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Chapter Development Through the Implementation of a Student Leadership Intern Position

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Abstract Summary:

Student Leadership Interns serve as student representatives to the Delta Xi chapter of STTI at Kent State University. Interns participated in chapter board meetings, assisted with events, and implemented a project to further chapter goals. Interns helped to increase student membership by providing information about STTI from the student perspective.

Learning Activity:

LEARNING OBJECTIVES	EXPANDED CONTENT OUTLINE
Describe the role of the Student Leadership Intern	Student leadership interns work to increase student membership and involvement in chapters. They provide a student's perspective on membership issues and events. Student Leadership Interns also assist chapter development by working closely with the chapter succession committee.
Discuss the benefits to a STTI chapter in having a Student Leadership Intern.	Chapters benefit by implementing a Student Leadership Intern position because this role can work to increase student members, assist in maintaining student members after graduation, give a student's perspective on events, activities, and issues affecting members. Chapters can also benefit by assisting their interns to create a project to further the chapters goals.

Abstract Text:

Student internship in the Delta Xi chapter of Sigma Theta Tau (STTI) addresses goals of developing member leadership and service. The position is open to undergraduate or graduate students who are members of Delta Xi. Applicants are selected by the Chapter Board of Directors based on submission of an essay, curriculum vitae, and two letters of reference. For the 2015-2016 academic year, Delta Xi selected two Student Leadership Interns to work as a pair to complete the responsibilities of an student intern. Interns receive a \$500 scholarship in addition to costs associated with attendance at the STTI Biennial Convention or Leadership Institute. Students Interns can also participate in chapter activities by assisting committees in planning events such as Induction. Interns actively participate in chapter activities, especially those related to member recruitment, attend board meetings, and implement a project that serves to further the chapter's goals. Activities of the 2015-16 student interns included planning and providing informational sessions for prospective members, as well as developing and implementing a project that aligned with the goals of STTI. This year's interns project was to sponsor a Nursing Mobile Library through the International Council of Nurses. Each library is filled with new nursing books sent to nurses and nursing students working in rural clinics, health centers, and refugee camps in Africa with the goal of assisting the chapter to meet their global initiative. Student Interns have the ability to choose their own project and is then assisted by the executive board in the implementation. The outcome has been an increase in the number of student members inducted in the chapter and hosted multiple membership events focusing on students' interests. In conclusion, student STTI interns serve a major role in developing a connection with the student population and encouraging professional development of student members in STTI.