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Congratulations to Matt Saqueton, The 2015 Recipient of the John "Jack" F. Schlegel Award

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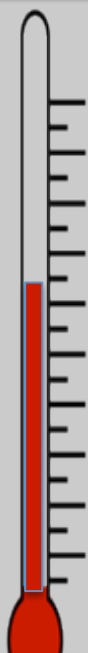
Matt Saqueton '15, is this year's recipient of the John "Jack" F. Schlegel Endowed Leadership Scholarship, awarded to a graduating senior with potential for exceptional leadership in the pharmacy profession after graduation. Having been selected by the Foundation Board amongst his well-qualified peers, Matt felt very humbled and said, "To be recognized for my leadership skills is truly an honor." Matt served as Social Chair, WMA, and WCC for Alpha Psi, and was also active on pharmacy campus as a Co-Chair for the Student Industry Association Committee.

Phi Delta Chi helped Matt to better and challenge himself, and Brothers and Alumni continue to inspire him. He credits not only the fraternity for developing his growth and prioritizing leadership development, but mentions his father as being "instrumental in the development of [his] leadership skills." Matt learned from his father early on the basics of "listening to those you lead to see what their current needs are" to more complex situations of "looking at an organization as a whole and projecting what future needs might exist based off of past patterns." These lessons have helped Matt develop his preferred leadership style as a facilitator role, where he incorporates a saying from Ronald Reagan: "trust but verify." He believes "giving team members the freedom to do things in their own way, while still making sure that 'their way' still meets the overall objectives of the team, empowers those members to greater heights."

While Matt has no immediate plans for the scholarship money, he jokes "using it for rent doesn't sound like a bad idea at the moment." When asked if he has any advice for developing leaders, he noted, "A person's passion will inspire that person to attack every day as an opportunity for self-improvement, and, to me, that is a hallmark quality of an effective leader." In the future, he plans to continue improving and challenging himself in new leadership roles, and hopes to get involved with the various Alpha Psi alumni networks that have inspired him.

Photo: Matt is pictured on the left along with APES&L Foundation CEO Jack Schlegel

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Congratulations to Jamie Encarnacion, The Charles Magnasco Endowed Memorial Scholarship

By Cynthia Liu

This year's recipient of the Charles Magnasco Endowed Memorial Scholarship is Jamie Encarnacion, '16. This award is presented to a new initiate who has displayed service and dedication to the chapter, and great effort and motivation towards studies, and Jamie has gone above and beyond these qualifications.

Shortly after being initiated into the fraternity, Jamie dove into the WVC position, and for a brief time, stepped into the WCC position. Jamie was very surprised about this award and was extremely honored to be recognized. She says it's "nice to know that [the brothers] feel I am contributing as much as they're contributing." In addition to her Alpha Psi duties, Jamie also held many leadership roles on campus. She was the VP of Internal Affairs and mentorship committee coordinator for AMCP, a POYSE mentor, and an interview coordinator for the Office of Admissions. Her responsibilities on campus and within the chapter have helped her master the art of professionalism. The positions she held consisted of interacting with not only students of her age, but also faculty and other health care professionals. Because many of these positions went hand in hand with other people's responsibilities, she learned how to use her own strengths in a group setting and to "use other people's strengths if they have something [she's] lacking" to ultimately create the best results.

Balancing academics and extracurricular activities weren't easy but Jamie found that by prioritizing, she was able to get everything done. During her times of hardships, Jamie turned to the exec committee and a lot of the current third years, like Matt Saqueton, Anthony Sinconis, and Alex Van Zuiden, for advice. She encourages everyone to step out of his or her comfort zones and to "stop holding back and find something that you really enjoy and really get into it. If there's anytime to put yourself out there and not be afraid to fail, it would be during pharmacy school." Jamie thanks the alumni for the numerous scholarship opportunities, and says it "tightens our bond because it makes us think who's out there doing this for the fraternity and is motivation to always do [our] best." Jamie will continue to stay active during her third year and is looking forward to what the next year will bring.



Photo: Jamie (left) is pictured above with active brother Michelle Ito.

Facts About the Foundation

We currently fund 8 Pharmacy Scholarships, including 2 Endowed Scholarships.

The first pharmacy school class to have all graduates donate was 2014.

The APES&L foundation started as an idea from a small group of alumni brothers **10 years ago** at the Alpha Psi 50th Anniversary celebration. These brothers wanted a lasting vehicle that would provide support to future pharmacists.

The Foundation is exploring new programs to help our active and alumni brothers develop their leadership skills. Stay posted for more updates.