

Pitt Capsule

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Welcome, Pitt Pharmacy Class of 2024!

The APhA-ASP Publication Committee publishes the Pitt Capsule, a monthly and school-wide newsletter, to inform you about our professional organizations and upcoming events within the School of Pharmacy.

Each organization offers a multitude of opportunities for each of our student pharmacists, so be sure to check them out and see what captures your interest! There will be several opportunities to meet organization members, such as during orientation and General Body Meetings (GBMs).

Although this is an uncertain time due to COVID-19 and the accompanying issues, Pitt Pharmacy and APhA-ASP will be doing our best to make your first-year experience as fulfilling as possible. If you have any questions about any of the clubs, do not hesitate to email any of us listed on the last page of this edition. We will connect you to any club of your interest to give further information on when and how each meeting will take place. Most importantly, we hope you enjoy your first year of pharmacy school and we look forward to meeting you!



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AMCP: Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy
Author: Isabelle To (P3), Director of Communications

AMCP hopes everyone had a great summer and is back and ready for action. Last year, we held many amazing events like the annual P&T Competition, a residency panel with managed care residents from many of the local health plans, and several webinars hosted by some of the leaders in the pharmaceutical industry. This year we hope to build on our past successes and be better than ever!

In the coming year, we plan on having educational meetings to instruct on how formulary decisions are made, how monographs are written, and how to determine the value of high-priced drugs. Our big events will include the annual P&T Competition, a residency and rotation showcase featuring representatives from UPMC Health Plan, Highmark, United Healthcare, and possibly others, as well as webinars led by industry leaders. Additionally, once the drug for the P&T Competition is chosen, we hope to invite an expert on the disease state to teach us a little more about the condition and the current treatment landscape.

We want to bring more attention to the managed care aspect of pharmacy this year, so if you are at all interested in learning what managed care is, learning about new therapies coming to market, or looking at the big picture of healthcare spending, be sure to check us out!

ISPOR: International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research

Author: Chirayu Patel (P2), Vice President

ISPOR is a very new organization at Pitt Pharmacy that focuses on pharmacoeconomics and health outcomes research. This is a great club to get involved in for students who are interested in the business and industry side of pharmacy! Since we are a very new club, joining is not much of a time commitment.

Last year, we held guest speakers who talked about their professional journey from pharmacy school onwards and how they were able to get to their current industry or research jobs. We also did a lot of collaboration with both SIO at Pitt and the Duquesne chapter of ISPOR. We are definitely looking to expand the club to interest more people, so all ideas are welcome! This year, we hope to utilize virtual learning to hold the same events as last year, plus more with resume building, interview skills, and additional guest speakers. We are also looking for a p1 representative, so please reach out if interested!

APhA-ASP: American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists

Author: Abby Reigh (P3), Membership Vice President

Welcome to our new Pitt Pharmacy P1 students, and to all returning students, welcome back to another year! We hope you had a safe and refreshing summer. Although this year is not what we expected, we look forward to seeing all of you (in-person or virtually) throughout the semester.

We would first like to recognize the students, faculty, and staff at Pitt Pharmacy that have spent countless hours to plan this semester. Thank you to all who have dedicated their time and creativity to make this semester just as opportunity-filled as previous years while maintaining safe in-person practices.

The American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) is the umbrella organization within Pitt Pharmacy that provides students with many

ways to get involved. We have multiple committees, each with a different focus and various projects. These committees include: Patient Care, Policy and Advocacy, Membership, Interprofessional, Professional Development, Media/Communications, and International (IPSF). We are proud to provide many different opportunities for student pharmacists to get involved, and we believe that every student can find an area of interest within APhA-ASP. We offer our members many opportunities for professional development, including workshops and meetings that help improve their communication, leadership, and interview skills. Last year, our President-elect (now President) organized a “Unique Internships Presentation” where students were able to learn about a variety of internships from other Pitt Pharmacy students.

APhA-ASP also implemented a brand-new “House” system last year. Members of APhA-ASP were “sorted” into one of six different Houses, and could earn points for their House through their involvement in APhA-ASP and all other Pitt Pharmacy organizations. At the end of the year, the House with the most points won prizes for all its members. This initiative was a great success, and we look forward to continuing the House system. This year, we hope to utilize Houses to create a mentorship program. Members will be able to reach out to other House members for advice, questions, or anything else in a more relaxed setting.

We believe that all Pitt Pharmacy students will benefit from APhA-ASP membership! If you are interested in learning more about our organization, please join us for our first General Body Meeting on Wednesday, August 26th! More details about time and location will be provided closer to the beginning of the school year. Until then, enjoy the rest of your summer and STAY SAFE!



Students attended our House Prescribing (Sorting) Ceremony to determine their APhA-ASP House.

LKS: Lambda Kappa Sigma

Author: Grace Havens (P2), Corresponding Secretary

Welcome back to school everyone, and especially welcome to the new P1 class! Hoping that all of you have stayed safe and healthy during quarantine and continue to stay healthy as we are finally able to return to campus! As you start pharmacy school and begin to look at all of the organizations and opportunities that are available, be sure to check out Lambda Kappa Sigma (LKS). We are one of the professional pharmacy fraternities at the School of Pharmacy. LKS was founded in 1913, and there are 49 chapters nationwide. We have over 200 members in our Delta chapter who are always there to provide each other with guidance, sisterhood, and support as we all navigate pharmacy school.

While our annual Teal Tap fundraiser and HOPE WaLKS events sadly had to be cancelled in the second half of the past semester, we had a very successful Dr. Salk Hall, Black and Pink formal, and were able to distribute Kindness Cookies at the Pete during midterms. Shout out to the sisters who planned all of these amazing events and more! Our newly elected officers and other members will be working this year to plan some socially distanced events and fundraisers toward our philanthropy that we can all look forward to!

Our philanthropy includes Project HOPE, which aims to provide communities affected by disasters and crises by supplying them with health care services, medical equipment, and by training local workers. Our events that support Project HOPE are HOPE WaLKS, a 5k walk/run that takes place in the spring, and Dr. Salk Hall, where pharmacy and dental students get to show off their talents to their classmates and some faculty. This past year, the Dr. Salk Hall event raised over \$1100 for Project HOPE! Additionally, our annual Teal Tap fundraiser raises money for the NOCC, or the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition.

We can't wait to get back into the swing of things, and you can always stay up to date with the lovely ladies of LKS by following our instagram (@lks_delta_chapter).



Sisters of LKS are required to fulfill service hours each semester, which is so fun to do together. Pictured are some of our sisters volunteering at Family House, cooking dinner for families whose loved ones are being treated in local hospitals.

More of our sisters doing some volunteer work during Pitt Make a Difference Day (PMADD)!



CPNP: College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists

Author: Casey Gudenburr (P₃), Secretary / Membership

CPNP has been hard at work preparing for this upcoming school year and is planning several virtual events for the fall semester. Our first general board meeting (GBM) is scheduled to take place on September 2 via Zoom. We will kick off the fall semester with a series of mental health focused lectures, including Wellness and Mental Health Resources, Stress Management, and our third R U OK? Day. All events are scheduled to take place via Zoom.

Given the difficult times we are all enduring, CPNP hosted two virtual R U OK? events in July with the goal of reducing stress. For the first event, Natalie Fuga, a graduate of Pitt's School of Social Work and a current caseworker for Allegheny County Children, Youth, & Families discussed tips for online classes and self-care, mental health in relation to our "new normal," allyship for BIPOC, and sustainable habits to avoid burnout. The second event was "painting with a twist" where students and faculty learned how to draw a picture of the Cathedral of Learning. We are looking forward to offering R U OK? events throughout the school year.

CPNP will be hosting several other events aimed to raise awareness and reduce stigma associated with mental health and substance use disorders including an expert lecture series. Planned lectures include Talk Saves Lives, domestic violence, substance use, and virtual naloxone training. Additionally, we hope to offer Mental Health First Aid training in the fall. This training would provide students with the skills and knowledge to recognize and assist in various mental health crises.

CPNP is excited for the upcoming semester and opportunity to be part of your Pitt Pharmacy journey. We are looking forward to hosting our own events as well as participating in the events of other student organizations. We hope that you will join us.

CPFI: Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International

Author: Jeffrey Onyeador (P₃), President

Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International (CPFI) is a worldwide ministry of individuals working in all areas of pharmaceutical service and practice. Our mission is to serve Christ and the world through pharmacy. CPFI's core values are to provide Godly encouragement and fellowship among like-minded professionals, challenge and promote spiritual growth, encourage the advancement of knowledge and ethics in the practice of pharmacy, and encourage evangelism and the integration of faith into practice.

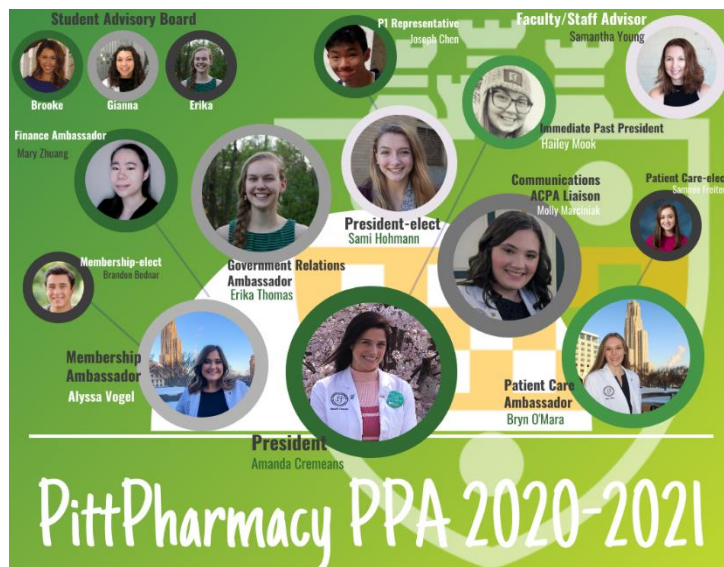
CPFI is excited for the new school year. We will be hosting our meetings mainly through zoom this fall semester with hopes of transitioning to in-person sessions if permissible by the spring. This year we will be connecting with fellow medical and dental students as we partner with Pitt's Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA) for several events! In addition, we have other serving and fellowship events planned for the year that we cannot wait to get started! The time and day of our meeting is still being discussed with our partner CMDA group, but we will keep interested members up to date through our emailing list and Facebook posts in respective groups. Finally, we are looking for a first-year pharmacy student representative this year to help CPFI continue to grow. If you have any questions, please email our President at Jeo39@pitt.edu.

PPA: Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association

Author: Molly Marciniak (P₂), Communications Liaison

Hello everyone and welcome back! Pitt Pharmacy's chapter of the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association is excited to start the new school year and to share everything we have planned for the upcoming year. Being a part of PPA allows us as students to have many opportunities to develop as a professional and advocate for pharmacy as a profession.

Shown in the graphic are the members of the 2020-2021 eBoard. We are so excited to share that this year we have three additional Pitt students on the Student Advisory Board at the state level to represent Pitt Pharmacy: Brooke Kulusich as Student Chair, Gianna Emmett as Corresponding Secretary, and Erika Thomas as Recording Secretary.



Who's who in PPA

This fall, we will be hosting a voter registration drive and other events as a part of Pharmacy Legislative Week in October. In addition, our Annual Conference is also in October, which will be newly virtual this year.

If you are interested in pharmacy policy or you would like to join an organization dedicated to your future profession, we would love to meet you. Becoming a member is easy, and you can remain a member of the organization after completing pharmacy school and beginning your career. If you would like to learn more about PPA and what we are doing this year, please reach out to any member of our eBoard!

SCCP: Student College of Clinical Pharmacy

Author: Lisa Cahill (P₃), Secretary

Hi everyone and welcome back! To the incoming P1s, welcome to Pitt Pharmacy! The Student College of Clinical Pharmacy (SCCP) is the student chapter of the national pharmacy organization, American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP). The mission of our chapter here at Pitt is to orient students to the practice of clinical pharmacy in the following ways:

- Providing information about careers and opportunities in clinical pharmacy
- Promoting dedication to excellence in patient care, research, and education
- Encouraging skill development needed to function in an interdisciplinary team
- Advocating the role of clinical pharmacists within healthcare

We hope that everyone has been staying healthy and safe. The last few months have been a difficult and challenging time for many. Because of this, we as an organization will need to think of new and innovative ideas to adjust to a (mostly) virtual environment. We are always open to new ideas and look forward to working with everyone this year! If you are interested in clinical pharmacy or would like to learn more about it, stay tuned for more information and events we have planned for this semester.

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PDC: Phi Delta Chi

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Howdy y'all! We are Phi Delta Chi, one of the professional pharmacy fraternities on campus. Everyday we live by our motto, *Alterum Alterius Auxilio Eget*, or "each needs the help of the other." It is a goal of ours to make sure that no brother gets left behind and that we always have each other's backs. While the word "fraternity" might raise some red flags for some of you, we would like to remind you that we are a professional fraternity that aims to advance the science of pharmacy, and foster and promote a fraternal spirit among our members. We aim to make pharmacy school a fun and rewarding experience through our professional collaborations and social bonds. Every year, we participate in many service events to raise money for our main philanthropy, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and to help our community. Last year's events included participation in the Dr. Salk Hall charity fundraiser, Global Links, and Adopt-a-Block. Most of our members also hold leadership positions or are members of other organizations in the pharmacy school, so while we may be one of the smaller Greek organizations, we like to have a big presence on campus.

We are also big fans of hosting events that bring the students of pharmacy school together to make these next four years even more enjoyable. Our biggest social event of the year is our annual formal with the lovely ladies of LKS. It is a night



Alumni networking event with graduated brothers



Most recent candidates to enter the chapter at their White Coat Ceremony

filled with some of the tastiest snacks and fire dance moves making it a night to remember. We have also been known to hold mixers with the PDC and LKS chapters of Duquesne. Even though our bigger events only happen a few times a year, you can always find our brothers hanging out every day. There isn't a single weekday that you won't find us eating lunch together, hanging out after classes, or participating in intramural sports together.

You're probably thinking to yourself by now, "Is there any way I can become a part of this fantastic organization?" Lucky for you, it is a simple process and I can tell you how. You must obtain a bid from the brothers of PDC in order to gain entry into our fraternity. To get a bid, you have to attend two of our four recruitment events. These events will be announced as the time comes closer, but as long as you are able to attend two of our events and show interest in our organization, you can get a bid! This is going to be an exciting year and whether you decide to join our organization or not, we look forward to meeting you all!

If you have any questions regarding the recruitment process or our organization in general, please don't hesitate to reach out to myself (tso4@pitt.edu), Ben Herrmann (bnh22@pitt.edu), or Thomas Rust (tjr62@pitt.edu). Feel free to follow our Instagram account as well @pdcmu to keep up to date with us.

PPIP: Pittsburgh Pharmacy Investment Portfolio

Author: Brooke Kulusich (P3), Director of COmmunications

The Pittsburgh Pharmacy Investment Portfolio (PPIP) is a student-run investment portfolio that focuses on securities with a high exposure to healthcare. The Pittsburgh Pharmacy Investment Portfolio was created with the idea that healthcare students will be the experts in recognizing the potential value that healthcare companies pose to the market and use this expertise to better understand how industry drivers influence changes in clinical practice.

Over the course of the fall semester, new members will develop their skills in researching companies and creating their own fantasy portfolio on Investopedia. Returning members will serve as a resource to answer questions about where to find company information and share their own investment strategies. No prior investment experience is necessary to join. At the end of the BIFL period, the students with top-earning portfolios will share their investment strategies and explain why they chose their investments before a panel of judges. Winners will be awarded a plaque and cash prize, which are decided based on the rationale of investments, rather than the financial outcome. This event is a great way to learn about peers' portfolio selections and network with faculty and industry leaders over hors d'oeuvres at the University Club.

In the spring semester, all PPIP analysts will have the opportunity to gain experience in using stock screeners to identify companies that meet our investment criteria. Then, analysts will choose 1-2 companies of interest to complete a thorough due diligence. All analysts will present their due diligence findings. As a group, we will vote on whether or not we should invest in the company. At the end of the semester, all of the investments will be executed as decided upon by the collective group. There are monthly reports available reporting the financial results of investments.

We look forward to meeting you all soon! Be sure to check out our website and current holdings at <https://www.pharmacyportfolio.com/>. Look out for details regarding our first GBM or email pittpharmacyportfolio@gmail.com with questions!

Rho Chi: Academic Honor Society in Pharmacy

Author: Gianna Emmett (P3), Historian

Happy August! The members of Rho Chi hope that you all have been staying safe and taking good care of yourselves over this unexpected summer. To the class of 2024, welcome to pharmacy school! Congratulations on



of your accomplishments that have brought you here and best of luck during your first year of pharmacy school.

The Rho Chi Society, the academic honor society of pharmacy school, is an organization that recognizes and supports excellence in scholarly achievement. During the previous spring semester, 22 students from the class of 2022 were inducted into Rho Chi. Students are invited into the organization by being in the top 20% of their class after the fall semester of their second professional year of pharmacy school.

One of the focuses of this organization is to help Pitt Pharmacy students excel academically by hosting review sessions for P1 and P2 students. A few members of Rho Chi, elected by the organization for their passion for teaching others, hold review sessions for multiple classes. Review sessions offer good opportunities to clarify new topics, refresh material before exams, or try practice questions. Furthermore, these sessions are flexible in content and tailored to the needs of the students. Rho Chi also offers one-on-one tutoring for students who may want a more personalized experience. Announcements for these sessions will be released periodically during the fall and spring semesters, so make sure to keep an eye out!

Besides focusing on improving academic achievement through review sessions, Rho Chi hosts other academically stimulating events throughout the year. For example, Rho Chi partners with Phi Lambda Sigma (PLS) to host the Young Professionals Lecture. This year, the lecture will occur virtually on September 30th. In the spring term, Rho Chi hosts the Annual Tucci-Koch Memorial Lecture. Reminders will be sent out closer to the dates of the lectures. We hope to see you there!

Proud to be part of an institution that supports students and professors participating in groundbreaking work outside of class, Rho Chi holds multiple events to highlight their research projects. The Posters, Professors, and Progress event showcases different professors' research for students who may be inclined to take up a Special Topics. There is also the Students, Special Topics, and Scholarly Work event, hosted in partnership with The Student College of Clinical Pharmacy (SCCP). This event showcases the projects that pharmacy students are involved in and allows their peers to learn more about them. Together, these events are a great opportunity for students to network with classmates and professors to find new opportunities in specific areas of interest.

Rho Chi also interacts with the community in the form of monthly health talks at the Salvation Army: Adult Rehabilitation Center in Southside. The health talks are a fun way to practice educating the community on different healthcare topics.

As the new academic year begins, the members of Rho Chi are excited to continue to create new opportunities to allow others to succeed. Please do not hesitate to reach out to a member of Rho Chi if you have any questions about the organization, any course material, or pharmacy school in general. Wishing everyone the best of luck and a healthy school year!

PLS: Phi Lambda Sigma

Author: Alina Liang (P₃), Secretary

Welcome, Class of 2024! Phi Lambda Sigma (PLS) is a national pharmacy leadership society that recognizes leaders within the pharmacy field and aims to foster leadership development. You may have already come across some of our members who have worked alongside you during orientation to create the PLS Mentor Presentation. Your PLS mentors are there to help you through your transition into the professional years of pharmacy school and serve as a great resource for any questions you may have!

In addition to our peer mentoring program, PLS actively collaborates with other organizations within the School of Pharmacy to host leadership and professional development events. In partnership with Rho Chi, we host an informative lecture each year that teaches students how to make the most out of networking opportunities and discover ways to advance in their profession through leadership. Additionally, PLS collaborates with APHA-ASP to host leadership retreats in the fall and spring semesters. These events bring together leaders from all classes and organizations to collaborate and plan unique events for the upcoming semester's Dean's Theme projects.

One of the largest upcoming events to look forward to is the PLS Charity Auction, which takes place during the spring semester. The auction benefits the Grace Lansam Fund, which provides pharmacy services at the Birmingham Free Clinic in South Side. The auction allows students and faculty to bid on exciting experiences and incredible prizes such as dinner with the dean, brewery tours, horseback riding, backyard barbeques, and even karaoke nights with our very own professors and faculty members!

We are looking forward to meeting you all at upcoming orientation and Back-to-School events in the fall. PLS is excited to encourage leadership development and provide valuable opportunities for student growth, both in-person and virtually, in response to the ongoing pandemic. We encourage you to consider applying for PLS membership in November!

SASP: Student Association of Specialty Pharmacy

Author: Victoria Miklus (P₃), Secretary

SASP would like to congratulate and welcome the class of 2024 to Pitt Pharmacy! To returning students, welcome back! We hope you all had an enjoyable summer.

The Student Association of Specialty Pharmacy (SASP) is a branch of the National Association of Specialty Pharmacy (NASP) and we are one of five active student chapters within the United States. Specialty pharmacy is a unique field and our goal is to enhance awareness about this growing field, rare diseases and orphan drugs. We hope that students become aware of the opportunities as well as the role that pharmacists play in specialty pharmacy. Through professional development, education, and networking, students can gain the exposure they need to prepare for a career in specialty pharmacy.

Although the pandemic has brought upon some bumps in the road, we look forward to planning some exciting events this upcoming year! In previous years, we brought in guest speakers, including pharmacists and pharmacy fellows, to speak about the field and the various opportunities within specialty pharmacy. We were also able to hold tours at local specialty pharmacies, including Panther Specialty and Valeda Health. Something new that we will be implementing this year within our organization is journal clubs, where students can come learn about a variety of the rare drugs that are seen within the specialty pharmacy setting.

We hope to not only see returning members, but also some new faces within our organization! If you are interested in joining, our first GBM will be held on Tuesday, September 29th at noon. Stay updated on our events by liking our Facebook page (Pitt Student Association of Specialty Pharmacy) and if you have any questions, feel free to email pittsasp@gmail.com.

SASP Pictured: Megan Karuzie (P4), Victoria Miklus (P3), Alyssa James (P3), Emma Jochem (P2), CeJae Scolese (P4), Madeline Mitchell (P4) and Casey Holliday (P3) with PantherRx Rare Pharmacy fellows Brittany Albert, PharmD and Marissa Puc, PharmD.



Kappa Psi brothers at the Spring 2020 Regional Assembly in Morgantown, WV

Kappa Psi

Author: Erika Thomas (P₃), Corresponding Secretary

Hi everyone, and welcome back to a new school year! This one is sure to be full of challenges, but we at Kappa Psi, Beta Kappa chapter have been hard at work all summer to adapt to the challenges of social distancing and online communication to establish experiences that will still be true to our Brotherhood. Kappa Psi is the largest professional pharmaceutical fraternity in the world, and in our chapter, we were proud to be 100 Brothers strong last school year! Kappa Psi strives to create bountiful opportunities for its members, academically and professionally, while also fostering meaningful friendships and connections.

Our local chapter participates in numerous events throughout the year, including, but not limited to, volunteering to make meals at Family House for families of those who are hospitalized for extended periods of time, fundraising for Reach Out and Read, our national philanthropy partner which promotes early childhood literacy in underserved communities, and, of course, social activities, such as our lineage dinner, our semi-formal Black and White Ball, and a haunted house outing. While these and our other events may look different this year, we will still strive to have a positive impact on our community and foster new and continued connections between our Brothers.

Kappa Psi has numerous active collegiate and graduate chapters across the US, Canada, and Bahamas, and there are plenty of opportunities to connect with active members through regional and international meetings. Our chapter has the distinct pleasure of hosting a regional meeting this spring where we will welcome hundreds of Brothers to network, hear updates from each other, and expand our knowledge and skills within the field of pharmacy.

Please stop by to say hello and learn more at the Back-to-School Event and our info session! You can follow us on Instagram @kappapsi_betakappa and Facebook @KappaPsiBetaKappa, or check out our website (<https://betakappa.wixsite.com/beta-kappa-kappa-psi>) for information about rush events and other updates throughout the year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at ert39@pitt.edu, our President Mike Mast at mam638@pitt.edu, or any other Brother! We look forward to meeting all of you and welcoming many of you into our ranks!



SIO members

SIO: Student Industry Organization

Author: Jules Lee (P2), Vice President of Communications

First and foremost, we would like to congratulate and welcome the incoming P1s to Pitt Pharmacy! The purpose of SIO is to help students build awareness of the opportunities for pharmacists in the pharmaceutical industry, to help students locate and apply for industry internship and fellowship opportunities, and to provide a connection between alumni and students. The range of career options a pharmacist has in the pharmaceutical industry is vast. Roles can vary from working in drug development, to analytics and data mining, to drug safety and quality control, to even more traditional, business-oriented responsibilities like marketing and sales.

SIO was founded by students, for the students, and our mission to help our members explore different types of pharmaceutical industry careers while still in pharmacy school is achieved in many ways. In the past, we hosted numerous professional networking events, Q&A panels with industry leaders and professionals, field trips to different industry sites, and more! Our annual Pharmaceutical Industry Symposium is our biggest event, which hosts distinguished speakers from various drug companies, fellowship programs, and Pitt Pharmacy alumni for our members to interact and network with. Our guests talk about their journeys to their current positions and share their expertise of the field with our members, which makes for a very valuable and fun experience for everyone.

In the light of the current COVID-19 Pandemic, we are planning virtual speakers from professionals in the industry, virtual networking opportunities, resume/CV/letter of intent workshops, and so much more! We invite anybody who is interested in learning more about industry or our organization to like our Facebook page “Student Industry Organization” by searching @SIOpitt and to follow our Instagram @SIOpitt for updates and more information! If you have any additional questions, also feel free to email studentindustryorg@gmail.com. Stay tuned on our social media for events and updates. We are looking forward to meeting you!

SNPhA: Student National Pharmaceutical Association

Author: Josephine Kim (P3), President



SNPhA Region I & II Conference at the University of Pittsburgh

Welcome to the Class of 2024, our SNPhA chapter is incredibly excited to meet you all! The Student National Pharmaceutical Association is an educational service association of pharmacy students who are concerned about the profession of pharmacy, healthcare issues, and the poor minority

representation in these areas. The purpose of SNPhA is to plan, organize, coordinate, and execute programs geared toward the improvement of the health, educational, and social environment of minority communities. The mission of SNPhA is to serve the underserved. SNPhA offers various opportunities to students such as networking, developing leadership and professional skills, educating the community about healthcare issues, and much more.

SNPhA currently has eight national initiatives which include Operation Immunization, Bridging the Gap, Legislative & Membership, Chronic Kidney Disease, Fighting Diabetes, Power to End Stroke, Remember the Ribbon (HIV/AIDS), and Mental Health. Each initiative is led by a student pharmacist leader who organizes events for graduate and undergraduate students who are on the pharmacy track. These programs include guest speakers, tabling events, service programs, walks for awareness, and more. SNPhA is one of two undergraduate pharmacy organizations on Pitt's campus. Our organization includes both undergraduate pre-pharmacy and graduate pharmacy students which makes us so unique. Students have the opportunity to get involved and hold leadership positions on our executive board whether they are pre-pharmacy or professional students. Our executive board is made up of both pre-pharmacy and professional students which allows for opportunities to build connections and network.

This past spring, the PittPharmacy's SNPhA chapter successfully hosted SNPhA's Region I & II Conference at the University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, PA from February 21-23, 2020 at the Sheraton Hotel. Our chapter hosted 330 participants from many different schools of pharmacy along with pharmacists across many different states. Student pharmacists were able to network, compete in the clinical skills competition, serve as delegates for their chapters, and attend guest speaker events, all while bridging the gap to success.

SNPhA has also held interprofessional events with other health professional students which include the medical school, dental school, public health, and engineers. We hosted our third annual Black History Cultural Showcase with the Student National Medical Association, Public Health Minority Student Organization, and National Society of Black Engineers. Through this, we were able to raise \$120 for a local Pittsburgh charity. Our guest speaker, Dr. Alaina James, is a Dermatologist who spoke at the BHCS to bring awareness to the importance of representation in medicine.

If you have any questions, please reach out to our executive board through our email (snpha.pitt@gmail.com) or through our Facebook (University of Pittsburgh SNPhA).



SNPhA members raised awareness by wearing orange ribbons for World COPD Day!

SSCP: Student Society of Cannabis Pharmacists

Author: Lex Casanova (P3), President



Not to be confused with SCCP - Student Clinical College of Pharmacy - SSCP is the newest student organization within the School of Pharmacy. Established in the spring of 2020, we aim to deconstruct the stigma surrounding Medical Marijuana usage and construct a reliable resource base for pharmacists. Approved to treat 21 medical conditions among hundreds of thousands of certified patients, cannabis is projected to reach \$1 billion in sales in the next three or four years as the number of dispensaries operating across Pennsylvania exceeds 100. Regardless of where you envision yourself post-graduation, you are likely to run into a patient inquiring about cannabis. By educating yourself, you will be equipped to advise and assist any curious patients.

Additionally, we must consider current world events and recognize how cannabis policy has historically been wielded as a tool of oppression. In distinguishing yourself as an advocate for cannabis reform, you are acknowledging racial and ethnic health disparities and doing your part as a healthcare provider to uplift the communities that have been disadvantaged by inequitable policy.

We plan to kick-off the semester with a strong de-stigmatization effort. Pharmacists will discuss their experiences as medical professionals who participate in the MMJ program. These four panelists will aid in encouraging pharmacy students (as well as University faculty and staff) to feel more comfortable exploring the role of pharmacists within the cannabis industry. Looking ahead, we will provide tools for understanding basic plant chemistry, advising on various dosage forms and strains, and interpreting your patients' (or your own) legal rights to possessing and consuming MMJ.

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SSHP: Student Society of Health System Pharmacists

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The Student Society of Health System Pharmacists (SSHP) is one of the largest student organizations in the School of Pharmacy, and our main mission is to provide students with the resources and opportunities to explore new roles in the health system sector of pharmacy. Members of this student organization will have the opportunity to learn about a broad range of careers within health system pharmacy including ambulatory care, critical care, clinical specialties, pharmacotherapy, and more! For students interested in pursuing postgraduate training, SSHP will provide you with valuable opportunities to best prepare for residency and equip you with a variety of resources to help you discover your pharmacy career aspirations!

Not only is being a part of SSHP a great way to learn about career options in health system pharmacy, but it also provides its members with workshops and events to develop valuable professional skills. From clinical skills competitions to professional project events, SSHP is a fantastic organization to be a part of as a student pharmacist. Of the many guest speaker events, one of the organization's largest is Residency 101. This event allows students to engage with a residency director to learn more about residency programs and the best ways to prepare for postgraduate training. Students even have the opportunity to engage with a panel of pharmacy residents from renowned health system institutions to learn more about programs, the interview process, and residency questions in general!

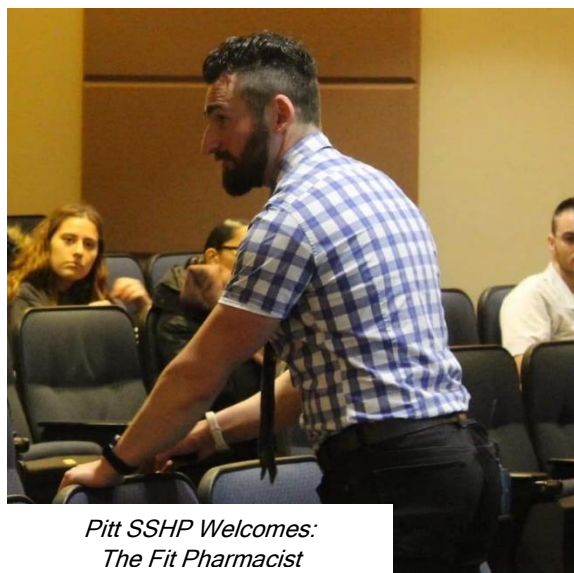
If you have a passion for a specific area of interest, you may be interested in being involved with one of SSHP's professional projects! This year, you can choose to take part in one or several of our unique professional projects including: Antibiotic Stewardship Awareness, Poison Prevention, Contraception, Organ Donation, and Men's Health.

SSHP encourages active student involvement, and there are a multitude of interactive and exciting events to be a part of throughout the school year! Each year, SSHP holds the Clinical Skills Competition, an event that truly puts your clinical knowledge to the test. Students will have the opportunity to collaborate on a clinical case and justify their plan to a panel of judges. The winner is selected to compete at the ASHP Midyear Conference, one of the largest gatherings of pharmacists in the nation!

This year, ASHP is offering free national membership to P1 students! This is a \$54 value for the year and opens access to numerous educational resources and training opportunities. In conjunction with Pitt SSHP membership, members could become involved on the local, state, and national level as early as P1 year! With the ongoing pandemic, SSHP is in the process of planning a variety of virtual events for professional and academic development and are excited to share them with our members. We are looking forward to welcoming you all to SSHP this upcoming year!



Back to School Picnic



*Pitt SSHP Welcomes:
The Fit Pharmacist*

ASCP: American Society of Consultant Pharmacists

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ASCP is excited to welcome back current members and meet potential new members! If you are interested in pharmacy consulting services or working with the geriatric population, ASCP may be the right organization for you! ASCP aims to educate and disseminate resources to older adults and their caregivers to ensure safe medication use among the older adult population.

ASCP has hosted many impactful events this past school year, one of which was the Walk to End Alzheimer's event. We had a wonderful time going out to support such a great cause and had so much fun walking with the Duquesne chapter of ASCP! We were able to fundraise over \$500 to go towards life-saving research, supportive networks, and education for those afflicted with Alzheimer's and their caregivers.

In addition to the Walk to End Alzheimer's event, the MLK Day of Service was a great opportunity to give back to the local community. We were able to make a big difference this past spring at the Longwood Retirement Community by tabling and speaking with over 90 local seniors about a plethora of important health topics such as medication adherence, safe medication disposal, fall prevention, and heart disease. We were able to not only educate these older adults but provide them with the tools to take control of their own health!

This year, ASCP will continue to host traditional events from previous years (Walk to End Alzheimer's, MLK Day of Service, Fidget Blanket Making) while also welcoming new ideas to reinvent and keep our organization on the forefront of geriatric care. Look for ASCP at the Back-To-School Picnic as we are so excited to meet you! We look forward to another great year and have so many fun events in the works! Mark your calendars for the Walk to End Alzheimer's event on September 19th!



ASCP student pharmacists at Longwood Retirement Community - MLK Day of Service Health Fair



Pitt and Duquesne Chapters of ASCP at this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's Event



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