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Interprofessional Education: The Cornerstone of Providing Seamless Patient Care

Nauka Bhalodia (P4)

Interprofessional collaboration is increasingly becoming the hallmark of clinical care. Comprehensive care that factors in all aspects of a patient's life is not possible without communicating with different healthcare professionals. The main factor driving this shift in the clinical setting is the recognition of the need for interprofessional education (IPE). IPE allows students to gain a better appreciation of their own strengths as clinicians and those of others. As a result, they will know which profession to approach for assistance with certain issues and how to effectively communicate with them. This is vital to providing seamless patient-centered care because it allows multiple clinicians to provide their insight into a single patient case, ensuring that there are no gaps left in the treatment.

The University of Pittsburgh is at the forefront of interprofessional education. It is comprised of six schools of health science, including the Schools of Dental Medicine, Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Public Health, and the School of Social Work (I). The geographical proximity and structure of the schools allows students to easily network and share ideas.

As the former president of the Interprofessional Student Board (ISB), the student representatives from various schools and I were able to take advantage of this set-up in order to develop interprofessional case conferences. ISB is a student-led organization, comprised of student representatives from each of the Schools of Health Sciences and School of Social Work at Pitt. Our main goal as an organization is to establish relationships and foster leadership among Pitt health professional students. We accomplish this by hosting an interprofessional case conference each semester where health professional students come together to provide insight on a patient case that ISB creates from scratch. In an attempt to encourage interprofessional dialogue, we start by choosing a topic that is relevant to a wide-variety of clinical fields and build up a realistic patient-profile. During the case conference itself, we split students into small, interdisciplinary groups led by a clinician (or other faculty volunteers) in order to further facilitate this discussion.

Over the years, we have seen the number of students attending our case conferences steeply increase, leading us to believe that students value and benefit from these small group discussions. This could be largely attributed to the fact that they are able to speak their thoughts on the patient case freely in a low-stakes environment. An article by Jarrett et al. found that interprofessional classroom activities can help students apply their curriculum-based knowledge to real-life clinical scenarios, preparing them to practice as successful clinicians (2). Gilbert et al. found that increasing interprofessional education can mitigate the challenges faces by fragmented health-systems and ensure the provision of seamless care (3).

As a result of our findings being validated by the findings of others, we hope to continue interprofessional case conferences through ISB in the hopes of stimulating respect and collaborative care among clinicians. This can only be accomplished if it is incorporated into the education of student health professionals early on via interprofessional education opportunities. These activities will help form well-rounded clinicians that are able to appreciate their own capabilities and seek insight from other experts when necessary.

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*AMCP: Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy
Michelle Trinh (P3), Director of Communications*

Hi everyone! September was a big month for AMCP. Thank you to those who came out and talked to us at the Back-to-School Picnic! We hope that many of you are interested in managed care. We had our first GBM where our president, Kayo Tsuchihashi, gave an introduction to managed care and discussed our chapter of AMCP at Pitt.

We have some exciting events coming up in October. First, we have the P&T introduction meeting on October 12 at 12 PM in Room 402, which is a great opportunity to not only learn more about how to participate in the P&T Competition, but also get a firsthand look at how formulary decisions are made. We will also have a guest speaker event on October 14 at 12 PM via Zoom. This will be a great way to gain perspective on what managed care pharmacy is like in practice. We hope to see everyone there!

*APhA-ASP: American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists
Maya Tsvetkova (P3), Membership Vice President*

Happy Fall everyone, and congratulations on making it through the first full month of the semester! September has been packed with lots of information about all the different organizations, and I hope you have been able to find at least one organization that interests you. APhA-ASP is excited to welcome all of our new members, and we'd like to remind you all that our Membership Drive will go on until November 8! Make sure to join our chapter for lots of fun events, professional development workshops, leadership positions, and opportunities for national involvement. As a reminder, all APhA-ASP members are sorted into one of our 6 "Houses" - blue, red, yellow, green, purple, or orange. These Houses are a way to help our members connect with each other in smaller groups, and we hope that you will all take advantage of the networking and mentoring opportunities they provide you. Each House will select two students to serve as House reps, which is a great leadership involvement opportunity. Houses can also earn points by having the members attend APhA-ASP events as well as other organizations' events. The top two Houses with the most points at the end of the year will receive prizes!

Thank you to all students who applied for an APhA-ASP leadership position, and congratulations to all of our new Executive Board and Committee members, as well as new Project Leaders. Our APhA-ASP Chapter is known for many great projects, and we are excited to continue to uphold that standard of excellence for the 2021-2022 school year.

If you missed any deadlines but would still like to get involved, don't hesitate to reach out to any Executive Board member, Committee member, or Project Leader. We would love to have you!

Remember to like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram (@pittaphaasp) for events and other chapter updates. Our next GBM is ARCO Roundtables, and it will be held on Wednesday, October 6 at 12 PM. Come to learn more about all of the ARCOs our school has to offer and ask any questions that you have. Hope to see you all there and let's have a healthy and productive year!



APhA-ASP Executive Board members smiling for the camera at the Pitt Pharmacy Welcome Back Picnic

CPNP: College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists

Zoe Ricketts (P3), Secretary/Membership Chair

CPNP had a very busy September! This past month, we held numerous events related to the topic of suicide awareness and prevention, as September is National Suicide Prevention Month. Our first event of the semester was R U Ok? Day, which we celebrated on September 9 (the nationally recognized day for this event). R U Ok? is a harm prevention organization that reinforces how important it is to talk to others about mental health and lend support before a crisis can occur. We created a safe space in the atrium for open conversations about mental health, shared resources, and encouraged all students to sign a pledge to start conversations with those who may be struggling. Our second event in the atrium was a collaboration with the APhA International Pharmaceutical Student Federation (IPSF) called "Reasons to Love Yourself," in which students were asked to share positive and encouraging words to themselves and others. Both events were a huge success for increasing mental health awareness!

CPNP also created a team for the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention "Out of the Darkness" walk, which occurred at Highmark Stadium on September 12. Together we walked to advocate for suicide prevention and mental health awareness. Finally, we held our annual Talk Saves Lives event with speaker Alyx Mance on September 22!

Every year, we look forward to hearing from Alyx, as she provides a lot of valuable information regarding suicide prevention. She also discussed the warning signs and how to talk to someone who may be having suicidal thoughts. Though Alyx was presenting via Zoom, it was so great to be able to hold this event in 402, like previous years.

We were very excited to have so many events planned for this important month regarding the topic of suicide and look forward to the rest of the semester! Make sure to follow our Instagram @cpnp_pitt for more information regarding our upcoming events!



R U OK? Day held in the Salk Atrium

Kappa Psi: Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Incorporated

Erika Thomas (P4), Corresponding Secretary

Hi everyone, and welcome back to a new school year! This is sure to be another challenging academic year, but our Brothers at the Kappa Psi Beta Kappa Chapter have been hard at work planning for the many scenarios that might play out. We already conducted a successful recruitment season with great interest in our beloved fraternity. Our membership candidates are now hard at work learning about our values and getting to know our Brothers well. Kappa Psi strives to create bountiful opportunities for its members, academically and professionally, while also fostering meaningful friendships and connections.

During our national awards season, Beta Kappa was proud to bring home many honors. Starting with chapter awards, we were recognized for our philanthropic efforts last year with the Reach Out and Read Impact Award for our dedication to support our national philanthropy partner. We were also one of seven chapters recognized as top

performers based on numerous factors which include philanthropy, professional development, regional and national Kappa Psi participation, and more. Our final chapter award was the COVID-19 Pandemic Advocacy Award for doing the most to volunteer and assist to fight the pandemic.

Aside from chapter awards, several Brothers were also recognized for their achievements. Vincent Knecht (P4) and Jennifer Li (P3) won Kappa Psi Foundation scholarships and Elizabeth Donnelly (P3) won the Northern Plains Province scholarship. All scholarships are highly competitive, and we are extremely proud to have three Brothers awarded them. Also winning recognition was Mujtaba Mahmud (P4) with one of five Member Spotlight Awards for Brothers who do outstanding work within the Fraternity. Mujtaba was nominated for his initiative and drive in establishing a robust professional development series for our chapter. Finally, our adviser Karen Hoang (PharmD Class of 2016) was awarded one of eight Grand Council Deputy Certificates of Excellence for all that she had done to help guide our chapter.

While we love to win awards, they don't come without hard work and perseverance. With that said, our schedule of activities for October is quite full. We will have apple picking, our regional Mountain East Province meeting virtually, a session with some of our alumni, and attend a haunted house. Hopefully the harvest from apple picking will be delicious and there will be plenty of fright at the haunted house! We look forward to supporting our Brothers who will be running for regional positions at our Province assembly and the advice our alumni have to offer. We are looking forward to another great year!



Brothers of Kappa Psi Beta Kappa at Pitt Pharmacy's Welcome Back Picnic

LKS: Lambda Kappa Sigma Paulina Rice (P3), Vice President

Hi everyone! LKS is excited to have recently kicked off the year with recruitment and new member initiation, which we are proud to announce included 25 amazing new members for our fraternity. We could not be more excited to be holding in-person meetings and events this semester, some of which include a guest speaker lecture with Dr. Tracey Conti and Dr. Salk Hall, both of which the dates are TBD. Guest speaker events are a great way to get professionalism credit for PrimeRx. We will also be organizing service events throughout the semester, including a collaborative event between LKS and APhA's Patient Care organization (more information to come soon!). Again, these are great ways to fulfill your PrimeRx credits, so feel free to participate - non-LKS members are always welcome! Coming this fall is LKS's annual fundraising clothing drive, which will feature a bunch of stylish Pitt Pharmacy gear. While it may have taken a few of us some time to get used to in-person classes, we hope you had a strong start to your semester - you got this!



The LKS table at the Welcome Back Picnic



PDC: Phi Delta Chi

Nick Eggers (P3), Worthy Keeper of Records and Seals

On Monday, September 13, PDC held an informal open house during our weekly meeting. We invited anybody who was interested in joining to come to this meeting to get to know some of the brothers and hear what our fraternity is all about. For those of you who missed it, this is a brief introduction to the culture of PDC, Mu Chapter.

First, let's talk about our fraternity ethos. Our motto, "Alterum Alterius Auxilio Eget", summarizes it pretty well. It means "Each needs the help of the other." We value collaboration and solidarity, both inside and outside our duties as pharmacists, and as brothers of PDC. Pharmacy school can be a harrowing, stressful experience at the best of times, and it's meant to prepare us for future careers that could be even more challenging. PDC's goal is that our brothers will never be alone when they are facing hardships in their lives. A corollary of that principle is that we also strive to be strong enough to ask for help and accept it when we need it. Nobody makes it through life alone, no matter how hard we might try to, so it's important to know when you need to put your trust in the people you care about.

Next, a bit about our current service projects. For this year, PDC is raising money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital and coordinating "Dean's Theme" speaking events and seminars focusing on women's health. By giving back to the healthcare community and helping to make opportunities for our fellow students to explore important and growing topics in pharmacy, we hope that we can help to support others like we support the members of our fraternity.

To summarize, that is what the culture of PDC is in a nutshell. We're a fraternity focused on supportive relationships and service, interested in helping each other and the world around us.

PLS: Phi Lambda Sigma

Rachel Qian (P3), Secretary

We hope that everyone had a great start to the semester so far! We had a great time at the back-to-school picnic and enjoyed meeting so many of you! PLS is excited to share with you all some unique events planned for the year.

We want to thank everyone who joined us during our first workshop, Mapping Out Time! Dr. Venkat and Dr. Tartar shared their career journeys and how they managed their time throughout it. It was a great opportunity for students to converse, learn about what everyone is up to in Pitt Pharmacy and outside of school, and get to know Dr. Venkat and Dr. Tartar better! With the transition back to in-person classes and events, we hope this workshop helped students strategize how to take care of their mental health.

An exciting event we have coming up is on October 13 at 12 PM. PLS and Rho Chi will be collaborating to present the yearly Young Professionals Lecture. This annual lecture highlights distinguished individuals within our community who have made significant contributions to the healthcare field. This year, Dr. Stephen Davis will be virtually joining us to speak about his path to his current professional career. Dr. Davis graduated with his PharmD from Auburn in 2008 and completed the MS/Health System Pharmacy Administration Residency at Pitt in 2010. He continued his career as Pharmacy Director and Residency Program Director at the Texas Children's Hospital and is actively involved in ASHP at the national and state levels. At his current position, he serves as the Director of Health System Strategy for Shields, where he is responsible for developing specialty pharmacy services for health systems. This is a great opportunity for students to learn, ask questions, and enhance their professional development! We hope to see many of you there once the date and time are finalized.

For anyone interested in joining PLS, please be on the lookout for information regarding the PLS application process that will be sent out in October! To keep up to date with upcoming PLS events and workshops, follow our Instagram page @pittpls & like our Facebook page, Phi Lambda Sigma: University of Pittsburgh. We look forward to getting to know the potential new applicants!

PPIP: Pittsburgh Pharmacy Investment Portfolio

Victoria Lee (P2), Director of Communications

The Pittsburgh Pharmacy Investment Portfolio (PPIP) is a unique club in which we discuss drug development within industry. At our first event in September, PPIP hosted Pitt alumni Colin Pfeiffer, PharmD, who discussed his career as a Life Sciences Consultant. That being said, there are ample opportunities to get involved this semester through future events like Biotech Investment Fantasy League (BIFL) or Due Diligence. At these events, we will discuss the financial performances of healthcare companies and their portfolios. There is truly something to learn for everyone whether it's practicing public speaking, analyzing research, or enhancing one's knowledge about investments. In addition, we plan to have numerous guest speakers share their expertise and personal experiences which will provide students with new insight into the pharmaceutical industry. We hope to expand our student involvement and can't wait to see you all at our next meeting on October 10 where we will be discussing how to get involved in the BIFL competition. If you would like to follow along, be sure to check out our social media pages on Facebook, Instagram or LinkedIn. In addition, if you have further questions about our club, feel free to reach out to pittsburghpharmacyportfolio@gmail.com.

Rho Chi: Academic Honor Society in Pharmacy

Rachel Qian (P3), Historian



Rho Chi is excited to kick off another school year and are so excited to see more of you in person in Salk Hall! We have many events and opportunities planned this year and are excited to share them with you. Our Vice President, Jocelyn Edwards, has been working hard with Vitalent to plan the semester blood drive events! This year, the blood drives will be in collaboration with the medical and dental schools. The first date of the semester was on September 29 at the William Pitt Union in collaboration with the Healthy U Fair. There are three more opportunities this semester, on October 4, November 8, and December 13 in Scaife Hall from 12 PM to 5 PM. Look out for flyers in Salk Hall and please reach out to Jocelyn (jnel4@pitt.edu) if you are interested in signing up!

Rho Chi and PLS will be collaborating to present the yearly Young Professionals Lecture on October 13 at 12 PM. This annual lecture highlights distinguished individuals within our community who have made significant contributions to the healthcare field. This year, Dr. Stephen Davis will be virtually joining us to speak about his path to his current professional career. Dr. Davis graduated with his PharmD from Auburn in 2008 and completed the MS/Health System Pharmacy Administration Residency at Pitt in 2010. He continued his career as Pharmacy Director and Residency Program Director at the Texas Children's Hospital and is actively involved in ASHP at the national and state levels. At his current position, he serves as the Director of Health System Strategy for Shields, where he is responsible for developing specialty pharmacy services for health systems. This is a great opportunity for students to learn, ask questions, and enhance their professional development! We hope to see many of you there!

Last but not least, Rho Chi provides tutoring services to P1 and P2 students in biochemistry and cardiology. For P1s, our tutoring chairs, Paige Verona and Chad Beisel, have planned four review sessions for each of the biochemistry exams. The review session for Exam I was held on September 22 at 5 PM. Rho Chi members have been preparing question banks and practice exams for both biochemistry and cardiology courses, so keep an eye out for those on the Facebook page: Pitt Pharmacy Rho Chi 2021-2022 and Instagram @pittpharm_rhochi. We hope everyone is staying safe and feeling well. Wishing you all good luck on any upcoming exams in October!



Rho Chi members at the Welcome Back Picnic



RxPrep: Pharmacy Mentorship
Mary Nayrouz (P3), President

RxPrep kicked off the school year with a Meet & Greet joint event with SNPhA. We had many pre-pharmacy students join us in Salk Hall to get to learn more about the two organizations and what we have to offer. Then we cooled down with an ice-cream social outside as many students got to meet and talk to each other about their shared interests.

It was also great to be back in person, as all events were virtual last year. Being able to meet and interact with prospective pharmacy students and have in-person conversations were very much missed. Next event for RxPrep is a resume workshop to help sharpen those student resumes!

SASP: Student Association of Specialty Pharmacy
Lauren McCabe (P3), Secretary

Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a summer full of sunshine and relaxation, and are extremely excited to see so many new faces in Salk Hall this fall. The Student Association of Specialty Pharmacy (SASP) held our first GBM on September 23 in Salk Hall. During this meeting, we announced that we will be holding an election for the 2021-22 SASP PI representative, so reach out if you are a motivated PI who has interest in specialty pharmacy! We also debuted plans for our upcoming guest speaker, Dr. Douglas Gebhard. Dr. Gebhard is the president of RareMed Solutions and is a proud Pitt Pharm Alumni with an impressive background. Please keep an eye on your email inbox for the link to join us on October 20 at 6 PM via zoom to hear about specialty pharmacy from this expert's perspective!

SCCP: Student College of Clinical Pharmacy
Beth Corry (P2), Secretary

The Student College of Clinical Pharmacy (SCCP) has had an eventful start to the school year! We had a great turnout at the Back-to-School Picnic and at our first GBM. SCCP has lots of exciting events and student-run projects planned for the semester!

We have projects dedicated to health literacy, OTC medication use, pulmonology (inhaler use), and more. Our projects are a great way to get involved and learn more about clinical pharmacy! We also have many community service events in the works, such as Global Links, Ronald McDonald House and food bank drives.

Our first event of the semester was the Clinical Pharmacy Challenge where many teams competed to apply their clinical pharmacy knowledge. Thanks to everyone who participated and congratulations to our winners: Tommy Rust, RJ Bendis and Jack Becker! We also held our How to Give a Journal Club event, led by PGY2 resident Chris Lafratte, which focused on learning how to lead a discussion on clinical research.

SCCP has a program called the Mentored Research Fellowship which pairs chosen students up with a faculty member to work on Mentored Research or Special Topics. New fellows are picked each year and get the chance to present research to their peers and participate in our journal clubs. The fellowship also provides a travel and research budget that allows the fellow to present at the ACCP National Conference.

Dues are not required this year but we recommend members try to attend many of our events, as there will be a surprise reward for our most active members at the end of the year.

Stop by at our next GBM on October 5 if you are interested in learning more about SCCP and our projects!



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SIO: Student Industry Organization

Payal Bhatt (P3), Vice President of Communications

SIO would like to thank everyone for visiting us at the back-to-school picnic and our first general body meeting! We discussed an overview of what SIO is, our upcoming events for the semester, and some internship experiences from our P3 students. Some of these topics included medical affairs, quality and regulatory affairs, clinical research, clinical trial operations, and clinical pharmacology. We discussed the responsibilities of the PI representative and the application process. Preparations are also in full swing for our annual industry symposium for the upcoming spring semester.

SIO would like to welcome you to our exciting upcoming events this semester! On September 21, we hosted a UNC and SIO fellowship informational session at 6 PM (remotely). On October 5, we will have a Rutgers fellowship event from 7-8 PM EST (remote). On October 19, we will have a MCPHS fellowship event from 7-8 PM EST (remote). Thank you all for the support, and don't forget to follow us on our Facebook page "Student Industry Organization" and Instagram @SIOPitt.

SNPhA: Student National Pharmaceutical Association

Caleb Schork (P3), President

SNPhA is excited to be back for another year! It was great to see so many of you at the back to school picnic. We got a lot of interest in our organization, which will make for a successful year in caring for the community. Our first GBM was held on Tuesday, September 28 at noon in Salk 402 where we discussed why you should join SNPhA and some of the events we have planned for the year.

Our initiative chairs (Operation Immunization, Legislative and Membership, Chronic Kidney Disease, Fighting Diabetes, Power to End Stroke, Remember the Ribbon, HIV/AIDS, and Mental Health) are working hard to create events to bring awareness and education to their disease state throughout the year. Our goal is to impact both the community and our Pitt Pharmacy students. We also have an exciting Dean's Theme in the works that you will not want to miss! Keep an eye out for when it is finalized.

Our first major event of the year was a joint event with RxPrep on Wednesday, September 8 in which we presented on our respective organizations to recruit pre-pharmacy students to get involved and join. We had an excellent turnout. We answered a lot of great questions and enjoyed ice cream together outside of Salk Pavilion afterwards. Our next big event was the JDRF Walk to support Type I Diabetes on Sunday, October 3. We did the walk as a chapter together in the morning in Schenley Park!

Our membership is now open. Dues are paid to the national organization and are \$35. Visit snpha.org for more details. Stay up to date with our SNPhA events by following our Instagram ([snpha.pitt](https://www.instagram.com/snpha.pitt/)) and our Facebook page (University of Pittsburgh SNPhA). If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, reach out to our eboard at snpha.pitt@gmail.com. Good luck on exams everyone!

Lastly, we want to congratulate and wish good luck to our Remember the Ribbon Chair, Maria Arlia, on her campaign for the Spirit of Pitt award. SNPhA is one of her sponsors, and we could not be more excited!



SSCP: Student Society of Cannabis Pharmacists

Amanda Chiaravalle (P2), Secretary

Thank you so much to everyone who came for the great turnout at the Back-To-School picnic! We hope everyone is having a good start to the semester and we have some exciting events coming up that we wanted to share with everyone.

In October, we will be hosting a Cultural Sensitivity two-part event on October 20 and October 27 at 12 PM in Salk 402. Be sure to attend to learn more about this topic and gain valuable insight!

We are still looking for a PI representative, education committee chair, patient care committee chair, and membership recruitment and retention chair. If you are interested in any of these positions, email president Rose Rattner at ROR6I@pitt.edu and secretary Amanda Chiaravalle at ALC284@pitt.edu with some basic information about yourself and why you would be a good fit for the position. Hope to see you all at our upcoming events!

SSHP: Student Society of Health System Pharmacists

Jamie Kim (P3), Internal Development Chair

Welcome back to the start of a new school year! It is crazy that we are already over a month into the fall semester. SSHP has been busy all summer planning exciting events for our members. We kicked off the school year with a fun time at the Back-to-School picnic. Thank you to all for stopping by our table! We had our first general body meeting on September 8. It was awesome to see all your faces back in-person. We are delighted that so many students are interested in seeing what SSHP has to offer this year.

SSHP successfully invited panelists from all over Pittsburgh for our annual Residency IOI event, where students learned about what residency entails and the path to becoming a resident. We were joined by our own Dr. Jim Coons, Dr. Paula J. Horn, Dr. Gretchen Kipp, Dr. Thomas Hebert, and Dr. Nikki Verkleeren. Our speakers were able to discuss their personal experiences as residents and as residency program directors, providing students the unique perspective from both sides of the application process. It was also our first event where we were able to invite students from Duquesne University School of Pharmacy's SSHP chapter.

We have our annual Clinical Skills Competition coming up on October 13-14, which will be held virtually on Microsoft Teams and Zoom. All classes are welcome to participate! This is an event where you and a partner will work up a patient case before presenting your assessment and plan to a faculty panel. It is a chance to test your patient skills and apply your clinical knowledge. The winning team will have the opportunity to compete nationally and represent Pitt Pharmacy. Find a friend and come practice your clinical skills!

SSHP has many more events coming up this semester. Follow us on Instagram @ssh.pitt for all our updates! We look forward to seeing you all at our next GBM on October 13 in Salk 456. Good luck with all your exams and projects this month!



SSHP executive board members at the Welcome Back Picnic