

# GCP NEWS

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## New Year, New Exec...

The Gulf Coast Province Winter Conclave was held in Oxford, MS by Beta Rho. It was a time for our province's chapters to reunite as well as vote on a new executive committee. The current 2016-2017 officers include:

Satrap: Dr. Robert "Ross" Woods

Vice Satrap: Fernando Diggs

Secretary: Mallory White

Treasurer: Julianne Willis

Historian: Emily Hailstone

Chaplain: Kathryn Litten

Parliamentarian: Adam Harnden

Immediate Past Satrap: Dr. Grant McGuffey

Supervisor: Dr. Belma Muharemovic

Assistant Supervisor: Dr. Sanaz Farhadian



## Past Grand Regents Speak at GCP Conclave

Past Grand Regents, pictured (from left to right): Brian Reisetter, David Maszkiewicz, Dewey Garner, Executive Director Johnny Porter attended this year's GCP conclave in Oxford, MS as well as held a Q&A type session

They are all excited to continue to improve our province with the help of our fellow brothers!

### *Reports from the Executive Committee:*

#### **Satrap, Dr. Robert "Ross" Woods:**

Greetings brothers of the Gulf Coast Province. The previous couple of months since Winter Conclave have been short yet productive for both myself and the new province officers. Since conclave, my focus has been to establish committees and committee charges and to aid both Psi and Delta Eta in preparation for hosting summer and winter conclave. In regards to committees, both I and the province officers have restructured some of our committees and charges to aid in productivity and increase involvement within the province. Our province officers have established contact with these committees and are beginning our path to a productive year. In addition, Brother Diggs and I have been in close contact with both Psi and Delta Eta chapter contacts as each chapter prepares to host an upcoming conclave. Furthermore, the province officers have established a mechanism of contact where at least one province officer will contact each collegiate chapter each month. We have also begun posting minutes of our executive meetings for all brothers to view.

Over the next year, I believe that constant contact with our province chapters and sharing the progress of the province officers and committees will continue to help the Gulf Coast Province to improve. My focus over the next couple of months will be working with graduate and collegiate chapters to aid with graduate chapter membership and involvement. In conclusion, the past couple of months have been extremely productive, and I look forward to continuing to aid in the development of the province.

Fraternally,  
Ross Woods  
Gulf Coast Province Satrap

#### **Vice-Satrap, Fernando Diggs:**

Greetings brothers! Since this past Winter Conclave, the executive board has been working diligently to make you proud and live up to your lofty expectations. In my role as Vice Satrap, I have helped Satrap Ross Woods with getting volunteers placed on province committees; additionally, as a liaison to all province committees, I began reaching out to the chairs of each committee to assist them with reaching their goals and completing their charges for the next year.



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As the year passes, I hope to be a resource for all of the committees should they need me and any brother that may need a voice on the executive committee, while also assisting with the planning of the upcoming Summer and Winter Conclaves. I hope that you all are as excited to attend them as we are planning two great meetings. I hope to see you all in Memphis this June!

PTBYB,  
Fernando Diggs

### Secretary, Mallory White:

Since Winter Conclave I have been working to enhance disbursement of monthly EC conference call minutes to the province to keep everyone informed of the work we are doing. These have been and will be posted both to the province Facebook page as well as emailed out through the province ListServ. I have also been working to develop a template for taking minutes to help myself and future province Secretaries streamline this process.

We are also trying to keep a current list of all chapter officers and their contact information. As your chapters hold elections, please send updated officer information to [gulfcoastsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:gulfcoastsecretary@gmail.com). We will use this information for both general knowledge for EC as well as to contact each chapter prior to our monthly EC conference calls to get chapter updates and provide answers to any questions or issues chapters may be having on a continual basis.

### Treasurer, Julianne Willis:

I am so excited to be the treasurer of the Gulf Coast Province this year! I am working on developing a budget for the EC and our committees and will have that completed soon, along with filing the taxes for our province. My goal is to send out budgets for certain committees to use for things like philanthropy events and fundraising items. I have recently created a PayPal account for the province to use for various purposes in addition to our square account and store, which has been linked to the province website. We currently have our sweatshirts for sale in the online store, and if you have any questions you can always contact me by email, [gulfcoasttreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:gulfcoasttreasurer@gmail.com).

Fraternally,  
Julianne Willis

**Historian, Emily Hailstone:**

Greetings Brothers! It has been a busy few months since Winter Conclave in Oxford, MS. Since January, I have updated the province website, which included adding a link to the GCP store as well as develop the province newsletter that you are currently reading. Also, I am happy to report that all collegiate chapters submitted articles and photos for the Spring issue of the MASK, which I submitted March 1.

Currently, I, along with my publications committee members, are working to get our FB, Instagram, and twitter accounts more active. Some of our goals for this year include: making sure all collegiate chapters have a chapter website that is current and up to date, encouraging all chapters to have a chapter newsletter published at least annually, working with the graduate relations committee to increase graduate chapter MASK article submissions, and lastly, we are working on developing a monthly brother spotlight that will be featured on the website.

I look forward to continuing to work with each of you as your province Historian for the year! If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to e-mail ([gulfcoasthistorian@gmail.com](mailto:gulfcoasthistorian@gmail.com)) or FB message me.

PTBYB,  
Emily Hailstone

**Chaplain, Kathryn Litten:**

Hi my name is Kathryn Litten and I am your new GCP Chaplain. My goal for this year is to ensure that each chapter has the knowledge to conduct each of the Rituals correctly along with all having the proper Regalia to do so. I plan to conduct workshops to answer questions about how to execute each Ritual. I would also like to delve further into the history of the Rituals to increase understanding among chapters of their significance. I would also love to host a province-wide fundraiser to replace out of date regalia and help provide newer chapters with the resources to get new items as well! Since becoming inducted, I have issued a survey to each Chapter to get a feel of what gaps the Executive Branch can help fill in. Thank you for the opportunity to hold this position! Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have or interest in hosting a workshop. My e-mail is: [gulfcoastchaplain@gmail.com](mailto:gulfcoastchaplain@gmail.com)

**Parliamentarian, Adam Harnden:**

Brothers,

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your Parliamentarian for this year. I wanted to thank everyone who volunteered to serve on a Gulf Coast Province committee as we work to improve upon the foundations from previous years. The Legislative committee has started to prepare for Summer Conclave with some goals to accomplish at Summer Conclave. We would like to hold a brief session to discuss any proposed amendments to the Bylaws for the upcoming Winter Conclave. It is my hope that this will allow the province to have a better feel for any proposed changes and prepare the Legislative committee for recommendations during our Legislative session. In regards to risk management, I have been working on a formal means of documenting that each chapter has reviewed and signed when the chapter held its review sessions of the risk management policies. I look forward to continuing to serve as your Parliamentarian for the year, and I am just an email or phone call away if I can be of help to anyone. I look forward to seeing you all at Summer Conclave.

PTBYB,  
Adam Harnden

## *Chapter Reports from the Province:*

### **Psi:**

The success of any organization is directly correlated with the involvement of its members. Which is why I would like to congratulate and thank the brothers of the Psi Chapter who went the extra mile and decided to extend their service to the provincial level. These are brothers who would spend months planning an event, welcome everyone at the door, and not hesitate to stay after to help clean up. Our chapter would not have been the same without these members. I look forward to seeing the impact these representatives of the Psi Chapter will have on our province.

### **Pictured to the right:**

#### **Top Left:**

**Alan Ross**-Publications Committee

#### **Top Right:**

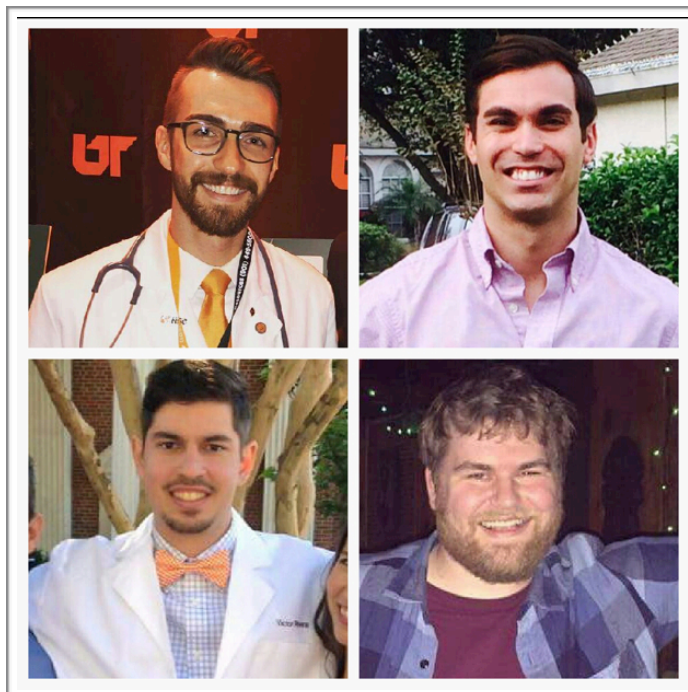
**Sean Jansen**-Risk Management/  
Legislative Committee

#### **Bottom Left:**

**Victor Rivera**-Collegiate Liaison  
for Province Assembly Planning  
Committee and the Finance/Audit/  
Fundraising Committee

#### **Bottom Right:**

**Peter Meissen**-Province  
Development/Graduate Relations  
Committee



### **Beta Rho:**

Now that Conclave has past and school has finally started, Beta Rho is working on several events for the upcoming semester. Recently, Ole Miss hosted an event called RebelThon benefiting For the Kids. Several Brothers participated in this event and helped Ole Miss in raising over \$100k. For philanthropy, we are working alongside the School of Pharmacy's Relay for Life team by participating in their second annual Taste of Relay event. As the reigning winner of ticket sales, Beta Rho is excited and prepared for this year's competition as well. Along with Kappa Epsilon and Phi Delta Chi, we are collectively hosting a themed swap to benefit philanthropies of each fraternity's choice. The swap will take place at the end of March. Our annual crawfish boil will take place in April and we are hoping to make this event the most successful it has ever been!

### Gamma Omega:

The Gamma Omega chapter brothers are in the process of strengthening the bond between our many wonderful pledges. Brother Waltin Zomaya has served in the past as our Formal Event Chair and currently serves as the Pledge Master and Chaplain. As Pledge Master, he is responsible for recruiting, planning and organizing all activities for pledges that will mold them into becoming great members of our Brotherhood.

**Gashen Humphrey:** What does Kappa Psi mean to you?

**Waltin Zomaya:** Kappa Psi, for me, has become synonymous with “opportunity”. Through it, I have seen parts of this world that I never would have seen; I have met people I never would have met. It has helped me strengthen the relationships with my brothers. It has also allowed for me to gain experience in our amazing profession and develop as a leader. I know, without doubt, Kappa Psi will continue to provide great opportunities for me throughout my life as it has already done.

-Gashen Humphrey



#### **Pictured to the Left:**

Brothers **Gashen Humphrey** and **Waltin Zomaya** take a break in between meetings at Gulf Coast Province Winter Conclave in Oxford, MS.

### Gamma Zeta:

Gamma Zeta recently initiated and welcomed twenty three new members into the chapter and we are very excited for the assets that each will bring to Kappa Psi! Elections will be held in March, and new and seasoned members alike are excited for the opportunity to step up and serve the chapter in leadership positions.

The annual Apothecary Ball is coming up in April, where brothers can take a break from school to dress up in old Hollywood style and enjoy an evening of dancing and games. Proceeds from the ball will benefit the Alzheimer’s Foundation Alabama Chapter. Service Chairs Maggie Daseler and Greg Lochamy organized many opportunities to give back at Brother Bryan Mission serving meals, having fellowship and offering health screenings to its residents. Additionally, brothers will be able to participate in the Walk for Autism this April as a philanthropy event. Also of note, Social Chair Millicent Wimpsett introduced an exciting new fundraising opportunity where pharmacy students can purchase an engraved brick that will be a part of the Alumni Walk at the new pharmacy school. Finally, we look forward to the End of the Year Banquet where we

can look back on the year's accomplishments, revisit good memories and enjoy the company of our brothers in a celebration of one more successful year in Gamma Zeta.

PTBYB,  
Maryfrances Brown

**Featured Below: The new initiates of Gamma Zeta:**



**Delta Eta:**

The Delta Eta chapter of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity has had a great and welcoming semester into this new year. Impacted by our own members and the community where we live, Delta Eta has continued to strive towards the four pillars. From hosting events to serving our community as volunteers, we entered 2016 as a strong brotherhood.

Some events that we have been a part of include: serving at our local animal shelter and getting involved with Xavier College of Pharmacy's partnership with VIMS mentor, which helps make connections between the pharmacy student mentors and their the VIMS mentors. Also, individual brothers have had accomplishments within the new semester. Two brothers participated in presenting their their cancer research while another became published.

Delta Eta plans on continuing to excel as being servants to our community and using our decision to be student pharmacist to help uplift others.



**Delta Gamma:**

Delta Gamma has been focusing on hosting events that will impact the lives of others. We have started a tutoring program with Auburn Early Education Center in Auburn, AL, which approximately 15 Kappa Psi brothers volunteer once per week for about an hour to help children with reading, writing, math, and other areas they seek help. I feel this is a huge stepping stone for Delta Gamma and Kappa Psi, because we are not only impacting our community through service to adults and related to pharmacy, but we are playing a vital role in children's lives by shaping them and encouraging them to invest time in their education. I feel that as pharmacy students and brothers of Kappa Psi this exemplifies our true dedication to our community. Also, I feel that our impact in children's lives at such an early age, can teach younger generations about hard work, service, passion, and also that they can trust healthcare providers to care about improving their lives from multiple different aspects. We are honored to work with children and make impressions on young minds early in life, and look forward to watching this program grow and continue to influence children in the community positively.

-Katherine King, Delta Gamma Historian

**Epsilon Kappa:**

This semester Epsilon Kappa celebrated six years of brotherhood on Belmont University's Campus. Locally founded on February 21, 2010, the brothers of Epsilon Kappa hosted our first annual Alumni Event in honor of our Founder's Day. The event, which had been in the works for almost a year, was held at SoulShine Pizzeria in Nashville, TN on February 21, 2016. Attended by brothers, pledges, family, and friends, we celebrated our success as a chapter and enjoyed a few hours of each other's company. We look forward to hosting more events like this one in the future, as it is always a pleasure to get to spend time with our brothers, especially those that came before us, and their families.

-Keri Putulowski, Epsilon Kappa Historian

**Pictured to the Left:**

Epsilon Kappa brothers, along with family and friends, gather to celebrate our local Founder's Day and first annual Alumni Event



**Epsilon Lambda:**

The brothers of Epsilon Lambda in Nashville, TN have been very busy! This January, as the temperatures began to drop, the brothers of the Epsilon Lambda grew concerned about Nashville's large homeless population. There had to be a way to provide some kind of warmth to those in need, so the brothers of Kappa Psi invited Lipscomb Pharmacy students, faculty and staff to a blanket making party. The response was overwhelming. Over 50 volunteers contributed materials and time to create large fleece blankets, which will provide comfort to many this winter.

While our brothers are so involved in the community and active in various groups and clubs, it can be difficult for students to work while in pharmacy school. The Epsilon Lambda chapter recognized this and was looking for a way to reduce the financial burden on their brothers and reward them for their time spent volunteering.

By establishing an endowed scholarship, the Lipscomb Pharmacy Kappa Psi chapter could provide a scholarship every year for a brother who spends their time to benefit others. To contribute to this scholarship, the brothers of Kappa Psi each donated services for a service auction. Services included a trip to a hockey game, cinnamon rolls every Monday for a month, a trip to the Nashville Escape Game, an adventure day of batting cages, go carts and hot wings, among many others. For an entire day, the College of Pharmacy bid on these items and in the end, the lucky winners with the highest bid won an amazing service and contributed to the future of Epsilon Lambda brothers. The 1st annual Service for Scholarships Service Auction raised over \$1100 and is bringing Kappa Psi one-step closer to their goal of supporting the hard work of our brothers.

Whether it is giving our time and energy to charity or improving morale in our school, the brothers of Epsilon Lambda lead our school in generosity and positivity. We had an amazing time at Winter Conclave meeting our fellow Gulf Coast Province brothers and we look forward to Summer Conclave!!!

-August Whipple, Epsilon Lambda Historian

**Pictured Below: Epsilon Lambda's Blanket making Party:**