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# American Pharmacist Association

## Conferences:

The American Pharmacists Association (APhA) holds its national annual meeting every spring. During this meeting, the American Pharmacists Association – Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) hosts opportunities for student pharmacists to come learn about leadership, career opportunities, patient safety, and policy forums. This year the annual meeting was held in Seattle, Washington and the Western New England College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (WNE CoPHS) chapter of APhA-ASP had 7 student pharmacists travel to the meeting to represent WNE CoPHS.



## Fundraising:

We help fundraisers in the Spring semester so we can continue to fund our student pharmacist to continue to grow student pharmacists and connect with other chapters by attending these conferences as well hosting patient care events. We completed a candy-gram fundraiser in the beginning of February where students, faculty, and staff could purchase a candy-gram to be delivered on Valentine's Day. The candy-gram fundraiser was co-hosted with our Operation Diabetes to help spread information about diabetes. The candy-grams were sugar-free lollipops and personalized messages had facts regarding diabetes on one side. We also held a fundraiser where we sold magnetic name badges for student pharmacists as well as magnetizing existing name badges. In addition, we sold copies of the Peripheral Brain for students to have as a resource on both IPPE and APPE rotations and help a fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse after the CoPHS awards ceremony.



### Developing clinical skills:

We also encouraged developing counseling skills for WNE CoPHS student pharmacists. We continued to hold open mock counseling sessions that was open to all student pharmacists not just APhA-ASP members. Additionally, WNE CoPHS was represented at the National Patient Counseling Competition by final year student pharmacist, Leah Weiss. She competed in the first round of the national competition which took place at the APhA annual meeting. The top 10 winners of the Fall local patient counseling competition were also honored at the CoPHS Awards ceremony.

We also started a new program to help further develop clinical skill that is based on over the counter medications. Our Operation OTC Medication Safety collaborated with ACCP-SCCP to hold a monthly, quiz-bowl style competition that was open to all students of CoPHS where student pharmacists competed to win points throughout the semester. This year



we were happy to award our inaugural winner, Collin Jerard, with a self-care quiz bowl trophy at the annual CoPHS Awards ceremony.

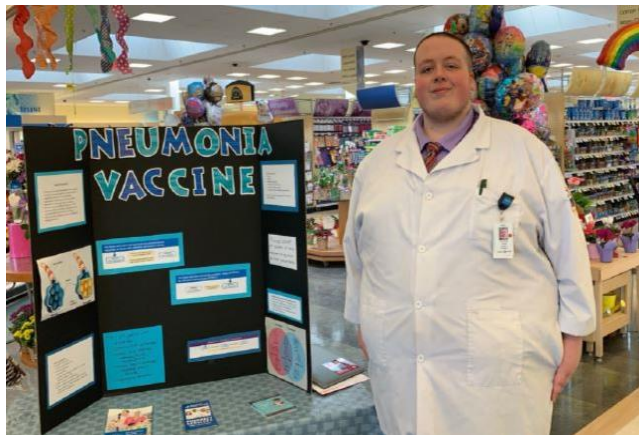
### February:

APhA-ASP began our semester with an event from Operation Heart who hosted a Go Red for Women's Health, where they encouraged all students of CoPHS to wear red on February 1<sup>st</sup> to help bring awareness for Women's Health. Operation Heart continued celebrating American Heart Month by hosting a Tai Chi event. Students were invited to come to the model pharmacy and learn introductory Tai Chi from Dr. Shannon Kinney. Operation Heart also collaborated with ACCP-SCCP in holding a Cardiac Jeopardy event. For Cardiac Jeopardy,





students came together and competed in teams to answer questions regarding heart health from pathophysiology to evidence-based therapy recommendations. APhA-ASP continued to host educational events for student pharmacists with Operation OTC Medication Safety hosting the first round of a semester long Self-Care quiz bowl in collaboration with ACCP-SCCP.



Generation RX also hosted an event at Stop and Shop in Springfield, MA, where student pharmacists educated the community about the safe disposal of unused and expired drugs throughout the surrounding communities. They also provided information about how to dispose of medications using household items such as coffee grounds, as well as having information about devices that are available at local pharmacies to safely and effectively destroy unused/expired medications.

### March:

In March Operation Immunization held vaccine clinics at various pharmacies around Springfield. Student pharmacists educated the public about the indications and importance of the pneumococcal vaccine. Generation RX held another safe medication disposal session at Genoa in Enfield, CT. APhA-ASP continued our patient-care outreach over Spring Break with Operation Heart who held a blood pressure screening at Baystate Medical Center in collaboration with SSHP and Operation OTC Medication Safety who went to an elementary school in Westhampton to educate 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders about the importance of proper ways to measure liquid medications as well as the dangers of poison/medication looking like candy. Operation OTC Medication Safety also hosted another round of the Self-Care quiz bowl in collaboration with ACCP-SCCP.



### April:

In April the operations of APhA-ASP worked together to hold educational tables at both the annual CoPHS Health Fair and the campus Out of the Darkness walk. At the Health Fair, Operation Heart had information on heart healthy eating habits, Operation Diabetes showed how much sugar was in various foods and drinks, and Operation Immunization educated on the importance of the HPV vaccination. At the Out of the Darkness walk, APhA-ASP had a team of student pharmacists walking to show support as well as hosting tables before the walk. Before the walk, APhA-ASP held a table giving out memory beads for walkers to show how their personal lives have been affected by depression and suicide. We also offered face painting and educational information about diabetes, poison/medication vs candy, and heart healthy habits.

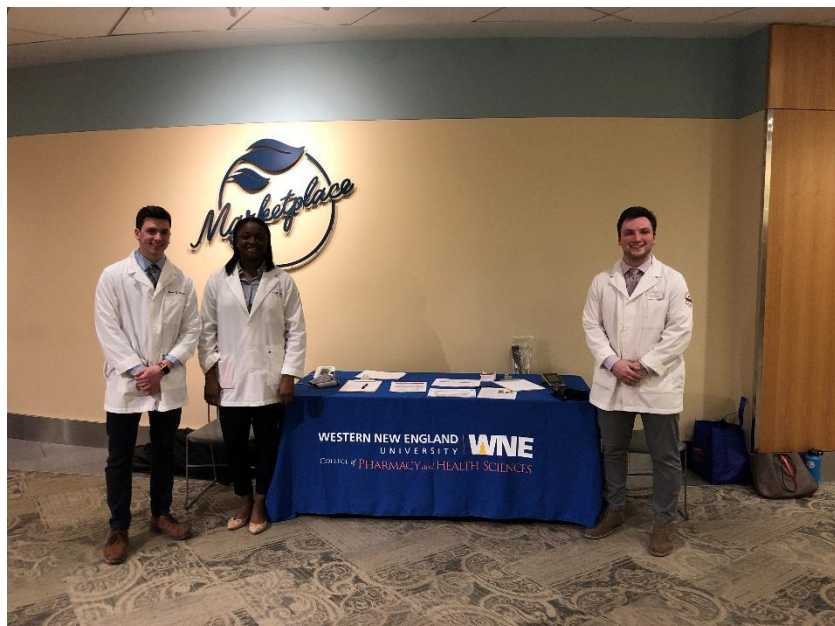


## Student Society of Health System Pharmacists

On February 19<sup>th</sup> SSHP held a meet and greet event for the pre-pharmacy students at Western New England University. During the event we opened the floor for students to ask members of our E-Board any questions or concerns they may have about pharmacy school. Pizza was provided for the event and there was approximately 25 students in attendance.

On March 19<sup>th</sup> SSHP held an educational table at Baystate Medical Center in collaboration with APhA's Operation Heart to take blood pressures for those being discharged. The event took place in the Daly Lobby from 10-12pm. The event had an outreach of more than 20 participants.

Throughout the week of March 18<sup>th</sup> (Spring break) our SSHP chapter attended three different East Longmeadow Elementary schools. During the event we provided the students with education on the dangers of smoking and E-cigarettes. The event was organized by Tar Wars Chair Thanh Mai.



SSHP is planning on hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> annual SSHP Health Fair during Western New England's accepted student's day on Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> 2019. Over 10 of the organizations within the college of pharmacy were in attendance hosing tables on 13 different topics including osteoporosis and over the counter medication safety. The event was organized by health fair co-chair Elizabeth Meilnicki and Nicole Covill.

SSHP registered a team for the annual "Out of Darkness Walk"

on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, we table sat at the event to provide information to the walkers about hypertension and heart healthy diet.

On April 19<sup>th</sup> SSHP finalized our election for the next years E-Board.

President: Marie Noelle Bate Baiyee  
Vice President/President Elect: Briana O'Connell  
Secretary: Elizabeth Mielnicki  
Treasurer: Nicole Covill

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> SSHP teamed up with PLS to bring guest speaker Dr. Geena Eglin in to provide insight about her experiences with apply for residency and how she landed her position as Baystate Medical Center's PGY1 Community Resident.

Best,  
Alice Thomasson  
President, WNE chapter SSHP

## Industry Pharmacist Organization

The Industry Pharmacists Organization (IPhO) is the only exclusive professional organization for industry pharmacists. IPhO believes that pharmacists' scientific training, medication expertise, clinical acumen, patient focus, and experience as healthcare providers make us ideally suited for a career in the pharmaceutical industry. Pharmacists are playing a key



role in Development, Medical, and Commercial organizations and are making valuable contributions to drug development and optimal medication utilization each and every day. Our chapter activities have sought to raise awareness of the value of pharmacists' skills in these roles in addition to providing students with professional development resources, networking opportunities, and access to employment opportunities in the industry. The following is a description of IPhO activities for Spring 2019:

- 2/19 – IPhO held a general student body meeting open to all WNE COPHS students where we described our chapter's plans for the Spring semester as well as to stimulate and gauge student interest in the IPhO case competition during the next academic year.



- 3/8 – IPhO hosted a visit from Janine Fournier, PharmD, Senior Medical Science Liaison (MSL) for Novo Nordisk, where she educated students on the role of an MSL. During this visit, Dr. Fournier shared her career experiences with students explaining her transition from a clinical pharmacy resident, to an adjunct instructor at a college of pharmacy, and finally to her current role as an MSL. Specifically, she was able to expose students who have interest in clinical pharmacy residencies to how their career pathways can take many routes. This event was open to all WNE COPHS students.
- 4/13 – Several members of our IPhO student chapter attended an IPhO networking event hosted by the MCPHS-Boston IPhO student chapter. The theme for this event was “Emerging World of Industry Pharmacists: Gene Therapy” and several speakers educated students on several of the roles for pharmacists in bringing these innovative therapies to patients (e.g. R&D and clinical trial management). Students were also able to network and learn from pharmacy student colleagues and current fellows in the MCPHS fellowship network.
- 4/14 – Several members of our IPhO student chapter participated in the Out of the Darkness walk, where we presented a poster to educate and raise awareness on depression.
- 4/26 – IPhO hosted a visit from Nina Johnson, PY4 and incoming Global Pharmacovigilance & Epidemiology fellow at Rutgers/Bristol-Myers Squibb, where she



shared her experiences at midyear and provided students with tips on how to prepare for the midyear interview process, which is required to obtain most fellowships in industry. This event was open to all WNE COPHS students.

- 4/30 – IPhO held a general student body meeting open to all WNE COPHS to assemble a team and discuss plans for participating in the IPhO case competition in the next academic year. Despite not achieving our goal of participating in the competition this year, we plan to prepare for this competition over the summer in order to ensure that we have a strong submission next year.

## Student National Pharmaceutical Association

This semester SNPhA focused on one of our initiatives, Mental Health. We had several of our members participate in the Out of the Darkness Walk on our campus. We raised \$380 dollars for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. In addition, we had Sean Burke from the Career Development department on campus speak to students about LinkedIn. This was a very informative session and everyone who attended felt it was very helpful.

## American Institute of the History of Pharmacy Student Association

At the start of the spring semester, the AIHPSA executive board met to set goals for the upcoming semester. The location of the spring trip was finalized and the two movies were selected for the two planned movie nights. Discussions about possible locations for the next flea market trip was started. The first event planned for the semester was a movie night.

This first movie night took place on February 5<sup>th</sup> and featured the movie “Murphy’s Romance” starring Sally Fields and James Garner. The movie was about a single mother who moves into a new town with her teenage son. She struggles to find her way in a new town and with a new business, but along the way, she falls for the town pharmacist (James Garner), a pillar in his community.

Also at the start of the spring semester, the Collections Committee began its service work by holding work evenings at which two to three students would work for two to three hours on designing, creating, and labelling new pharmacy antique and collectible displays. Both table displays were changed, and new items were added to the existing displays within the wooden stand-up cases. A

method to lock the narrow corner cases was created, and one of those cases were filled. The display in CSP 432 was modified and properly labelled. Finally, when the new cabinet came in and was placed in



the hallway on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor during spring break, the committee again designed a new display and placed it in the cabinet.

On February 8<sup>th</sup>, AIHPSA held its first general meeting of the semester. The goal of the meeting was to discuss offered events that will take place throughout the remainder of the semester. Big ticket items were the flea market trip and the spring trip.

*Winter 2018 and Spring 2019 "Identify the Pharmacy Antique" Alumni Contest Photos*

On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, AIHPSA members visited Kev's Barnyard, a flea market located in Granby, MA. Members again discovered old medicine bottles

or containers and other pharmacy-related paraphernalia. Dr. Baker held the second antiquing competition during the flea market, rewarding gift cards to the members who found particularly unique or old items fulfilling one of the four competition categories.

On March 15-16th, eight AIHPSA student members along with our faculty advisor, Dr. Baker, and his wife, Christine Petraglia, went to Kirkwood, NY to tour McMurray's Auction's private pharmacy museum. We met with Terry McMurray, the owner, who has been collecting, restoring, and auctioning pharmacy antiques for the last 23 years of his life. We were able to tour the facility and ask questions about all sorts of different pharmacy items. Students also learned about the famous "Swamp Root", an old local remedy that was highly popular. This trip was both fun and educational, as students learned about pharmacy's history through antiques. Students who attended: Mallory Paszkiewicz, Joseph Rubilar, Deana Rodriguez, Sam Weaver, Kathleen Silveira, Kitt Lee, Aqsa Alam, and Michael Asenso.



*AIHPSA Alpha Chapter visiting McMurray's Auction's private pharmacy museum in March 2019*

On March 26<sup>th</sup>, members gathered for our second Auction Night to review pharmacy antiques being auctioned by McMurray's Auction House. Members discussed each item's use and if the item was

appropriately priced. Dr. Baker led the conversation and would give the appropriate background information for the item as well as if it was a reproduction and was fairly priced.

During late March and early April, VoPP interviews were attempted to be established with senior pharmacists in the area. Unfortunately, two deferred interviews until the fall, one was not interested, and the one with whom an interview was set up did not show up. So, no successful interviews were accomplished during this year. However, additional candidates were recruited at the College's March CE Program, so next year should be more successful. As usual, the VoPP Project renewed its IRB application to continue its program next academic year.

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, members of AIHPSA presented a poster board at SSHP's annual health fair located at the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. This coincided with accepted students day, a day where newly accepted students from different majors in the college were able to tour and ask questions. The board presented by AIHPSA showed the evolution of over the counter products.



*The new pharmacy antique display case in the 3rd floor classroom hallway of the CSP Building.*

On April 16th, AIHPSA held its last event of the academic year. The event was the final movie night featuring Steven King's "It" (the 2017 version). Members were in for a fright as well as two brief cameos from a pharmacist character on the big screen.

Finally, throughout the year, the Alpha Chapter maintained its service project of collecting soda can tabs for Shriners Hospital. During final weeks, the five containers located throughout the CSP Building were emptied for delivery to the Shriners Hospital in the fall.

The year concluded with the election of the 2019-2020 officers, as follows: Samuel Weaver - President; Laura Divirgilio – Vice-President; Kitt Lee – Secretary; Michela Kahsay

– Treasurer; and Stephanie Moriarty - Historian/Publicist. With the help of the newly elected officers, the Alpha chapter hopes to add more members from the incoming class and grow as an organization.

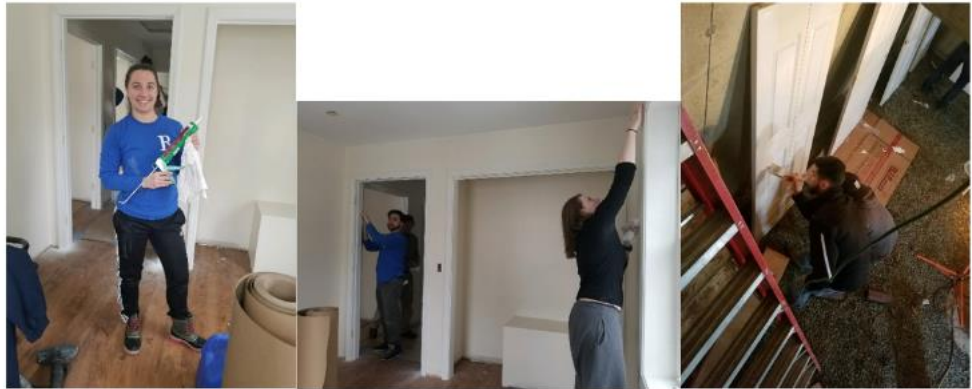
Mallory Paszkiewicz, AIHPSA President 2018-2019

## National Community Pharmacists Association

At the beginning of this semester, two members of NCPA attended a conference in Albany, New York put on by the Annual Pharmacists Society of the State of New York (PSSNY).



At the conference our members had a chance to learn more about the independent community pharmacy and network with the numerous different independent pharmacy owners located throughout New York.



Habitat for Humanity

E-board held its first meeting of the semester on February 4th to discuss the upcoming semester. At this meeting we also welcomed our new historian MaryCatherine Heighton.

On February 22, NCPA held its first general body meeting with special guest Diane Courtney. Diane Courtney came from the NCPA national office where she delivered a presentation on the importance of a business plan and a brief overview on a how to write a business plan as well as speaking to the business plan competition held by NCPA.



PCCA Institute Presentation

On March 2nd members of NCPA participated in a volunteering event with habitat for humanity in Springfield.

On April 2nd, NCPA welcomed Dr. Bindu Batra who is the director of academic affairs at the Professional Compounding centers of America (PCCA). Dr. Batra presented on compounding pharmacy and the various tasks of a compounding pharmacist and their impacts on patient outcomes.

Later that evening on April 2nd we hosted a Chipotle Fundraiser where we were able to raise \$125. 71 for the organization.

On April 7th NCPA participated in the Health Fair hosted by Wester New England College of Pharmacy and health sciences. At the Health Fair we presented on the Proper Disposal of Sharps and informing the public on disposing any sharps that they may accumulate due to medical treatment.

On April 24th members of NCPA created a bowling team and competed in the annual Bowling Tournament.

To wrap up the semester E-board had a meeting on April 12th to elect the new E-Board for the 2019-2020 year. The elected E-board includes President: Justin Cheng, Vice President: MaryCatherine Heighton, treasurer: Thanh Mai, Historian: Linda Dufie and Secretary: Cailin Wadja. This year has been a successful year for NCPA and we hope to continue to grow our chapter for the upcoming school year.

## Phi Delta Chi

One event that we were unable to get done in the fall was going to the Ronald McDonald House here in Springfield, MA. So, we planned our event for early in this semester and it was a real hit. Brothers brought all the ingredients to have a taco night with them and cooked for the families who were staying at the house. It was a real success and everyone seemed to enjoy their food and time spent with each other.



On February 15, 2019 the Gamma Tau Chapter of Phi Delta Chi inducted our Eta class of brothers into the fraternity. It was a very exciting night as alumni members of our chapter as well as brothers currently out on APPE got the chance to come back to their chapter and help welcome nine new brothers to Phi Delta Chi.

In April, Phi Delta Chi had a few different events that we participated in. The first was Relay for Life which was held at Westfield State University in Westfield, MA on April 5<sup>th</sup>. At the walk, we had a team who represented us in the late hours of the night as the walk goes overnight. The next week

we also had our succulent fundraiser which we later donated to the Relay for Life after the event had taken place.

During the same weekend as the Relay for life event took place, Phi Delta Chi participated in the annual College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Health Fair that is run during accepted students' day on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Phi Delta Chi had two posters at the event including Generation Rx and the 15-40 Connection. This year, we collaborated with our APhA-ASP chapter to create the Generation Rx. Both posters really seemed to be a hit and we had many people stop by both tables asking questions and taking our learning material that we had for them to take.



Phi Delta Chi also held our formal this semester once we had all of our new brothers inducted. This year, we held our formal on April 26<sup>th</sup> at Crestview Country Club which was new for us as in past years we had gone to a different location. Everyone who went had an amazing night and it was a great time enjoying a break from school to get out and celebrate with friends.

Our final, and personal favorite, event of the semester took place on April 30<sup>th</sup> in conjuncture with PSGA's fried dough food truck day. On this day we held our annual PIE-A-PHI fundraiser in which we split the money fundraised between us and our charitable organization which is St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. This was an especially fun year as it was the first year that we had both faculty and student brothers volunteer to get pied. Students really enjoyed getting the chance to pie some of their friends as well as getting the chance to pie a



professor. The event was a huge success and we hope to carry on the tradition of having both student and faculty volunteer themselves as the money raised is for the children.

To my E-board, Leanna, Kelsey, Josh, Abby, Brittany, MC, Tori, and Joe, thank you for all of the hard work that you put into everything we accomplished this year. To the next E-board, good luck and keep growing the Gamma Tau Chapter.



# Alpha Zeta Omega

The spring semester is always the busiest for the Fraters of the Delta Tau chapter of Alpha Zeta Omega. Over winter break a few of our alumni Fraters attended the winter national convention in Florida.

Like the fall semester, we have kept in compliance with school and national standards by holding at least one chapter meeting per month. Each spring we cross over a new pledge class to join our ranks as Fraters of AZO. This year we had a wonderful group of 14 students combining PY1's and PY3's who will undoubtedly be great leaders within AZO but also in the College of Pharmacy. After our annual induction of students in March we held our spring formal at Chez Josef. We welcomed 85 total guests including students from both our school and others, alumni, and significant others. The formal was a huge success and everyone had a great time.



Our professional chairs put together two amazing events for us to put on this semester. The first was near the beginning of the semester where we had a student APPE rotation panel. We brought four students from the PY4 class to campus to share experiences and answer questions from students regarding their rotations. Later this semester AZO incorporated ourselves into the PY1 professional development schedule. Three of our Fraters presented to the PY1 students on how to cope as a pharmacy student and we hope to continue this in the future.

Alumni retention was a struggle we had dealt with in the past but with the help of Dr. Baker we were able to make great strides. This semester we increased our active alumni to 18, up from only having 7 at the start of the year. We also officially formed our first alumni executive board which will serve their term through 2020. This is exciting for our organization because AZO offers a lot after graduation and we want to be as involved as we possibly can.

We continued our philanthropic efforts for the Lustgarten foundation this semester holding many more events to raise money for this organization. We held such events as Give Cancer the Boot at a basketball game, Kiss Away Cancer, and a cookie bake-off. Our fraternity lost another life to pancreatic cancer this year making us continually happy to support this foundation each and every year. Our fundraising efforts improved this semester where we sold padfolios, stainless steel reusable straws, Butter Braids, and some apparel. We had to get more creative this year to succeed in fundraising and were lucky to find a niche that worked.

With the semester coming to a close, we recently finished taking pictures for our annual composite and hope to be distributing those out to our organization before classes end. This summer we have a special national convention being held in Philadelphia. This convention is to celebrate 100 years of AZO as our centennial anniversary approaches. I hope to see a great turnout this summer to support our faculty advisor, network, and have fun. As we transition to new officers I am proud of how successful the organization was this year. Compared to our fellow chapters, we are still young, but have made a great name for ourselves on the national stage and I hope for us to continue this into the future.

Fraternally,  
Nick Raschilla  
Alpha Zeta Omega Directorum



## Lambda Kappa Sigma

This year, in support of our changed biennium's women's' health initiative, we made a poster regarding safe sex practices and contraceptive options for college students. Health services graciously donated condoms for our cause. For one week, members of Lambda Kappa Sigma table sat in the atrium and talked to interested students. We additionally used this poster for the health fair in the atrium for incoming students.

Our organization's philanthropy project is Project Hope. This year we decided to hold a relaxation yoga event taught by Dr. Laskey. Each student who attended paid \$5 and all proceeds went to this charity.

## Phi Lambda Sigma

Phi Lambda Sigma finished the academic year with the initiation of 9 new student members and 1 new faculty member. We also held a chapter dinner to celebrate the accomplishments of our members during National Student Leadership week in April. PLS collaborated with ASHP to welcome Dr. Geena Eglin, the current PGY1 Baystate Community Resident, to speak to the College of Pharmacy in regards to her residency experience.

The new officers are below:

President: Kaitlin Armstrong

Treasurer/Secretary: Shannon Bailey

## Rho Chi

Rho Chi started its Spring semester by hosting its annual IPC Tips session for PY2 pharmacy students; this session included a PowerPoint and time for Q&As. The goal of this event was to share advice on IPC therapeutics courses and foster intellectual growth of pharmacy students. All thirteen Rho Chi members were in attendance and worked hard to develop professional and helpful tips for students!

Rho Chi also planned a Brown Bag medication event for Pleasant View Senior Center in East Longmeadow, MA. The executive board created multiple tools to be utilized at the event such as: updated medication lists, daily medication dosing schedules and a pamphlet on how to dispose of medications properly. We held a chapter meeting to review expectations of a Brown Bag event as well as practice taking blood pressures in preparation for the event. On March 11<sup>th</sup>, all thirteen Rho Chi PY3 members attended the Brown Bag medication event to review patients' prescription and over-the-counter medications, answer questions and take blood pressure readings. Faculty advisor Dr. Marissa Ostroff and guest professors Dr. Jared Ostroff and Dr. Whitman were in attendance to facilitate.

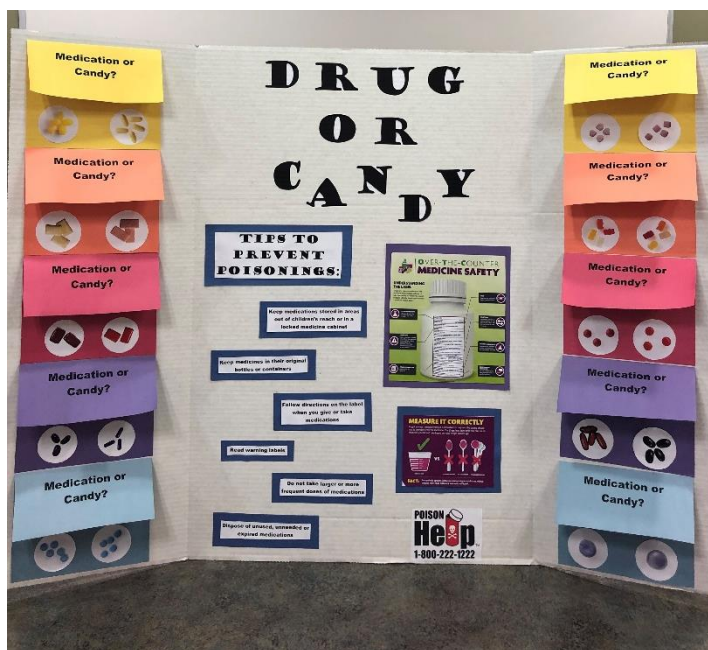


This March, our chapter of Rho Chi sent two current members to the National meeting. Lindsey Kip (PY3) was the chapter's voting delegate and Maria Hysolli (PY4) was the chapter's alternative delegate.

To finish the semester, Rho Chi participated in the annual Health Fair hosted by SSHP. Members of Rho Chi worked together to create an informational poster on over-the-counter medication safety, including a 'drug or candy?' game. Two members represented Rho Chi at the Health Fair, Elizabeth Allen (PY3) and Rachel Larson (PY3).

Rho Chi fulfilled its mission by encouraging professional conduct, professional growth and lifelong learning. The Brown Bag event allowed for current members to develop themselves as professionals and future pharmacists. Students represented themselves in a professional manner and applied their clinical knowledge to real-life

patients/circumstances. We also fostered lifelong learning through our IPC tips session and participation at the Health Fair. Members were allowed to educate a variety of audiences (pharmacy students and the general public) through these events and carry themselves in a professional manner.



# American Society of Consultant Pharmacists

ASCP's mission is to support older adults. Our chapter accomplished that this semester by volunteering our time at The Wellington. We made 75 Easter and Spring cards at a chapter meeting, and then several members hand delivered them to the residents. Some of the residents still had their Thanksgiving cards that we handed out to them back in November! In addition, we had the national president of ASCP, Joanne Hirshfield, speak to the pharmacy students about consultant pharmacy. She explained what it meant to be a consultant pharmacist and the different settings that consultant pharmacists work in.

## American College of Clinical Pharmacy

The Western New England University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences chapter of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy Student College of Clinical Pharmacy is dedicated to making evidence-medicine and clinical topics more accessible to pharmacy students and the public. The events that we held throughout the 2019 spring semester have helped us further our mission.

### January

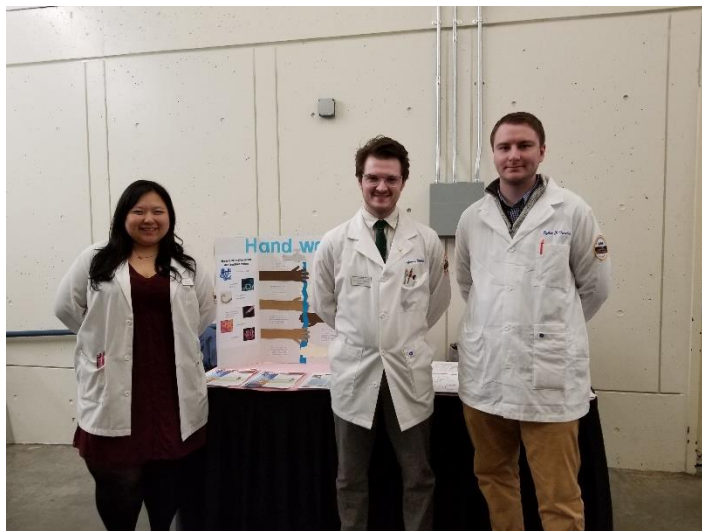
- Local Clinical Research challenge competition - Jan. 29th
  - We had a record 10 participants this year. Winner for the local competition were recognized at the College of Pharmacy and Health Science awards ceremony.

### February

- Guidelines Demystified event - Feb. 12th
  - The goal of this event was to shed more light on where to find credible treatment guidelines in clinical practice.
- Cardiac Jeopardy - Feb. 25th
  - A fun way to review cardiovascular key points, especially for PY2 students who are currently taking CVS IPCs.
- Journal Club on TOPCAT - Feb. 22nd
  - Review of the TOPCAT trial in a journal club style discussion.
- Clinical Research Challenge
  - Winners of the local competition participated in round 1 of the national competition.

## March

- Thunderbirds Hockey Game table on Hand washing techniques - March 9<sup>th</sup> at the MassMutual Center.
  - We educated people on proper handwashing techniques by using a germ detector test. We also put up poster with information about hand washing.
- Stats Review for COPHS Students
  - Statistics is a challenging topic for most students in pharmacy school. ACCP-SCCP PY3 and PY2 members provided a broad overview of the most common misconceptions, tips on how to interpret statistical information in research articles as well as answered any questions from the audience.
- General Monthly Meeting - March 11th
  - ACCP-SCCP members meet to discuss about events planned for the month and other pertinent issues which were not planned at the start of the semester. This is also an opportunity for all members to share ideas on any new projects which they would like to initiate.
  - In this month's meeting, we will be discussing about our April elections, travel funds and events for the month.



## April

- General monthly meeting - April 4th
  - Informed members about positions e-board elections, and encourages them to apply for the available positions. We also discussed about the by-law for the travel funds.
- Clinical Pharmacy Challenge local competition - April 14th



- This is a quiz bowl like event to test therapeutics and clinical knowledge. Winners are going to be moving to round 1 of the national competition.



- SSHP Health Fair - ACCP-SCCP Osteoporosis table with DEXA scanners

- We had a poster on Osteoporosis, and did bone density scans for some parents and students. We also educated those who came at our table on the risks associated with osteoporosis, healthy diet and an explanation of their bone density scan results.

- Out of the Darkness Walk - Osteoporosis table

- This was another opportunity to educate those who came for the

walk about osteoporosis.

- Facilitated monthly OTC Quiz Bowl Competitions with APhA-ASP

Question / answer session on relevant self-care topics that are often seen in a community settings.

## American Pharmacists Society

APS was happy to gain a handful of new members with the help of the Academic Pharmacy Elective that was run this past semester. Students from the course who are interested in pursuing a career in academia were shown the opportunity and some decided to join!

Over the course of this semester all current APS members who were interested in conducting research began doing so under the supervision of various faculty members. The majority of members sought out these opportunities on their own, with guidance from the organization, showing their commitment to wanting to conduct research.

On April 10<sup>th</sup> APS successfully held its first NAPLEX review session. This session was entirely student run and supervised by Dr. Charbonneau. APS members created Jeopardy categories and created their own questions based on these categories; PY2 and PY3 members created questions based off their recent IPCs making up the majority of questions. PY4 Kylie Josefiak took the initial lead on the session presenting the first round of Jeopardy with questions based on her review while studying for the NAPLEX. PY2 Megan Pantos then presented the second round of Jeopardy with the help of PY2 Kate Armstrong. APS members

helped throughout the session to provide feedback and insight for particular answers. Dr. Charbonneau also facilitated some of this discussion as well.

Additionally, APS was happy to take part in the Annual Health Fair this year. PY2 members Kate Armstrong and Christina Verbetsky created and presented a poster on stress.

Finally, APS will have several members attending the annual AACP meeting this July in Chicago. Some are doing so for the Academic Pharmacy elective, while others have elected to pursue funding to go on their own. All members who are attending the conference will be presenting research as well.



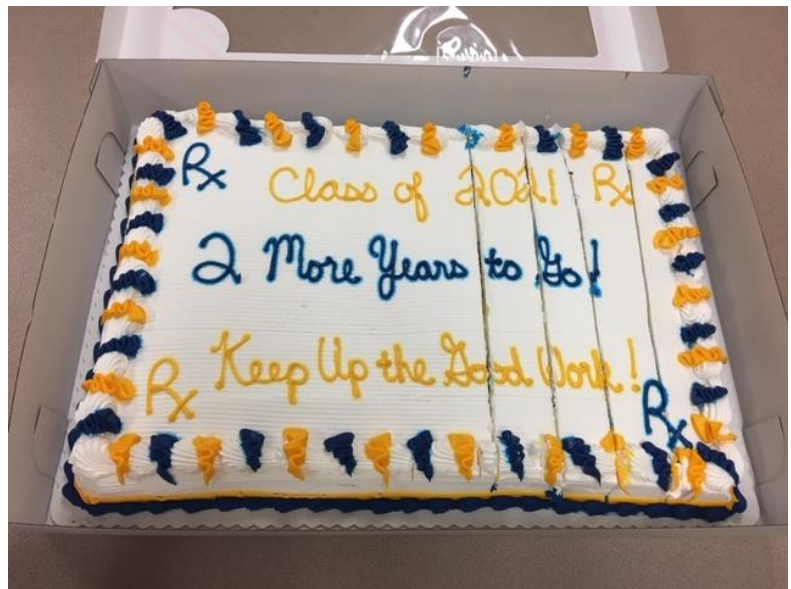
## Class of 2020

The Class of 2020 has had a very busy last semester. On February 25<sup>th</sup> the class held a “Panera Night”. This was a great opportunity for the class to meet outside of school and raise funds at the same time. From March 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> we ran a Spring Apparel Drive which was a big success, even PY4’s were excited to order from the fundraiser while they were away on APPE’s. Upon suggestion from the class, we held our KOOZIE fundraiser which was a lot of fun, we sold over 110! Finally our collection of school supplies for Haiti has provided basic school supplies for Haitian students.

We were very happy with how our last semester went. We wanted to raise funds for our class, help others and do activities as a class and we believe that we were very successful in achieving all our class goals and fulfilling the mission of the college.

## Class of 2021

Another semester down, four more to go. The class of 2021 had a good transition into only the new class system of IPC's. Overall, this semester we only has one fundraiser, which was the sweatshirt fundraiser at the beginning of the semester. We had hopes of doing a long-sleeve fundraiser as well, but unfortunately, another organization had already put in their paperwork for the fundraiser. Overall, it was a good transition into the IPC modules, however there were some bumps along the way and it was a new learning curve, which unfortunately resulting in less fundraisers and events for this year. At the end of the year, we held an end of the year bash with pizza and a Big Y cake during the lunch hour of the last day of classes. I have attached pictures of the cake (please disregard the cut lines in the cake, forgot to take a picture before I started cutting). In addition, I have also attached a picture of the whole class in professional wear on one of the last days of classes when we all had presentations to give in one of our classes (thanks to Dr. Ellingson).



Starting the next fall semester, I hope to have many, more fundraisers set up for both the fall and spring semesters. The goal is to have enough money for the class gift and to help each student pay for the senior banquet. I have gone to upperclassmen for advice and I have a plan for the next two semesters. Lastly, our Eboard consists of myself, Alicia Salazar (VP), Jared Drown (treasure), and Nicole Ondrush (secretary).





## Class of 2022

This semester the class of 2022 focused on inclusiveness and strengthening our class bond. We had a class luau, a class lunch with the upperclassmen, signed up for the out of the darkness walk as a team (raising \$1420) and held a chipotle fundraiser (raising \$151.27). We also pushed ourselves to be more active in other student organization and the college in general. We held class meetings to plan next year's fundraisers and to implement a committee system to get more of our class involved.



*Out of the Darkness Walk*

# PSGA

PSGA has had a very productive spring semester. Our executive board has remained very busy by ensuring all of the organizations have been following the policies and procedures while also making sure we are serving everyone to the best of our ability. The executive board has also been hard at work developing the new Organization Recognition Levels.



Our social chairs, Megan Pantos and Victoria Freniere, helped the executive board plan several events! The first event we did was slime making. Students were able to make all different colored slime, which was meant to help with stress relief. It was awesome to see how simple glue and soap can generate so many smiles and laughs. The second event we put on was bringing the Fried Dough truck to school during the last week of classes and having multiple lawn games set up on the CSP Tundra. The fried dough was super tasty weather you got it with sauce and cheese or with some powdered sugar. The fried dough truck was a huge success and most of the students came down to enjoy this delicious treat!

Our service chairs, Alan Keeley and Shannon Bailey, have set up several events throughout this semester. Alan was able to set up several events at The Wellington to play bingo! The residents and the students seemed to have a

wonderful time together. Shannon was able to get many students spots volunteering at Habitat for

Humanity. We were all able to work together and put on the Spring Day of Service which helped a lot of students complete their volunteer hours. The Spring Day of Service was held at the Westfield Homeless Cat Shelter, Margaret's Pantry, Holyoke Soldiers Home, The Wellington, Springfield Parks, Western Mass Food Bank and Enfield Food Shelf. Shannon and Abbey have also been working with Dean Spooner to set up a volunteering program





where students can run errands and grocery shop for patients living in long-term care communities or nursing homes. We love seeing WNEU students lending a hand to help everyone in our community!

Our golf tournament chair, Aniel Russo, has been working hard by planning our annual golf tournament which will take place on June 6<sup>th</sup> at Ludlow Country Club! With the help of the golf tournament committee, Aniel has been able to increase our number of sponsors and players. With the help of Aniel and everyone on the golf tournament committee, we are able to raise money for the traveling fund which students can apply to twice during their pharmacy career here at WNEU.

PSGA's executive board has been working on finalizing the Organization Recognition Levels all year, and we were finally able to present it to the organization presidents. The student allocation fee from Dean Spooner's office will now be used to support our organizations here on campus. PY1's and PY4's will still get the student allocation fee, but the PY2's and the PY3's student allocation fee will now be divvied up among the classes and organizations. This year, PSGA has tracked all events that each organization has participated in and will use this to determine the initial amount of money given to each organization. The organizations have had a year to plan for this change, and hopefully in the fall we will see nothing but success.

PSGA's new executive board has been selected. Meagan Dias will be our President, Victoria Freniere will be our Vice President, Denise Breeze will be our Secretary and Alex Fletcher will be our Treasurer. The new executive board is still working on finalizing chair and committee positions for next year. In the fall a



PY1 student will also be elected to sit in on PSGA meetings, therefore a student from each class will understand how PSGA operates.

Finally, PSGA gave out two awards at the College of Pharmacy Annual Award Ceremony. The first award we gave was the meritorious service award, which was presented to Aniel Russo for putting in so much time and effort into our golf tournament. The second award that PSGA presented was the Student of the Year award, and on behalf of the students it was award to Kevin Krupczak. It was an honor being able to recognize these students for their hard work and dedication.



PSGA has had an eventful semester and our main goal was to serve all the students and organizations. By offering service hours and social activities, we have tried to decrease the stress burden felt by our students while also having a little bit of fun! It has been a very successful semester.