

# Phi Delta Chi

## Dedication

Traditionally, the Alpha Theta Chapter honors one individual who has truly acted in a manner personifying the spirit of Phi Delta Chi. This year however, we have two individuals. These two prominent members of our Fraternity are Dr. Jeffrey Fudin and Matthew Manchester.

Dr. Jeffrey Fudin is a true inspiration to our profession. Dr. Fudin worked at the VAMC as a clinical pharmacist, where he served as a specialist for the oncology ward. His actions led to the exposure of corruption at the hospital, and he dared to reveal an unethical dissemination of patient care services. Patients being studied for alternative treatment regimens were subjected to treatment that was not indicated according to the hospital's Institutional Review Board (IRB)'s approved protocol. For instance, colon cancer patients were being placed on 5-fluorouracil (5-FU) combined with leucovorin in a single ambulatory infusion device. The doses of intravenous leucovorin were so high that there were physical incompatibilities between the two drugs. Several patients' central line catheters clotted because of the incompatibility. Many of the patients had to go back to surgery for central line replacements. Other inappropriate behaviors were also occurring at the hospital. Dr. Fudin risked his reputation and career to stick up for veteran's rights and be the whistleblower on such inappropriate operations. He faced retaliation by his colleagues and was charged with patient abuse and failure to dispense medications. He was exonerated of the malicious charges by a peer review board. The physicians involved in the matter face charges of manslaughter and have been terminated from their positions at the VAMC. Since then, the community has acknowledged his forthright intentions. He served as the Grand Marshal in the Memorial Day Parade. His commitment to patients is a reminder of the ideals stated in the Code of Ethics of a Pharmacist. Thanks to Dr. Fudin's persistence, justice was served for our country, and patient's rights were respected. Dr. Fudin is an extraordinary alumni of Phi Delta Chi and his altruism is something that each Phi Delta Chi should strive for.

