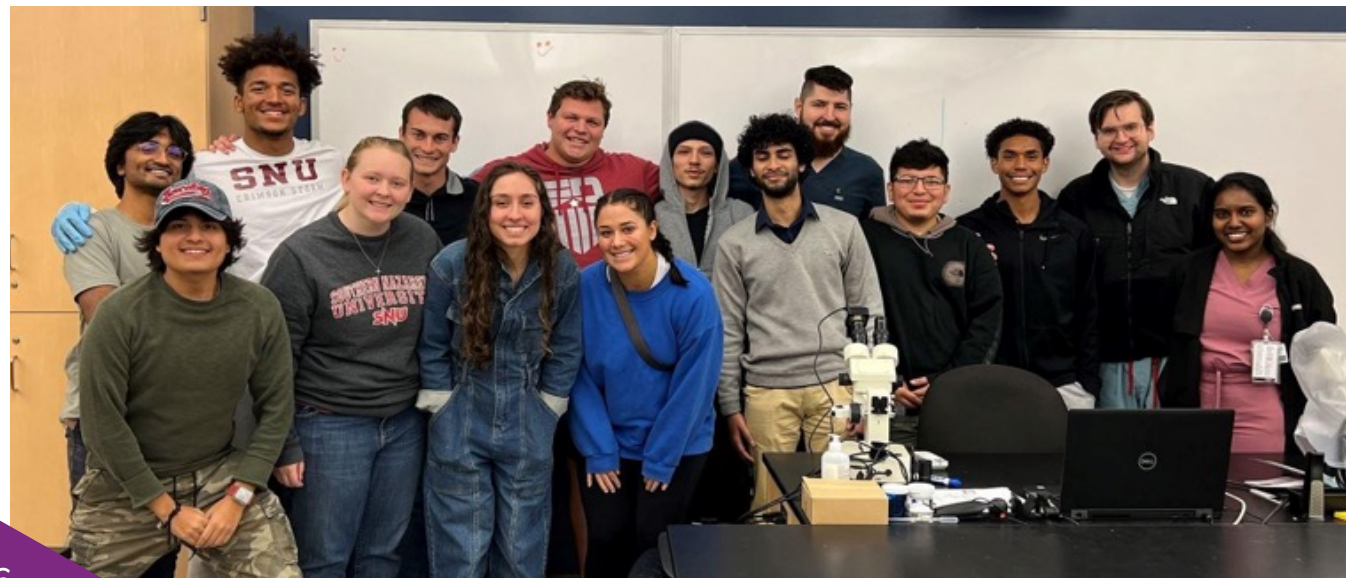


Medley taught the kids about the anatomy of an owl, specifically the process

of how they digest prey through their gizzard. AED volunteers assisted with the activity after the lesson in which the kids were able to dissect real owl pellets to find bones of animals that the owls had eaten. The kids had a great time learning about owls and getting to apply their knowledge with an interactive lab. They were able to take home a bone identification worksheet and any of the bones they found in the owl pellets.

One of the later events of the semester was the suture night hosted on campus. On November 9th, Oklahoma Epsilon invited some doctors from Integris Health to their lab building at SNU. In these labs, the doctors taught students how to properly execute medical sutures on pigs' feet and tie surgical knots quickly and effectively. The doctors invited to help with this event were Dr. Taibitha Danley, Dr. Mohammad Jasim, Dr. Linda Liffey James, and Dr. Nicholas Hayden. Students were able to gain additional insight into medical school and future occupations in their conversations with these medical professionals. Everyone in attendance enjoyed suture night, and Oklahoma Epsilon plans on continuing this annual event.

Oklahoma Epsilon members voted to elect new officers for the upcoming year to wrap up the semester. Dylan Gann will be serving as President and Scalpel Reporter, Elora Jones will be Vice President, Joshua Jai will be Secretary, Nate Hughes will be Treasurer, and Hannah Morales will be Historian.



OREGON ALPHA

Oregon Institute of Technology

submitted by Lydia Poss

The 2023-2024 academic year at Oregon Tech has been a successful one so far for our AED chapter. In early December, we inducted 11 new members - our largest class yet! Officers are currently preparing to host a suturing event in a couple months which will be taught by Dr. Weisman, an alumnus of our school who is now in residency at the hospital local to our school. Additional events we plan to host this Spring include a tieblanket drive for donation to a local hospice clinic and a Stop the Bleed training. Through these events, we aim to foster community awareness and relations while still having fun as a club!

Many of our club members are also involved in faculty-led research, much of which they perform outside of traditional classroom time. This past winter, two of our newest inductees traveled to Washington D.C to present their research related

to memory loss as observed in rat subjects. Two other club members are preparing to present their research on the cyanobacteria growing in the Upper Klamath Lake at the UC Berkeley Microbiology Student Symposium in April of this year.

This coming June, all of our current officers will be graduating from Oregon Tech to continue their educations at PA, PT, and medical schools. Consequentially, we are preparing our newest members to fill our shoes and continue building up the chapter at our small institution. All of us here at Oregon Tech are excited to see how the rest of this academic year plays out! We are most assuredly enjoying this time in our lives. A special thanks is extended to Dr. Lund for serving as our chapter advisor.



PENNSYLVANIA NU

Muhlenberg University

submitted by Sara Pecorelli

In the Fall of 2023, the Pennsylvania Nu chapter of AED at Muhlenberg College cultivated a supportive environment for pre-health students that emphasized the importance of volunteerism, as well as personal and professional development. To ensure that students were meeting their goals in volunteer work, the chapter developed a requirement for all inducted members to complete a minimum of 10 volunteer hours a semester. Together, the inducted members of this chapter completed a total of 335.5 hours of volunteer work in the Fall of 2023. To continue our emphasis on volunteer work, our chapter worked together during our final meeting of the semester to create holiday cards for the residents of the Phoebe Nursing Home. Our students wrote warm holiday messages on each card, addressing them to specific residents. This allowed our students to ponder upon the importance of taking time out of their busy schedules to do something that would put a smile on someone's face who needs it most. As aspiring healthcare workers, it is important to develop these selfless personality traits at an early age, and doing volunteer work is an excellent way to do so.

On top of the hard work the students put into volunteering, the chapter continued to provide our members with ample opportunities to immerse themselves in the many aspects of the healthcare field. One specific way we accomplished this is by inviting Dr. Martin "Monty" Lo Sasso '15, MD to speak to the students. As a Muhlenberg Alumni, Cooper Medical School graduate, and vascular surgery resident, Lo Sasso's presence served as motivation for many

current Muhlenberg students, allowing them to see just one of the plentiful ways Muhlenberg students have made a positive impact on the healthcare field. Lo Sasso particularly discussed the ethical considerations of some of his recent cases, specifically pertaining to blood banks and pediatric trauma response.

Our chapter was also fortunate enough to host a "STOP the BLEED" event presented by the Muhlenberg EMS team. During this event, students were taught basic, yet crucial skills to prevent bleeding from becoming life-threatening. The EMS team discussed the importance of gauze and tourniquets, offering advice on how to properly assist someone depending on the severity of their cut. To complement this, EMS provided demonstrations on the use of medical and custom-made tourniquets. After gaining incredible knowledge in this realm, our own members participated in a hands-on activity, where they were trained to employ medical and custom-made tourniquets, using both their peers and pool noodles as fake patients.

With the aforementioned events and more, our members of the Pennsylvania Nu chapter of AED at Muhlenberg College can confidently say that we had a productive and successful fall semester. Looking ahead, the chapter plans to continue to host impactful speakers, offer hands-on healthcare experiences, and develop well-rounded pre-health students to mentor younger students who wish to pursue healthcare.



PENNSYLVANIA XI

Temple University

submitted by Ashley Thoonkuzhy

The 2023-2024 academic year marked the start of a year of tremendous growth for the Temple University Pennsylvania Xi Chapter of AED. With over 120 students at our first meeting and 12 members on our executive board, our chapter has been learning how to embrace and encourage the opportunities that are coming our way. Through various community service events, socials, and meetings, we encourage our members to actively engage in both personal and professional development while forming lasting relationships with their fellow AED members, as one day we will all be working alongside one another with a common goal of meeting the health needs of our patients.

For our second general body meeting of the Fall 2023 semester, our chapter held a manual dexterity workshop, teaching our members a variety of clinical skills that refined their hand-eye coordination abilities. We hosted six different stations, each geared towards a different medical profession. For example, we had a surgical skills station with authentic knot-tying boards and sutures graciously loaned to us by the Temple University Lewis Katz School of Medicine. We also had a station for our pre-dental students where we practiced indirect vision techniques by having members color a picture using only a mirrored reflection.

Throughout the course of the semester, Pennsylvania Xi partnered with a local Philadelphia harm reduction organization, SOL Collective. Together, we were able to assemble over 1,200 kits, composed of saline solution,

gauze, band-aids, antibacterial ointment, and instructions on proper wound-care. As an organization, we contributed a three-month supply of kits that were then distributed to the Kensington community.

Our chapter also organized a suture clinic in which we had a fourth-year medical student teach our members various suturing patterns and procedures. We utilized suture pads, needle drivers, and forceps as we learned how to complete a suture from start to finish. Our members had a great time learning skills that they will one day be applying in their respective fields.

In order to inspire deeper questioning about what it really means to be a future provider, our chapter started a book club where we read "When Breath Becomes Air" by Dr. Paul Kalanithi. By engaging in discussions surrounding the emotional and ethical dimensions of medicine, we aimed to inspire our members to integrate a more holistic perspective into their future roles as healthcare providers.

Pennsylvania Xi looks forward to wrapping up the spring semester and inducting over thirty members in April! We have many plans for the upcoming months, including a CPR certification event and an AED intramural floor hockey team. We hope this semester will allow for the success of our chapter and promotion of self growth of our future providers.



RHODE ISLAND ALPHA

Providence College

submitted by Kayleigh Goebelbecker

During the Fall 2023 semester, the Providence College chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta centered its efforts on both the physical and mental health of the community, both on a local and national level. As future members of health care professions Rhode Island Alpha prioritized serving the community by action and by example.

In order to counteract the ongoing blood shortage and as a kickoff event to the fall semester, Rhode Island Alpha organized a 3-day blood drive in September. On the first day of the drive our goal was to obtain 40 donations, and we resulted with 59 donations! On the second day, our goal was to receive 50 donations, and we once again surpassed our goal by obtaining 54 donations! In orchestrating the blood drive, we were able to spread awareness of the significance of blood donation and to provide a means for the Providence College community to donate and become a part of the solution. Due to the success of this initial event, we hosted another blood drive (November 7-9). Over these three days we received 100 donations. Additionally, we surpassed our target donation number for the third day by 7 donations!

To further educate our campus community on the importance of service we partnered with Be the Match in October, a nonprofit organization that aims to provide bone marrow donations to patients with blood cancer/diseases. A multitude of illnesses require bone marrow transplants as treatment and often finding a suitable

match is difficult. Be the Match works to combat this challenge by establishing a database of possible donors. In partnership with this amazing organization, we invited members of the Providence College community to perform a cheek swab and join the registrar, obtaining around 50 samples by the end of the event.

In conjunction with our efforts to support and address the health issues plaguing our times we also sought to support the local mental health needs of those in the hospital. On December 4 as the holiday season approached, we hosted a holiday card-making event for patients at Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence. This table served to unite the Providence College community and to hopefully generate a few smiles for those who were in the hospital at the time.

In the Spring, we plan on organizing a few more blood drives, as well as a raffle event with Colin's Joy Project, a nonprofit organization that is special to our chapter and community. Additionally, we hope to host several volunteer-based events on campus throughout the semester while continuing to raise awareness about our mission as an honor society and as a service organization.



SOUTH CAROLINA ZETA

Erskine College

submitted by MJ Cackett

At Erskine College, AED's main goal is to spread awareness to a variety of healthcare-related topics by finding ways to involve our student population. One of our most successful events was a blood drive. We partnered up with The Blood Connection to allow students to donate blood. By doing this, AED was able to educate students on the positive impact that giving blood has. We made the drive extremely accessible and promoted it heavily, so there was a substantial turnout. AED was also a large presence on campus when we hosted Pie a Professor. This is always an extremely popular event. Students were given the opportunity to buy a plate of whipped cream and "pie" willing professors and staff members. We always make sure to host this event around midterms which has proved to bring out the most students. Not only did this help promote our club, but it also helped us

make strides to meet our fundraising goal for The AED National Convention. Additionally, our monthly event is creating a table centered around that month's awareness. In September, we hosted a table in light of suicide prevention which went in tandem with that month's awareness. Students were able to take a quick survey to give them a better understanding of their mental health state. To go with this, we provided and promoted healthy mental health habits that students were able to implement into their everyday lives. As we enter into this semester, we plan to repeat some events while expanding to other events that have proved to be successful in the past. This includes an Autism Awareness Run, a basketball tournament, and a raffle event. We are glad that more students are aware of AED at Erskine and hope that with this they become more educated on healthcare-related topics.



TEXAS BETA

Baylor University

submitted by Ruth Zachariah

The Texas Beta Chapter of AED at Baylor University had an exciting fall semester, where members got to participate in numerous events and learn from the experiences of multiple healthcare professionals. Members participated in multiple socials, including a collaboration with a business organization, as well as a pumpkin painting event before thanksgiving break. AED also hosted its first campus-wide pickleball tournament as a fundraising initiative, and it was a great success! Many students from campus came together and participated in the tournament amidst the chilly weather that day. The newest cohort of AED members got to know other general members through the "Enzyme-Substrate" (big/little) process, and the New Member Picnic further allowed the general members to get to know the new faces in the organization.

AED remained highly involved in service throughout the semester, serving both the Waco community, and different healthcare clinics in the region. In addition

to individual service, members came together and volunteered in large services events, such as for the Ironman Triathlon, the More Than Pink 2023 Walk for Breast Cancer, the Walk for the Homeless, and many other events. AED also participated in Baylor University's "Steppin' Out" initiative, where students from multiple different organizations "stepped out" to serve the Waco community.

For our upcoming spring semester, the Texas Beta Chapter has several fun events and opportunities for new and general members alike! AED will be hosting the 51st Annual Pre-Health Symposium (PHS) in February. As the largest pre-professional health event held at Baylor each year, PHS will provide students with insight as to what future institutions are seeking in their students. AED students will have the opportunity to host representatives from schools all across the nation, and they will be able to hear about multiple different programs to better prepare for the next steps in their career! We will also have many creative social events to enhance our members' experiences, including a Pre-Health Gala at the end of the semester that AED will host in collaboration with other pre-health organizations on campus. We are looking forward to welcoming more new members this semester, and we cannot wait to further foster a wonderful, supportive, and exciting community here in AED at Baylor University!



TEXAS EPSILON

Houston Christian University

submitted by Malena Blanchard

The Texas Epsilon chapter hosted several exciting events this past semester. Starting with our monthly General Meetings, we arranged for several guest speakers from various organizations such as National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA) to join our group and speak to our members about their missions and offer volunteer opportunities. By hearing these guest speakers, our members learned more about the importance of mental health and the issue of domestic violence. We also hosted service events throughout the semester, both on campus and in the nearby community, along with a plethora of fundraisers to raise funds for the National Convention in Dallas, Texas.

Last semester, we partnered with Denver Harbor Civic Club and the Department of Neighborhoods Mayor's Assistance Office to assist in a community-wide cleanup effort. At this volunteer opportunity, our members aided in picking up trash in the park, getting it back to pristine condition. Not only did we have the chance to better our community, but our AED family was able to bond and become closer friends.

Although our chapter places a strong emphasis on service

and community events, we also love to socialize, especially with other chapters. At our Fall Festival, the College of Science and Engineering student organizations gathered together to play games and participate in activities like pumpkin painting and raffles. Our members and other COSE students were thrilled to take a break from studying and enjoy the fall breeze.

Going into the semester, one of our main concerns was figuring out ways to raise money for the National Convention. With the help and coordination of the leadership team and other members, we began selling hot chocolate in the library to students every Friday. We also partnered with several businesses such as Cabo Bob's, Kendra Scott, and Tiff's Treats with the goal of raising enough to cover all convention expenses. In the spring semester, we are still encouraged that we can reach our goal with the increased efforts of all of our members. Since we are a dedicated and driven chapter, there is no doubt that we can accomplish this.

Near the end of the last semester, we hosted our annual Pinning Ceremony where we welcomed new members and celebrated current members for their desire,

determination, diligence, and devotion to the health professions. Recognizing our members for reaching the stepping stones in their undergraduate years facilitates an environment of moral support which is necessary for success.



TEXAS IOTA

Texas A&M University

submitted by Jack Kubaney

In our first full semester as a reinstated chapter, the Texas Iota Chapter is pleased to announce that we grew our chapter over five fold. Since October, we have greatly expanded our network of physicians and other health professionals that our members enjoy access to. Our biweekly meetings give our members the opportunity to ask questions and interact with professionals that have traversed this path that we are on.

As is tradition here at Texas A&M, we began our semester with MSC Open House, an opportunity for all of the organizations at the university to openly advertise the benefits and attractions that each offers. With another influx of students seeking guidance in their pre-professional journey, we have planned several events in order to maximize our ability to be a stepping stone on this journey. Later this semester, we intend on hosting Journey Through Medicine. An event focused on tracing the path of becoming a physician. We will bring

in previous officers of our chapters, medical students, residents, and attending physicians. Food and games alongside plenty of conversation will allow our members to learn more about life inside and outside of the job.

As a continuance from last semester, we have kept our partnership with the Boys and Girls Club, and have collectively contributed hundreds of hours to their cause. Our experience volunteering there has been formative for our members, providing a great place to display our selfless and generous nature. In addition to Boys and Girls Club, we will participate in The Big Event again, the largest student run service event in the nation. Last year, we helped renovate the yard of an elderly family in rural Bryan-College Station, and we excitedly await our assignment for this year. The Texas Iota Chapter is looking forward to an exciting and productive semester.



TEXAS KAPPA

Southern Methodist University

submitted by Nikhil Nandigama

The Texas Kappa chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta at SMU's primary goals encompass fostering academic excellence amongst our student community, promoting professional development and mentorship opportunities for our members, instilling a commitment to community service throughout our volunteer events, and developing a well-rounded pre-health community at SMU. Our organization's notable accomplishments in this school year include a Vision Board Mentorship Event, The Nutrition Card Program, and a Medical City Dallas volunteer event. These achievements underscore our organization's commitment to shaping well-rounded and compassionate future healthcare professionals.

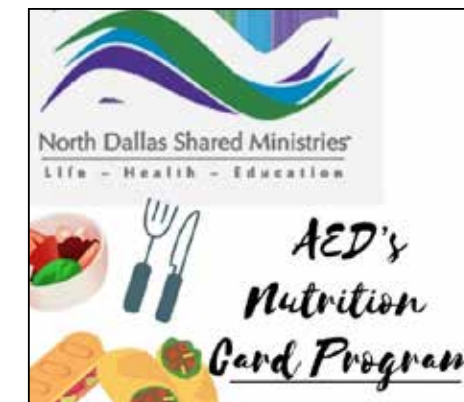
Vision Board Mentorship Event:



Our organization's recent mentorship event brought together Bigs and Littles in the mentorship program to create personalized vision boards, fostering mentor-mentee connections. The focus was on exploring academic and healthcare-related aspirations allowing mentees to discuss with their mentors

their aspirations regarding their journey at SMU and their future careers in healthcare. This hands-on approach facilitated meaningful relationships and provided a chance for students within the pre-health community at SMU to engage in a creative activity that also shed light on their peers' aspirations and future goals.

Nutrition Card Program:



Through the Nutrition Card Program, AED members are able to develop their knowledge

of nutrition by crafting recipe cards with the help of a registered dietician for the patients at the North Dallas Shared Ministries community clinic. This ongoing remote volunteer opportunity exemplifies our organization's commitment to actively participate in service opportunities while allowing students to expand their knowledge regarding the field of nutrition and its connection to patients' well-being and the field of medicine. This program is a huge part of the volunteer work our organization engages in, exemplifying our commitment to both community service and educational engagement. This dual-focus initiative not only benefits the community's health but also enhances the personal development of our members as they contribute to the well-being of others. This semester our organization is working on compiling these recipes, with the help of a registered dietician, into a cookbook that can be used by the clinic!



Medical City Dallas Volunteer Event:

AED's service event for the Medical City Dallas Hospital integrated service and learning in a wonderful volunteer opportunity where members collaboratively assembled soup kits for patients at the Medical City Dallas Hospital. Additionally, students learned about various volunteering opportunities available at the hospital through a presentation from our organization's volunteer coordinator. The event was an incredible opportunity for students to engage in a service opportunity and learn more about healthcare-related volunteer opportunities available in hospitals near our university.

TEXAS THETA

University of North Texas

submitted by Matthew Nguyen

At the University of North Texas, our chapter continues to turn a new page. Focusing on professionalism, our members have grown as an individual and together as a group. We are caring for everyone as we listen to the stories that carried us to where we are today. We developed a community where we can trust, love, and cherish one another. On top of that, many opportunities are in place to expand our impact on health.

We are concentrating on the most impactful areas: volunteering and experience. Our wonderful speakers, from nurses to neurologists, have brought new journeys to a successful medical career. Each of them encouraged our members to keep it up. Our officers appreciated the same stories alongside them. There is a mission to provide each member

with the opportunity to gain clinical volunteering hours before long. We will be providing access to healthcare to a community where it lacks. The next step is expanding that effort across several local places with greater need. This also contains - at its core - the notion to give back to our fantastic members that kept us focused.

We are redefining the foundations and professionalism on campus as pre-health students. We are proud of the potential that lays ahead. Our chapter has represented the possibility to do more as current learners and future teachers. There may not be enough time to do everything, but the important thing is to do it with people in mind. Our club is all because of and for our fellow members. We, as a family, would not want to let anyone down.



TEXAS ZETA

Texas Christian University

submitted by David Peebles

The Texas Zeta Chapter at Texas Christian University finished out the Fall semester strong by providing pre-health students with opportunities to learn more about the field of medicine, connect with other pre-health students, and learn vital skills in medicine. We have also continued to emphasize communication between upperclassmen and underclassmen to share meaningful advice so they can be successful as pre-health students.

One of our first semester events was a medical student panel involving two medical students from TCU's Burnett School of Medicine and one medical student from Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine. The Panel began with each student describing what a day in the life looks like for them at their point in medical school, and what their future aspirations are. Then, a Q&A was conducted, and the medical school students gave invaluable advice about finding a work/life balance, managing stress, staying motivated, and getting into Medical school. The medical students specifically emphasized the importance of being involved in things we are passionate about as pre-health students and doing things that make us happy. They also stated the significance of not being discouraged when something

goes awry, and to continue to take one step forward on one's journey.

The most popular event of the semester was a suture clinic with a Sergeant from the army. It was an extremely informational event where members practiced doing basic sutures on bananas, and there was even a competition to see who could perform the best sutures in a limited amount of time.

For the first event of our spring semester, we collaborated with the Biology Club and other pre-health organizations on campus to learn about other clubs and to increase student involvement. It was a successful event and we gained interest from pre-health students wanting to join. In addition, we plan on collaborating with the Chemistry Club throughout the semester to do a Jeopardy night and a murder mystery night. Finally, we intend to have another physician panel and suture clinic this semester. We cannot wait for the rest of the semester and we will continue to create connections among motivated students, provide more insight into various health fields, and gain skills to be successful healthcare professionals.

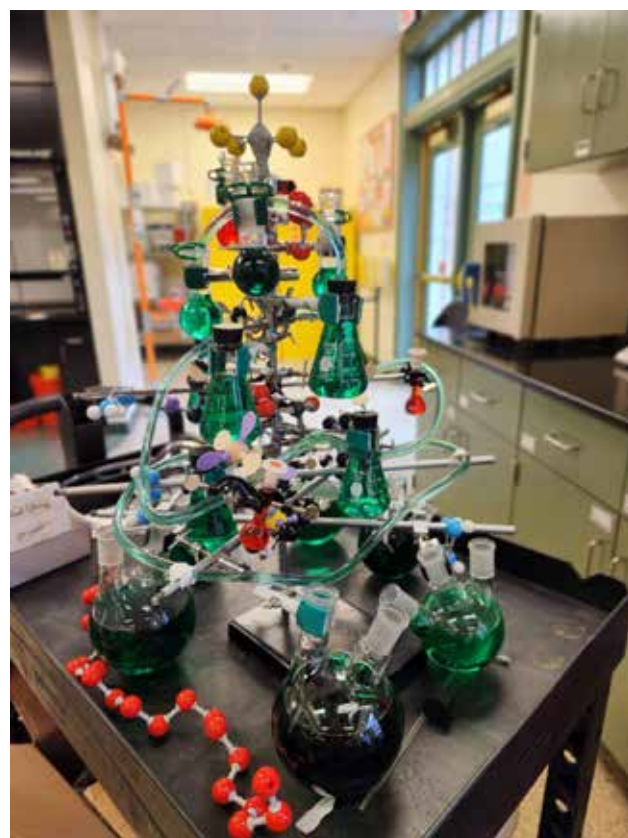


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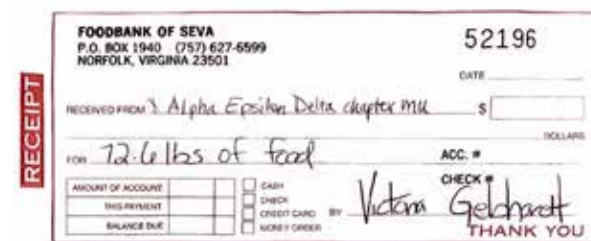
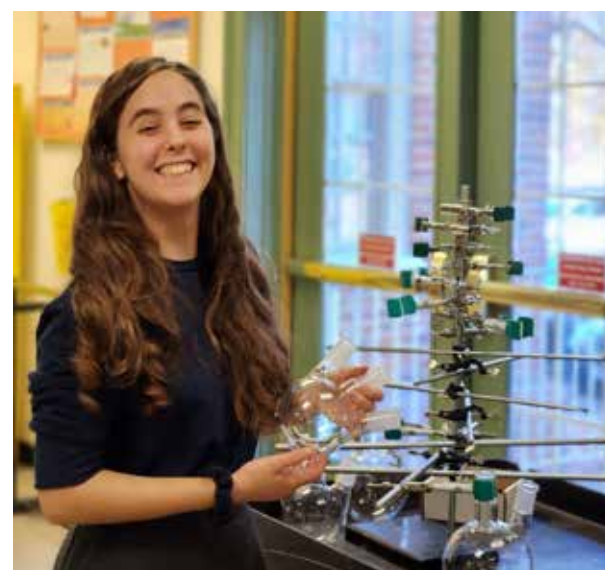
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This past semester at the Virginia Mu chapter of AED at Regent University was quite eventful, and our members are looking forward to what this spring semester holds! Last semester we had a successful exam distress event where students could come to enjoy cookies and popcorn and play board games after a busy week full of midterms! AED's tutoring initiative proved to be a very successful endeavor. Through this initiative we have helped students understand concepts for their courses as well as be provided with the encouragement needed not only to start well but also to finish strong. Our AED chapter wrapped up the end of the fall 2023 semester with a food drive and decorating a chemistry-themed Christmas tree! We collected a total of 72.6 pounds of food that was donated to the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia.



This spring semester of our AED chapter here at Regent University is packed with many opportunities and events! We have opened applications for new members and plan to have inductions near the end of the semester. Our chapter is eager to gain new members and looks forward to the new ideas our new members will bring. We are also organizing a tour of Eastern Virginia Medical School in collaboration with our pre-PA sub-club. This tour will provide Biophysical Sciences students the ability to explore various opportunities available for graduate education in the medical field. Our goal for this semester is to focus on career development, fellowship, leadership, and community service opportunities.

Virginia Mu chapter is enthusiastic for what the spring 2024 semester holds for our current and future members interest in their pre-health endeavors!



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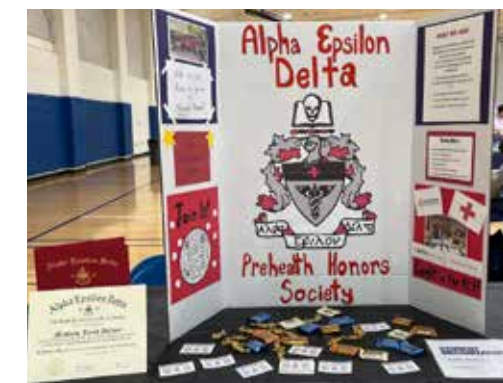
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The AED chapter here at WVU had a great year of growth and rebuilding. During the Covid-19 pandemic, the number of members and our presence here on campus vanished and the club slipped through the cracks. Our new advisor, Dr. Randel Bryner contacted the remaining members of the club and started to build it back up. In one semester, we went from 30 inactive members to over 90 new and active members to the club. We also have 7 current national members and many more becoming eligible this semester. We have grown an amazing club with members interested in all the health professions including, medicine, nursing, dental, physical therapy, physicians assistant, and even veterinary science.

As a club we focus on two big aspects, professional development and giving back to the Morgantown community. We brought in guest speakers who taught us about resume building, how to prepare for entrance exams, and mock interview preparations. We also

implemented some type of community service opportunities throughout the semester. We volunteered at WVU Medicine's Rosenbaum Family Housing. In October we participated in the Track or Treat event here at WVU where we gave out candy to over 1000 kids. We also partnered with The Red Cross and helped with their Holiday for Heroes campaign where we made holiday cards for veterans and collected hygiene products for care packages.

In the spring, we hope to continue our mission of giving back to our community by continuing working with Rosenbaum, making Valentine's Day cards for local nursing homes, making care packages for Doctor's Appreciation Day, and many more events still in the works. We also hope to continue our professional development series by having more guest speakers to help us get more prepared for our future professions. We are so excited to represent AED here on campus and leave our mark on the Morgantown community.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

EIN (Employer Identification Number) and Tax Exempt Status and Filing Your Tax Return

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Alpha Epsilon Delta is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt educational organization. The Society is also designated as a charity. The Internal Revenue Service states that "The issuance of an EIN to a non-profit organization is separate and distinct from the organization's actually obtaining tax-exempt status from the IRS. Each chapter of a national non-profit organization must have its own EIN, but the central organization may file for a group tax exemption." This statement means that each subordinate (chapter) of AED must have a unique EIN. The IRS recognizes the chapters (subordinates) listed by AED on a list submitted to the IRS and updated yearly. Your chapter must be on the list to be recognized as a part of AED and thus exempt from Federal Income tax.

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The fiscal year is set when the chapter first applies for the EIN. Filing a tax return is easy. A few years ago the IRS established the e-Postcard (Form 990N). It is a very simple form that is filled out and submitted online.

AED is also classified as a charity under section 509 (a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to your chapter are deductible under section 170 of the Code. Your chapter is qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Internal Revenue Code.

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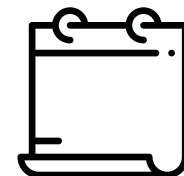
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HOW TO SUBMIT A SCALPEL REPORT



REMINDER:

AED HAS THE RIGHT TO EDIT SUBMITTED ARTICLES. The Deadline for submitting articles is October 1st for the Fall Scalpel and Feb 1st for the Spring Scalpel.



UNLV PROJECT WELLNESS

In the Summer of 2022 AED Vice President Matheu Nazareno and former AED President Jordan Sundara and their Alpha Epsilon Delta student peers met following informal discussions with Dr. Dan Bubb, Associate Professor in Residence, and Coordinator of Academic Affairs, about the increasing mental health challenges affecting the UNLV Community. These conversations led to the idea of involving students in addressing these challenges, with an emphasis on the need for a student-led initiative to combat the stigma surrounding mental health, and to empower the university's student community.

Together with my student collaborators, Mr. Nazareno played a key role in naming the initiative "UNLV Project Wellness." This name was chosen for its simplicity, and its ability to underscore the importance of focusing on mental health and overall wellness. He and other student peers created a tri-fold brochure to consolidate and promote existing student wellness resources on and off campus, which turned out to be a very impactful resource to students on campus, especially those who may not have been as familiar with the available wellness/mental resources.

As their planning continued, these student leaders successfully organized the first-ever student mental health town hall in September 2022. This event provided a platform for university students to voice their concerns and insights regarding mental health challenges on campus. During the town hall, Mr. Nazareno had the privilege of serving as the MC alongside Dr. Annie Weisman, Ph.D., MPH, LMT, Director



of Well-Being & Integrative Medicine, UNLV Medical School and Associate Professor, facilitating difficult conversations on mental health.

With the formal establishment of UNLV Project Wellness, members from AED NV Beta Chapter played a pivotal role in registering it as an official Registered Student Organization (RSO). This involved collaboration with the former UNLV Student Body President and the formation of the current Executive Board, along with securing funding from the UNLV Student Government.

The success of our Student Mental Health Town Hall garnered the attention of the University President Dr. Keith Whitfield, leading to my involvement in creating the "Compassionate Rebels Make It Happen: President's Mental Health Town Hall and Resource Fair." This event

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CHANGES TO THE MRF SUBMISSION PROCESS:

In addition to previous requirement the following should be included with each package of MRF's:

1. Only typed forms will be accepted and processed.
2. A typed list of each students first, middle, and last name is to be included.
3. Please allow three weeks from arrival at the national office for processing and return.

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attracted hundreds of attendees from both the UNLV and Las Vegas communities.

Furthermore, members from both AED NV Beta Chapter and a few other students from other university organizations helped organize the first on-campus Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, formerly known at the National Associations of Student Personnel

Administrators (NASPA) training through the UNLV Wellness Center alongside Dr. Marinela Maskuti, Student Health Coordinator and Wellness Educator for Project Wellness Executive Board members to provide peer-led mental health workshops and education to UNLV students. Dr. Bubb also pursued NASPA certification, recognizing the significant impact it has in building a well-educated and sustainable peer education group. The training covered various modules, including peer education roles, behavior change facilitation, active listening, response and referral skills, intervention strategies, diversity and inclusivity, programming and presentation skills, self-care, and group dynamics. All of these efforts have contributed to the ongoing success of UNLV Project Wellness.

Last semester, the Project Wellness Executive Board sought out to find more comprehensive trainings to better help the UNLV student body, and Skills for Psychological Recovery (SPR) and Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) were

added on top of our NASPA training. QPR is a suicide prevention training program that was founded in 1995 by Paul Quintet. This training helps us recognize the warning signs of someone who might be going through a suicidal episode, have suicidal thoughts, or have a mental health emergency, and immediately provide live-saving care by questioning their situation, persuading the individual to not harm themselves, and referring them to a professional counselor so they can get the help they need. Because of the tragic December 6th shooting that took the lives of three professors on UNLV's campus, SPR was a training program that the Project Wellness Executive Board thought was crucial to helping the student body cope and recover from this traumatic event. SPR is an evidence-informed modular intervention that aims to help survivors gain skills to manage distress and cope with post-disaster stress and adversity. Further, SPR is designed to help children, adolescents, adults, and families develop skills to reduce ongoing distress and effectively cope in the weeks and months following disaster and trauma. Managing reactions, promoting helpful thinking, and promoting positive activities are just some of the skills we learn to help combat trauma.

In addition to the extensive NASPA, QPR, and SPR trainings that Project Wellness members receive, the organization has three committees from which members

BECAUSE OF THE STRONG CORRELATION BETWEEN PHYSICAL HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH, THE FITNESS COMMITTEE HELPS STUDENTS FEEL GOOD ABOUT THEMSELVES BOTH PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY.

can select to join that pertain to a certain aspect of mental health. Our Mental Health Committee conducts regular mental health workshops at the UNLV Wellness Zone throughout the semester, addressing critical topics such as depression, trauma, anxiety, and stress management. The Fitness Committee offers engaging workout sessions at the Student Recreation and Wellness Center (SRWC), encompassing activities like yoga, cardio, strength training, and more. Because of the strong correlation between physical health and mental health, the fitness committee helps students feel good about themselves both physically and mentally. Finally, our International and Transfer Student Committee assists students who come from other countries or states. We provide invaluable resources and guidance to help them navigate campus life, make connections, select classes in which to enroll, and ensure a smooth transition to UNLV.

Chapter Advisor Dr. Bubb, Mr. Nazareno, and the current Project Wellness President Jose Llanes, recently delivered a keynote speech on mental health at the AED (Alpha Epsilon Delta) National Convention and Conference in Dallas, TX. This was a remarkable opportunity to share our insights with pre-professional students from various universities nationwide.

Additionally, UNLV Project Wellness and student peers have gained the attention of Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy, President of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), who has asked us to write a story about our project endeavors for publication in an upcoming issue of the NWCCU's newsletter, TheBeacon. Dr. Ramaswamy also encouraged us to apply for one of the awards that NWCCU grants to colleges and universities demonstrating innovation and leadership beyond the classroom. Furthermore, Project Wellness has been invited to deliver a webinar on mental health at the NWCCU's next training seminar in Seattle.

In summary, the journey from a simple breakfast conversation to a nationwide impact on mental health has been nothing short of remarkable. The dedication to fostering a mentally healthy and supportive campus community at UNLV has yielded both local and national recognition. While we have accomplished much in a short amount of time, we realize that there is more work to do to address the mental health challenges UNLV students face.

Jose Llanes
Nevada Beta Chapter #116

AWARD WINNERS FROM THE 45TH NATIONAL BIENNIAL CONVENTION

Chapter Activities

Chapter Attendance



Region 1
Small Chapter - Pennsylvania Nu

Region 2
Small Chapter - Missouri Alpha
Large Chapter - Michigan Epsilon

Region 3
Small Chapter - 1st Place: Georgia Epsilon
Small Chapter - 2nd Place: Alabama Lambda
Large Chapter - 1st Place: Florida Alpha
Large Chapter - 2nd Place: Alabama Zeta

Region 4
Small Chapter - 1st Place: Texas Iota
Small Chapter - 2nd Place: Texas Pi
Large Chapter - 1st Place: Texas Epsilon
Large Chapter - 2nd Place: Texas Nu

Region 5
Large Chapter - Nevada Beta

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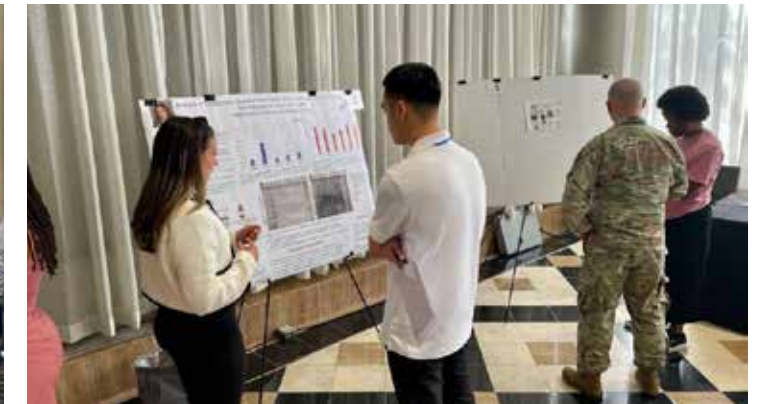
OVERALL
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1st Place, Chapter Activities Poster: Texas Epsilon Chapter
2nd Place, Chapter Activities Poster: Louisiana Beta



1st Place, Research Poster: Connor Holm, Alabama Zeta Chapter
2nd Place, Research Poster: Sara Pecorelli, Pennsylvania Nu Chapter



CONVENTION 2024



AED ANNOUNCEMENTS



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

In accordance with the standards of the Association of College Honor Societies, the minimum GPAs required for induction into Alpha Epsilon Delta will be 3.3, effective June 1, 2024.

3.3



A change in GPA requirement for new members of Alpha Epsilon Delta

The Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) has recommended that all certified member societies raise their grade point average (GPA) requirements for new members beginning in January of 2025. Alpha Epsilon Delta has been a certified member of ACHS since 1945,

and therefore must be in compliance with the recommended changes. In preparation for our upcoming review by ACHS, the board realized that our minimum GPA did not meet the ACHS standard of 3.3. To remain an approved honor society, the bylaws of ACHS stipulate that certified member societies that base eligibility of their members on scholarship, leadership and service must maintain a cumulative grade point average

of 3.3 in order to be eligible for induction into the honor society. At the 45th biennial convention held in Dallas from March 14-16, 2024, a resolution was made during the business meeting by delegates of AED chapters in attendance that a new minimum GPA of 3.3 for incoming new members go into effect on June 1, 2024. The resolution passed unanimously. It was also recommended that current pledges and/or affiliate members would be grandfathered into Alpha Epsilon Delta with the existing grade point average of 3.2.

By Robert Kearns, PhD, AED National Councilor

IMPORTANT DATE!



Deadline to submit the 2023-2024 Scholarship Applications is April 30, 2024.

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