Phi Delta Epsilon Medical Fraternity is proud to recognize our Beta Gamma chapter at the University of Kansas, School of Medicine as a 2013 Chapter of Excellence. This honor was bestowed during our International Convention on Saturday, February 22, 2014 in Las Vegas, NV.

The Award of Excellence was started in 2007 to recognize chapters who excel in all areas of Fraternity life and who promote positive change within their University and chapter.

Chapters must meet all Phi Delta Epsilon expectations: host a values-based recruitment, retain 95% of all members after graduation, raise a minimum of $1000 for their local Children’s Hospital, host regular meetings, social and educational events, as well as participate in community service projects. These chapters must also exceed expectations by developing their chapter and raising their member and chapter expectations to the highest level.

Medical chapters often struggle with time constraints for programming. Beta Gamma was creative with events to ensure students have opportunities that fit the needs of practicum and service mandates as well as ensuring their members receive a balanced week of study support and stress relief. They did this while increasing recruitment numbers and almost doubling the size of their chapter.

Hosting BBQs, trips to the local art museum, speakers on insurance in health care and residency training this chapter ensures they offered diverse programming. They also mentor a local high school and premedical chapters in the area.

Beta Gamma participated in many philanthropic events including Dance Marathon with the local premedical chapter, Children’s Miracle Jeans Day with heavy faculty and staff participation, and a March Madness bracket tournament raised over $4000 all together. This chapter coordinates clinical opportunities with local hospitals and the medical students connect with the University at large and physicians close-by. They are proactive in all areas of service, social and educational planning.

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