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BETA CHAPTER

ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT 2008
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Greetings Fellow SSP Members,

2007-2008 was a very successful year for SSP at DMU. Our three main events had huge turnouts from both the first and second year classes. The residency forum in the fall was very educational for all second year students preparing for boards and looking forward to their rotations and beyond. The Cancer Conference was held on campus in March and brought in specialists from all over the country to discuss the pressing issues and new breakthroughs in cancer research. The Specialty forum was held at the end of March and exposed students to the most popular ten different specialties as voted on by the student body.

March was also the time of the Spring membership drive in which 25 members of the 2011 class were selected. Shortly thereafter, officers and new committee chairs were also selected. Officer and committee chair transitions were held through out April and May and were quite successful.

The fall semester began with the membership drive, the peer tutor program, La Clinica, and fundraising committees getting started right away. The membership committee selected 26 new members from the 2011 class to join the 25 existing members for a total of 51. It proves to be another exemplary class of some of DMU's finest. The peer tutor program, under some newer guidelines, now facilitates pairing 1st and 2nd years of similar study styles together. It appears to be running more efficiently thus far, allowing first year students find the help they need to be successful right out of the gate, and second year students do not feel spread too thin. La Clinica is a local free medical clinic provided for the underserved and manned by attending physicians and DMU students. The list for volunteering is already full for the entire fall semester and most likely will be full in the spring as well. The fundraising committee has already begun selling their Physical Diagnosis Pocket Reference Guide for rotations to first, second, and third year students. The guide was approved by the professors in our Physical Diagnosis and Family Practice Department to ensure accuracy of information. Several of our other committees are also up and running as they begin to plan the big events again this year, trying to improve upon last year's success.

Our initiation date for the 2011 class was on October 17th at Palmer's Deli in Urbandale, IA. It proved to be a wonderful evening and friends and family enjoyed the ritual of initiation into SSP of their loved ones. Dr. Kyla Carney, Beta Chapter faculty advisor, gave a thoughtful and touching address to the new inductees.

As the year progresses, we look forward to continuing our fine traditions and will continue to keep the Sigma Sigma Phi mission in mind as we strive to further improve our scholastic standing and the degree of fellowship among our colleagues here at Des Moines University.

Current Executive Board:

President:	Nicholas J. Daniel
Vice-President:	Matthew Roehrs
Treasurer:	Alicia DelRosso
Secretary:	Adam Gehrt
Historian:	Rena Lohr

Membership:

Class of 2011: 51 members

Class of 2010: 50 members

Class of 2009: 51 members

Total: 152 active members

Financial Statement:

As of October 23, 2008, our account balance stands at \$6450.19

Best Regards,

Nicholas J. Daniel, MS II
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Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine