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Charlie Thomas Leadership Challenge~ How to Apply By~Aleshea Schultz, National Member-at-Large

As an important part of the Phi Lambda Sigma mission, developing the awareness of the continuing need for leaders in the profession of pharmacy and promoting opportunities for leadership in the profession, the national office encourages each local chapter to participate in the Charlie Thomas Leadership Challenge.

Founded in 1965, through the creative imagination of Alabama Pharmacist Charlie Thomas, then a student at Auburn University School of Pharmacy, Phi Lambda Sigma celebrates many years of leadership recognition. Believing that leaders needed recognition for their contributions to our profession, the Alpha chapter of Auburn University was chartered in 1965 and thus began the tradition that is Phi Lambda Sigma today. The membership of the society is rich in leadership diversity and values the enduring support of the many friends, deans, advisors, faculty, alumni and student members. We are thankful to our founder for having the vision and dedication to leadership that allows us to recognize those individuals who have accepted the responsibility for leadership to this grand old profession... Pharmacy.

Through Charlie Thomas' dedication to the profession of pharmacy and leadership development, the Leadership Challenge was put into play.

The Phi Lambda Sigma Charles Thomas Leadership Challenge is an opportunity for Phi Lambda Sigma chapters to further the profession of pharmacy by promoting leadership and involvement. Each PLS chapter is encouraged to submit a proposal for a \$500 grant to carry out a proposed project that will accomplish the following objectives:

- Promote and encourage leadership
- Further the profession of pharmacy

The following guidelines must be followed while achieving the above said objectives.

- Any PLS chapter may apply for a Leadership Challenge grant.
- Only one project per chapter may be submitted.
- The deadline for entry (postmark) is **January 31st annually**. The original and 7 copies of the application should be sent to the PLS National. The Executive Director shall forward all copies to the members of the Awards Committee.
- Each section of this application is to be completed in full. Signature by the chapter president, chapter advisor and proposed chapter leadership challenge chair must be included on the final page of the application. Incomplete applications will not be included in the competition.
- A letter of support by the Dean of the school/college of pharmacy must accompany

the application.

-Each chapter should design a **poster** (not to exceed 2 feet by 3 feet) describing their proposed project. **Each poster will be displayed at the PLS Reception and House of Delegates held at the annual American Pharmaceutical Association meeting each year. Winners will be announced during the Awards Luncheon. Do not include your poster with your application.**

-At least one grant will be given yearly. The winner of each grant must complete the project prior to annual meeting following receipt of the Leadership Challenge Grant. The winners must present a poster no larger than 3ft by 5ft at the PLS House of Delegates in the year following receipt of the Leadership Challenge Grant. A delegate or designee of the chapter will also be expected to address the House of Delegates. -The project may not have been previously funded by the PLS Leadership Challenge Grant program. Questions about the Leadership Challenge may be answered by contacting the PLS National Office at 816-235-1738 or any PLS National Officer.

Congratulations to all Phi Lambda Sigma members elected to APhA-ASP regional offices!

"Leadership is not a place; It's a process!"
~Unknown

Beginning January 1, 2005, the fee for membership materials will increase to \$60.00. The decision to increase fees is always difficult, but the cost of doing business continues to rise and we want to make certain that we can continue quality service to our membership.

Chapter Spotlights By~Aleshea Schultz, National Member-at-Large

Get ideas from other PLS chapters!

Beta Chi (Medical University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy)

This past year was the second full year of this chapters existence. In 2002-2003 members of this chapter were awarded \$500.00 for their proposal of the Leadership Seminar Series. They also hosted their Second Annual Leadership Conference where over 100 students, residents, faculty, and practitioners across the state participated. This year the topic discussed was Time Management were Sherly Benzon, a nationally renowned speaker spoke. Also for the second year in a row, members of this chapter received the MUSC Gives Back Incentive Award of \$200.00. This chapter also received the Charlie Thomas Leadership Challenge award for the second year in a row, for their proposal of the Leadership and Advocacy elective course.

Beta Rho (Howard University School of Pharmacy)

Members of this Phi Lambda Sigma held a Leadership Seminar where students from this college, spoke to the students. Members also volunteered at the Howard University Hospital at the 4th Annual Health Exposition where they monitored patients vital signs and answered questions regarding their medications.

Alpha Rho (Purdue University)

Members of this Phi Lambda Sigma Chapter collected pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House as a service project. This chapter also hold monthly luncheons where they invite faculty members to speak about their pharmacy experiences and their plans for the future. They also, for the first time last year, sponsored a CPR certification Class for students that would be going on rotations in May. They feel that this was a great

success and plan on participating again next year. Members of this chapter also participated in the Spring Fling, a pharmacy school-wide function where the students and faculty can participate in games.

Alpha Psi (Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy)

Members of this chapter has created a mentor program in which current Phi Lambda Sigma members serve as mentors to all first-year professional students. This program was designed to bring the students of all three pharmacy classes closer together. This program also help the new pharmacy students feel more at home at southwestern. This chapter also has sold afghans, stationary, and personalized business cards to students at the college.

Please remember to submit your chapter reports to the national office and see your chapter in the spotlight!

A Call For Regional Liaisons 2005

PHI LAMBDA SIGMA Regional Liaison Application

An application form may be found of the national website at www.philambdasigma.org and may be used for use in expressing interest in serving as a Phi Lambda Sigma Regional Liaison. The Regional Liaison (RL) may be a alumni, faculty or student member. The RL will work with the President-elect to increase communications within the National organization. Possible duties may include serving as a part of the Web advisory committee, editorial group for the Laurel, reviewing awards

applications, attending local APhA-ASP Midyear Regional meetings, and helping charter new chapters in your area. No travel is required for this office. Responsibilities will be fulfilled through mail, telephone, and electronic media. The role of the RL is still developing and you can help us further define responsibilities for this office. Regional Liaison appointments are made annually by the Executive Committee. Please complete and submit to the Executive Director at the Phi Lambda Sigma National Office no later than January 31st annually. Forms should be typed. Com-

pleted forms may be faxed to the National Office at (816) 235-5190 or may be sent via an e-mail attachment (Microsoft Word format) to the following address: exec_director@philambdasigma.org.

So Please encourage all alums, student, and faculty members to apply for this regional position.

PLS National Awards

Phi Lambda Sigma-Glaxo Wellcome-AFPE Graduate Scholarship

American Foundation for
Pharmaceutical Education
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The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage outstanding Phi Lambda Sigma members to pursue the Ph.D. in a college of pharmacy graduate program. One (1) Phi Lambda Sigma-Glaxo Wellcome-AFPE First Year Graduate Scholarship at \$7,500 will be awarded. The \$7,500 may be used for any purpose decided by the awardee and faculty sponsor that will enable the student to have a successful program – e.g., student stipend, laboratory supplies, books, materials, travel, etc. related to the program of graduate study. None of the funds shall be used for indirect costs by the institution. An applicant must be in the final year of a pharmacy B.S. or Pharm.D. program, and be a member of Phi Lambda Sigma. U.S. citizenship or permanent resident status is required. Request application materials by contacting AFPE. (see above) The following information should be addressed to Mary Euler, Pharm.D., Executive Director, Phi Lambda Sigma Leadership Society, University of Missouri-Kansas City, 5005 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, MO 64110.

- Letters of recommendation from two college faculty members who are acquainted with the student and his/her potential for graduate study.
- Name of the graduate school that the student plans to attend (if known).
- A one or two page state-

ment by applicant elaborating reasons for wishing to attend graduate school.

- A list of special honors, awards and accomplishments in high school and college reflecting achievement and ability to succeed in graduate school. This information can be a vital part of the application.
- An official transcript of all collegiate grades and copies of GRE, SAT, and other national achievement test scores.

Applications for the scholarship are due by February 17th, 2004. The Phi Lambda Sigma awardee will be chosen by a three-member Selection Committee composed of the Executive Director and President of the Society and either the President or Chairman of the Board of Grants of AFPE. The recipient will be invited to attend an award ceremony during the Annual Meeting of the sponsoring Society held during the Annual Meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association (APhA) in March. Funding for successful applicants will be provided in two equal stipends on September 1 and September 1 and upon receipt of confirmation that the student is enrolled in a pharmacy college graduate program for the Ph.D. Enrollment in a pharmacy college graduate program for the Ph.D. must occur not later than 16 months after completion of his/her B.S. or Pharm.D. program.

Phi Lambda Sigma New Chapter Grant

Phi Lambda Sigma National Pharmacy Leadership Society is pleased to announce the New Chapter Incentive Grants for leadership. It is our mission "to foster and recognize leaders and to support leader-

ship commitment." In keeping with this mission, it is our desire to reward leadership in a newly established PLS chapter through provision of this grant. The nominee chapter should be one that has been chartered within the past year.

Criteria:

- Phi Lambda Sigma Chapter in good standing
- Only one nomination per chapter
- Project must involve at least 10% of the chapter.
- Project must benefit at least 20 people.
- Must turn in a nomination form found on the website at www.philambdasigma.org
- One letter of support by the Dean of the college/school of pharmacy.
- The chapter may only receive this award only once.
- Chapters are eligible for this grant in their first chartered year.
- Projects must be completed no later than 6 months after the award has been given.

Deadline: Applications will be accepted and funds will be distributed throughout the year. All grant recipients will be recognized at the House of Delegates at the PLS/APhA Annual Meeting. Send nominations to: Mary Euler, PharmD Executive Director, Phi Lambda Sigma 102 Katz Pharmacy Building 5005 Rockhill Road Kansas City, MO 64110-2499

The national office would like to encourage each chapter to apply for these Phi Lambda Sigma Awards!

"Leadership can be exercised by everyone on a daily basis when opportunities present themselves."

~Unknown

A hard copy of the New Chapter Guide will be mailed to each chapter advisor in the next two weeks.

PLS PRODUCTS

- ° PLS Long Sleeve T-shirt: \$20.00
 - ° PLS Short Sleeve T-Shirt: \$15.00
 - ° PLS Sweatshirt: \$25.00
 - ° PLS Hats: \$15.00
 - ° PLS Mugs: \$10.00
 - ° Graduation Cords: \$7.00
- Please place orders at anytime, the merchandise will be shipped within 2 weeks of receipt of orders.



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**FOR MORE INFORMATION,
PLEASE CONTACT THE PHI
LAMBDA SIGMA NATIONAL
OFFICE OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
THE PRODUCT LINE LINK**

Beginning January 1, 2005 a two-sided charm version (5/8") of our pin will be available for \$15.00. Please order using the product form order bank.

Contact the PLS National Office, if your local chapter would like a product sample package!

