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AAPP: The American Association of Psychiatric Pharmacists

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Welcome back Pitt Pharmacy! The American Association of Psychiatric Pharmacists (AAPP) would like to wish you a great fall semester. AAPP's mission is to advance the reach and practice of psychiatric pharmacy. Our vision is a world where all individuals living with mental illness, including those with substance use and neurologic disorders, receive safe, appropriate and effective treatment

AAPP has some exciting events planned for the fall semester and we want you to get involved! From shadowing opportunities to destress events and naloxone trainings, you will be able to learn more about psychiatric pharmacy and promote mental health and wellbeing. We offer shadowing opportunities with pharmacists at Western Psychiatric Hospital during the fall semester, which allow students to experience what their day-to-day workload consists of. This is a great opportunity for students interested in psychiatric pharmacy as well as those who are undecided and would like to explore potential career options. Additionally, Western Psych residents often get involved with our chapter. Last spring, we held a Residents Roundtable where residents spoke about their current research, gave insight on residency and the application process, and provided advice on career paths. To promote wellbeing within our school, we plan destress events throughout the school year that give students time to relax and decompress with a fun activity! Some events coming up include Pumpkin Painting, Holiday Card Decorating and a Finals Treat at the end of the semester. We also organize naloxone trainings throughout the school year, where students learn how to administer naloxone in the event of an overdose.

AAPP is committed to promoting mental health within our school as well as the community. Get involved in events and within our chapter to learn more about psychiatric pharmacy!



AMCP: Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy

Author: Mason Laudermilch (P3) Director of Communications

Happy start of the school year everyone! We are the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP) which is the national professional association of pharmacists and other practitioners that integrate different disciplines to allow for sound medication management to improve health care overall. As a student organization we aim to promote managed care as a non-traditional route for student pharmacists.

We had our General Body Meeting on September 24th, where we introduced to new members of what managed care is. After that, we had our meeting designated to the Pharmacy and Therapeutics competition (P&T.) This is one of our biggest events of the year as this creates an immersive environment for all students who are interested in beginning to create skills that are necessary for reviewing formulations and healthcare management within managed care. The competition begins during the winter break, and the winner of the competition has the chance to present at AMCP Annual. Entry and participation requires extensive research into pharmacoeconomic, clinical, and humanistic evidence to support the value proposition of the study drug(s). After this meeting, we have another P&T competition around January 6th-January 10th (more information to come on this!)

Although P&T is our main event that leads into the spring, there are national conferences that are offered by AMCP. This year, AMCP Nexus is being held in Las Vegas and AMCP Annual which is in Houston Texas. There are more than 30 educational sections at each conference that are used to inform us about the Pharmacy Industry world of tomorrow. Along with this there is an Expo that aims to show the newest and greatest innovations in the field of pharmacy.

We look forward to meeting all new members at our upcoming GBM!



APhA-ASP: American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists

Author: Shannon Osborne (P3) Membership Vice President

APhA-ASP hopes everyone has had a great start to the new academic year! We hope that the new P1 students are excited for the start of their pharmacy careers and are acclimating well into the curriculum. We encourage P1s to reach out to P2s and P3s with any questions about the curriculum or professional organizations.

We enjoyed seeing each other at the Welcome Back Picnic this past September! It was great to catch up with students and welcome our new P1 class to the Doctor of Pharmacy Program! The picnic was a great opportunity to learn about all of the student organizations at Pitt Pharmacy. We encourage students to get involved in a few organizations that they find interesting, including APhA-ASP!

The 2024-2025 membership drive for APhA-ASP is now open! APhA-ASP has so many amazing opportunities for students of various interests. Whether you are interested in clinical pharmacy, industry networking opportunities, leadership and advocacy opportunities, or community pharmacy, APhA-ASP has something to offer for you. Thanks to Pitt Pharmacy, students receive discount prices to become a member. Dues are only \$19 for the entire academic year. When you sign up, make sure you use [this link](#) provided by Pitt Pharmacy to receive the discounted price.

Be sure to follow us on Instagram at [@aphapitt](#) to find helpful links and updates on all things Pitt Pharmacy!



ASCP: American Society of Consultant Pharmacists

Author: Camie Schmader (P3) Secretary

ASCP, American Society of Consultant Pharmacists, is hosting a variety of events this semester. We kicked off the year at the back to school picnic where we were able to meet a lot of new potential members. We look forward to a great semester of fun-filled activities to support our community.

We are still looking for a P1 representative. If you are interested in a low-commitment leadership role, this is the place to start. Please reach out to Mackenna Marvin if you are interested at mqm6@pittedu.

October 19th we are participating in the Walk to End Alzheimer's starting at Highmark stadium at 10:30 am. This walk raises money to support research and care for the Alzheimer's Association. If you are interested in joining us in this walk, use this [link](#). There will be a tabling event prior to the walk to provide students the opportunity to learn more.



ASOP: Association of Student Oncology Pharmacists

Author: Morgan Faircloth (P3) Secretary

Congratulations on making it through the first full month of the semester! The Association of Student Oncology Pharmacists (ASOP) is so excited to see what this semester brings. ASOP aims to educate students on various aspects of cancer awareness, treatment, and the roles of healthcare professionals in oncology. We are a newer organization, so this will be the first year where we get to host events in the fall and spring! Oncology has a place in many different career settings for pharmacists such as industry, hospital, and specialty pharmacies. Some important oncology topics students will get to learn about through ASOP include investigational drug accountability, clinical trial processes, pediatric oncology, and leadership in pharmaceutical services.

We got to table at the Welcome Back Picnic this year on September 5th and were so happy to see many new and familiar faces. Our first GBM was on September 19th for potential new and current members to learn more about ASOP, how to become a member, and meet the eboard. We have some exciting events planned for the semester including book club, speakers, journal club, and more. On September 30th we had our first oncology chat event. Coming up soon is a tabling event in October for breast cancer awareness month and look out for more information on our fall membership drive. Follow us on Instagram @asop_pittpharmacy to stay up to date on everything ASOP related!



ISPOR: International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research

Author: Jolie Nguyen (P2) Secretary

Welcome P1s to Salk Hall, and welcome back everyone! The International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) recently held our first GBM on Monday, September 16th in Room 402. We introduced our organization and E-Board, then discussed the role of pharmacists in Health Economics and Outcomes Research (HEOR).

We've been collaborating with our HEOR fellows at Pitt to develop special topics opportunities for our students. Currently, we have three fellows at Pitt - Caroline Paley, Caiden Lukan, and Cindy Chan. While this semester's research may not offer credit, we are working towards special topics with credit in the spring. If you're interested in conducting research with our fellows, please contact our President, Carla Medina-Gil at cpm52@pitt.edu, and President-Elect, Tina Pham at ttp12@pitt.edu.

ISPOR is also looking for a P1 representative. As a P1 rep, you'll attend E-Board meetings and GBMs, serve as a liaison for the P1 class, promote ISPOR events, and help plan events with our E-Board throughout the year. This is a low-commitment position with opportunity for leadership. You have the opportunity to become the President-elect in your P2 year and the President of ISPOR in your P3 year. If this sounds appealing, we encourage you to apply!

Join us at our upcoming GBMs and guest speaker events to learn more about pharmacoeconomics and discover the diverse fields pharmacists can pursue. ISPOR offers networking opportunities with HEOR professionals and aims to create special topics research opportunities with credit for the spring semester. While becoming an ISPOR member at Pitt is free, you may also choose to become an ISPOR International member. For further details, please reach out to us. See you at our next meeting!



ISPOR E-Board (from left to right): Tina Pham (P2, President-Elect), Atreya Ghosh (P2, Dean's Theme Representative), Carla Medina-Gil (P3, President), and Cindy Chan (HEOR fellow at Pitt)



Apply to become
our P1 rep!



Kappa Psi: Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity Incorporated

Author: Colin Schurek (P3) Corresponding Secretary

Hello Pitt Pharmacy! The Beta Kappa Chapter of the Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Inc. has had a wonderful summer and an even better start to the fall season! Over the summer, our Brothers Evan Fink, Gabby Sommers, and Christina Nguyen traveled to Cleveland, Ohio, to attend the 61st Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity Inc. Grand Council Convention! Working closely with the Brothers of the Delta Epsilon Chapter at Duquesne University, our Brothers participated in Fraternity legislative sessions and networked with Brothers from across the country!

Since the beginning of the school year, we have been very busy with our recruitment events! Our Chapter Liaisons, Riya Shah and Emily Fukas, tabled at the Back-To-School Picnic, hosted yard games on the Cathedral Lawn, hosted an info session, and held a fun craft session! We were so excited to meet so many potential members and loved getting to talk to everyone. We are thankful and appreciative to everyone who came out, expressed interest, and/or accepted a bid!

We are preparing for Kappa Psi's Fall Mountain East Province Assembly held right here in Pittsburgh, PA, hosted by the Brothers from the Delta Epsilon Chapter at Duquesne University! We are so excited to travel downtown to support their Chapter and connect and network with other Brothers from chapters across our Province!

Make sure to follow us on instagram (@kappapsi_betakappa) to stay updated with our Chapter! We're looking forward to a great year!



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LKS: Lambda Kappa Sigma

Author: Ava Romah (P2) Corresponding Secretary

Lambda Kappa Sigma (LKS) Delta Chapter is excited to kick off another great year!

This summer, Ann Kozak (President), Mira Farah (Vice-President), and Leia Millan (President-Elect) attended the national conference in Brookfield, Wisconsin. At the conference, they were provided valuable opportunities to network, engage with students and alumni, and explore new ideas for our chapter.

In recent weeks, we celebrated the start of the school year with the back-to-school picnic and hosted three successful recruitment events. Our recruitment chairs, Dakota Hefner and Emma Munsch, gave current members the chance to connect with prospective new members through our lunch events and painting flower pots.

We are excited to welcome 42 new members this semester. We look forward to initiating them as well as the Big/Little ceremony in the coming weeks! We are excited to collaborate with other organizations this year and look forward to the various exciting events that we will be hosting. Stay connected with all our upcoming events and activities by following us on Instagram @lks_delta_chapter. Here's to a great year!



PLS: Phi Lambda Sigma

Author: Brinn Mancuso (P3) Secretary

Welcome back to another great year of Pitt Pharmacy! As an organization centered around leadership and professionalism, PLS is looking forward to helping everyone grow as students and individuals.

We successfully hosted our first "Work Fields" event where students heard from other student leaders about their experiences in a community, hospital, industrial, or long-term pharmacy in addition to the poison control center. It's important to learn more other students' opportunities and how to grow as a leader in internships. In preparation for our upcoming networking event, Dr. Berenbrok also came to speak to us about the fundamentals of networking.

With that being said, we were excited to host the Pitt Pharmacy Open House & Alumni Networking Event on Friday, September 20th where students are provided the opportunity to network with current pharmacy professionals. We always enjoy getting to learn about the opportunities that our past Alumni have achieved. We will also provide more details about our Mentorship Academy that will be happening again this upcoming year.



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PPA: Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association

Author: Alayne Gaghan (P3) Communications Ambassador

Happy October! We are so glad to be back in Salk Hall and with the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association. PPA focuses on advocating for pharmacists in PA and advancing the profession. We are involved with many pharmacy topics such as policy making and advocacy, industry, community, and hospital. There is a place for everyone in PPA!

Over the summer, 15 of our student pharmacists traveled to Washington, DC and heard from APhA CEO Michael Hogue. Students then traveled to Capitol Hill where they met with state senators and representatives to advocate for the profession of pharmacy through the ECAPS Bill. The trip was an amazing opportunity for the group to see APhA headquarters and learn how to talk to representatives about advocating for the pharmacy profession. PPA was so excited to participate in the Welcome Back Picnic and meet all of the new P1s. We had a great time talking to potential new members and saying hello to some familiar faces. September 10th was our first general body meeting of the semester where we were able to eat snacks, introduce the P1 representative position, and talk about all of the exciting plans we have for this semester. September 13th was our PPA membership drive where new and existing members were able to register (or reregister) for PPA. We even raffled off 3 Owala water bottles and 2 Yankee Candles! Make sure to attend some of our other events this semester for free snacks and chances to win prizes!

We have so many fun events coming up this semester! Our yearly Pitt Pharmacy Patagonia sale will be back this year and we have a voting registration event coming up on October 2nd. Be sure to follow us on Instagram @ppa_pitt to stay up to date on our upcoming events and fundraisers, as well as meet the eboard! We cannot wait to continue advocating for Pennsylvania pharmacists and spending time together at these entertaining and informative events.



PPIP: Pittsburgh Pharmacy Investment Portfolio

Authors: Jessica Michel (P2) Director of Communications

The fall 2024 semester is finally here, and PPIP is excited to start this year off right!

PPIP's mission is to expand student pharmacists' awareness of trends in the pharmaceutical industry and to work to develop our members' confidence in investing and preparing for future financial success. No experience or knowledge of investing is required to participate, and everyone is welcome! This club can benefit future pharmacists going into any sector of the occupation, as we all need to have the skills and knowledge to practice healthy financial habits now, and in the future.

This organization runs the Biotech Investment Fantasy League, participates in the due diligence of healthcare stocks, and holds regular meetings where members discuss topics related to developments in the healthcare market. At our first GBM meeting, we were able to cover some investing basics and share some recent updates to companies in the pharmaceutical industry.

For the fall semester 2024, PPIP is planning to host guest speaker sessions to help students learn more about the investment field, network with alumni, and kick off our annual BIFL competition. We are also looking forward to selecting and announcing our newest member to the team, our P1 rep!

The Biotech Investment Fantasy League (BIFL) is a major PPIP event. It is an ongoing competition in which students will be using an investment simulator to monitor stocks on a website called Investopedia. Students will conduct research on pharmaceutical and biotech companies to make critical judgements and investments as well as carefully collecting data for portfolio management. The top ten competitors will have the opportunity to present their portfolios and thought processes of managing investments in a PowerPoint format to other PPIP members and judges. The winner is going to receive a cash prize sponsored by the organization.

All of us at PPIP look forward to increasing student involvement in this organization and cannot wait to gain new members who are excited to learn more!



Rho Chi: Academic Honor Society in Pharmacy

Author: Alayne Gaghan (P3) Historian

Welcome back! Rho Chi is so glad to be back in Salk Hall as the academic honor society at Pitt Pharmacy. We focus on advancing pharmacy through sustained intellectual leadership. We are involved throughout the pharmacy school in many ways and are always trying to help out the classes below us!

We had so much fun at the Welcome Back Picnic meeting the new P1s! Rho Chi eboard members were able to talk about our tutoring sessions, upcoming blood drive, and what we do overall as an academic honor society. It was also fun saying hello to some familiar P2 and P3s! We had our first general body meeting of the semester on September 11th. It was a great opportunity to introduce the new eboard and discuss our goals for the school year. We also gave out donuts to the P1s and P2s to celebrate the first exams of the year. We are also working on all of our tutoring sessions and resources for P1s and P2s including courses such as biochemistry, anatomy, cardiology, and pharmacokinetics. We are continuing our monthly health lectures at the Salvation Army and our first one was held on September 26th about cold and flu season.

Our first blood drive of the year will be on October 23rd in Salk Hall in collaboration with Vitalant. Be sure to follow us on Instagram @rhochi_alphaomicron to stay up to date on our upcoming events and fundraisers, as well as meet the eboard! We cannot wait to continue to be intellectual leaders in the School of Pharmacy and assist the P1s and P2s in their pharmacy school journeys.



SCCP: Student College of Clinical Pharmacy

Author: Emily Miller (P3) Secretary

Welcome Back to a New Academic Year with the Student College of Clinical Pharmacy (SCCP)!

As we enter a new academic year, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined us for the recent events hosted by the Student College of Clinical Pharmacy (SCCP). Your participation at our first general body meeting and attendance at the Back to School Picnic in the Pete was incredibly appreciated and set a positive tone for what promises to be an exciting year.

Our general body meeting, held at the start of the month, was a fantastic opportunity to reconnect and set the stage for the year ahead. We were thrilled to see both new faces and returning members, all eager to engage in the wonderful activities that SCCP has planned. The meeting was not just a chance to outline our upcoming events and initiatives, but also a platform to foster a sense of community among future pharmacists. Your enthusiasm and commitment to advancing clinical pharmacy were evident, and it's clear that this year will be amazing.

Additionally, the tabling event was a success, allowing us to reach out to a wider audience and showcase what SCCP has to offer. It was wonderful to interact with so many of you, discuss our mission, and share the numerous opportunities available for involvement. Your interest and engagement were the highlights of the day, and we were thrilled to see such a strong turnout.

As we move forward, we encourage all members to stay engaged and make the most of the opportunities SCCP provides. Whether you're looking to deepen your clinical knowledge, participate in community outreach, or simply connect with peers who share your passion for pharmacy, SCCP is here to support and facilitate your journey.

Thank you once again for your active participation and enthusiasm. We look forward to a productive and enriching year ahead, filled with learning, growth, and achievement. Stay tuned for upcoming events and activities, and don't hesitate to reach out to me or Shree if you have any questions or ideas. Together, let's make this year the best one yet for the Student College of Clinical Pharmacy!



SIO: Student Industry Organization

Author: Lily Turner, Vice President of Communications

Hello student pharmacists, faculty, and staff! The Student Industry Organization kicked off the school year with some great events!

On September 5 at 4 PM, SIO attended the annual PittPharmacy Welcome Back Picnic in the Petersen Events Center where we welcomed students and highlighted some of the events we are looking forward to. It was great meeting new students and sharing information about the uniqueness of the pharmaceutical industry!

From this, we were able to get a great turnout at our firsting general body meeting on Wednesday, September 18 at 12 PM. At this meeting, SIO leaders introduced students to a broad view of the different areas and opportunities within the pharmaceutical industry. Also, some P2 and P3 students shared detailed information about their internship experiences with roles in Medical Affairs, Sales, and Regulatory Affairs. Later that evening at 5PM, fellows spoke to students about the Rutgers Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowship Program (RPIF). SIO hosted another fellowship event on September 20 at 12PM with Northeastern University Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowships Program. On September 23 at 12 PM, fellows from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS) Biopharmaceutical Industry Fellowships Program presented. It is insightful for students to hear about the unique paths to fellowship and learn about some of the daily tasks within the pharmaceutical industry.

Lastly, SIO collaborated with PPA to lead a Pharmaceutical Industry Internship Roundtables Event where students had the opportunity to engage with their peers who gained various experiences through summer internships. Look out for some of our upcoming events including a resume/LinkedIn workshop, speaker events, and more information about the SIO Symposium in the spring! If anyone has any questions or ideas, please feel free to contact us at studentindustryorg@gmail.com.



SNPhA: Student National Pharmaceutical Association

Author: Ava Romah (P2) President-Elect

Happy start of the semester! The student national pharmaceutical organization (SNPhA) has had an eventful summer. We are so excited to announce that two of our members attended the national SNPhA conference this summer. Lauren Tang and Carla Medina-Gil traveled to Los Angeles to present their posters and connect with alumni and other SNPhA members from all over the country. Carla won 2nd place for her poster about the health disparity with health literacy in childhood diabetes management among Latino communities. Carla created a method poster "Promover La Alfabetizacion en Salud: The Impact of Children's Literature on Diabetes Education in Spanish-Speaking Youth" which defined the research to understand health literacy through children's books. Congratulations Carla!

This past month, we have been busy with the Undergrad Activities Fair and the Welcome Back Picnic. We were able to connect with many undergrads in hopes of increasing their involvement with SNPhA and Pitt Pharmacy. At the Welcome Back Picnic, we also connected with many student pharmacists and shared some of the events that we are planning to host. We are looking forward to engaging with new members this year.

We have several events coming up this fall. On October 24th, we will be celebrating World Polio Day by painting our pinkies purple in honor of the polio vaccine and Dr. Jonas Salk. Then, on October 29th, we will be hosting a Suture Clinic event with SACNAS. In November, we are excited to participate in the JDFR1 walk on November 2nd at Acrisure Stadium. Our goal this year is to raise \$1000, with all donations going to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation to support research on Type 1 Diabetes. We are also looking forward to more community outreach events and other fun activities planned for this semester!

Stay tuned for more updates on our Instagram at @pitt_snpha.



SSHP: Student Society of Health System Pharmacists

Author: Joya Scibek (P3) Internal Career Development Chair

Welcome back to school, everyone! It was great to see everyone that stopped by our table at the back-to-school picnic! We are very excited to see all of the new students interested in our club!

On September 10th we had our first GBM of the semester. We discussed what our club is about and the future events and opportunities we will be having. Our annual clinical skills competition will be held on October 9th from 5:30-8:30 PM. Students will compete in teams of two to prepare an assessment and plan for a patient case. Then they will present their findings to a panel of judges. The final round will be held on October 10th at noon. This is a great opportunity for all students, even P1s are welcome! The winning team will get to represent Pitt Pharmacy at the national clinical skills competition at ASHP mid year happening in New Orleans, LA this year!

Our residency 101 event will be held on October 29th. Any student who is interested in learning more about residency should attend. Lastly, we still have opportunities for professional projects available for students who are interested in getting more involved. We look forward to seeing you all at our events, feel free to reach out to Pitt.sshp@gmail.com with any questions!

