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The Student Representative Council (SRC) Newsletter

The purpose of the SRC newsletter is to keep student pharmacists informed of all student organization activities and opportunities.

NCPA

This past October, the National Community Pharmacists Association attended their first national meeting in New Orleans, along with stops on the way down on *Beale Street* in Memphis for dinner and *Lambert's Café* in Sikeston, Missouri, for supper on our way home. Seventeen SIUE SOP students, along with Dr. Herndon and Dean Medon attended the meeting. The number of our students present made a great first impression among other schools of pharmacy and the NCPA. Students attended several workshops on independent community pharmacy ownership, how to market niche services, and new medications. Robin Roberts of *Good*

Morning America gave an outstanding keynote address at the opening general session. We were also entertained by former NFL star Terry Bradshaw. While in New Orleans, we visited the *New Orleans Pharmacy Museum*, which is at the site of America's first licensed pharmacy. In addition to the pharmacy museum, we enjoyed site seeing throughout the *French Quarter*, great food, and live New Orleans jazz. Everyone had a wonderful time, and agreed that attending the annual meeting was a "good decision." We are looking forward to next year's annual meeting in *Philadelphia*.



Rho Chi



The SIUE School of Pharmacy Rho Chi Society Delta Beta Chapter held its induction ceremony on 11-18-09. The following students were inducted from the class of 2011: Krista Brown, Jeanine Cain, Jennifer Cho, Robert Connell, Michael Crunk, Darren DeLong, Lance Endsley, Lacey Gamblin, Caitlin Hoelscher, Kara Levek, Michelle Marek, Greg McFarland, Kristy Purcell, Jennifer Scharping, Kelly Struempf, and Todd Weitekamp. The following faculty members were inducted as well: Ronald Worthington, Guim Kwon, Erin Timpe, Catherine Santanello, Lakesha Butler, Mark Luer, and Lisa Lubsch. Rho Chi plans to have its first fundraiser this spring selling baseball caps and visors. In the future, they hope to recognize faculty for their scholastic achievements as well as bring in guest lecturers for the students academic benefit.

SSHP

Upon the return from the Illinois Council of Health-system Pharmacists (ICHHP) Leadership Retreat, the Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists remains energized for the end of the fall semester and upcoming events of 2010. First on the agenda is the 44th ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. The conference will be held at the Venetian Hotels and Sands Expo

Center from December 6th to 10th. This year marks the first Midyear Meeting since the graduation of the first School of Pharmacy class of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Students will enjoy the comments of keynote speaker Dennis Quad and participate in different student programming, continuing education and residency showcase sessions. In addition, students will

attend multiple receptions, such as the Dean's Dinner on Sunday evening. As for 2010, the student pharmacist body may look forward to numerous events such as the Credential Panel, Diabetes Symposium, Faculty Auction and further implementation of Generation Rx.



APhA

ASP has continued to have a very busy and successful semester and plans on making the spring just as full of opportunities for members.

Many members traveled to the IPHA annual conference in Peoria, IL, where they attended educational programming. Some students even had the opportunity to present posters or participate in a patient counseling competition.

Members were granted another travel opportunity later on in the semester to attend the Midyear Regional Meet-

ing in Toledo, OH. This student centered event was a great opportunity to network with other pharmacy students, discuss current events related to pharmacy, and develop professional skills.

Other highlights of this semester include winning 3rd place as a not-for-profit organization in the Halloween Parade. Our theme was "Don't be scared to talk to you pharmacist." Thank you to everyone who helped out with this project. In addi-

tion, the Glucose Busters met their fundraising goal at the Diabetes Walk and the Operation Immunization committee posted valuable informational bulletin boards in the SIUE residence halls.

As the Holiday Season approaches our project chairs have been busy setting up programs like Holiday for Humanity and the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Keep posted for these and other volunteer opportunities.

SNPhA



The Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA) has had a very successful semester thus far. We had several fundraisers, including our annual fleece sale and business cards. On Saturday, November 7, SNPhA went into the community at a local Walmart Supercenter and educated the public on blood pressure, diabetes, and asthma. That same evening, we held a social event at the bowling alley located in

the Morris University Center (MUC), which enabled the members of the organization to get to know each other outside of the classroom setting. General meetings have hosted a very intriguing speaker series, including Dr. Isaac Butler from Express Scripts speaking on the importance of building personal and professional relationships and a pharmacist who spoke on her own experience with addiction. Wrapping up this semester, Iqbal Atcha, Walmart Regional Tal-

ent Specialist, spoke to students about resume writing and interviewing skills at our final general meeting of the year. For the upcoming semester, we have many events planned that will educate the community and new and exciting fundraising ideas. We are anxiously heading into next semester with a cohesive organization that has great morale. If you have any questions concerning SNPhA, feel free to contact any of the executive board!



Class of 2010

The New Year is almost upon us and the Class of 2010 is busy trying to figure out our future endeavors. Many of us will be at the ASHP Midyear clinical meeting pursuing residencies and presenting our capstone posters, and some have already started the interview process. We have teamed up with the Class of 2013 to co-run our annual

spring golf tournament. We will be having it in late April and the exact date will be announced soon. The pre-commencement task force committee met recently to begin preparations for graduation and the preceding two weeks. The class will be back on campus starting April 26th for a Naplex review, exit interviews, poster

presentations, and graduation. Just to name a few things going on. The deadline for graduation registration is approaching us fast, don't forget or you can't graduate. **You must be registered by January 11th.** I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Class of 2011

The class of 2011 will be hosting the 2nd annual "Ugly Christmas Sweater Party" December 11, 2009 at Stagger Inn. Join us in a night of festivities and events that will help you relax before a week of finals! At the event we will have "the ugliest sweater award." Any discrepancies will be settled by a "dance off" which you definitely will not want to miss! We hope to see you and whoever else out for a night of celebration of the semester

coming to an end.

As our didactic work is coming to an end we are all getting excited for APPEs. We are continuing our fundraising at the Edward Jones Dome concession stands to help fund our graduation banquet and class gift. Currently, we are starting to plan for our graduation banquet and hope to wrap that up this year. We also have done a couple community outreach projects such as the Wellness

Fair and Project Christmas Child. We are looking forward to Christmas break and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Class of 2012

The fall semester has proven to be quite successful for the Class of 2012. On Friday, November 13, we held the School of Pharmacy's first annual talent show at the Collinsville VFW. A packed house gathered to watch and listen to some of our school's most talented students and friends. **Dr. McPherson** graciously volunteered to emcee for the evening, and did an outstanding job. Prizes were awarded to the top three contestants based on faculty judge scores, as well to the audience's choice. The winners were: *Audience Choice* - **Alex Dow (P2)** performing a montage of comedic movie music, *First Place* - **Cody Sandusky (P2)** performing a piano solo, *Second*

Place - **Shadi Al-Jureidini (P2)** performing a classical guitar solo, and *Third Place* - **Mike Heeter (P1)** performing an original composition. A mini-dance and karaoke party were held after the talent show. Special accolades go to **Dr. Lynch** and **Madonna Imel** (mother of Ryan Imel - P2) for a stirring rendition of David Allen Coe's classic "You Never Called Me By My Name" during the after-party. The Class of 2012 would like to thank the following individuals: Erika Campbell, Colleen Sheehan, the Imel Family, Dr. McPherson, Dean Medon, Dr. Ronald, Dr. Lynch, Dr. Herndon, Dr. Kerr, the Class of 2012 volunteers, and lastly, to everyone that

attended! Thanks to everyone, we were able to raise over \$1300 profit to be applied toward class projects. We look forward to hosting an even better event next year! The Class of 2012 would like to thank everyone who submitted a recipe (or recipes) for our school **cookbook**. We will be finalizing the format of the cookbook over Christmas break and begin book sales in **January**. We are still dispersing **Schnucks eScrip Community Cards**. Every time you shop at an area Schnucks and scan your eScrip card, the Class of 2012 receives 3% of your grocery bill. Please see a P2 or Dr. Worthington if you'd like to sign up!

We're on the web!
[http://www.siu.edu/
pharmacy/SRC.shtml](http://www.siu.edu/pharmacy/SRC.shtml)

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Class of 2013

The class of 2013 is currently selling blankets for \$20. If you would like one, the last order before break will be placed this Friday, December 4th. We will also have multiple events coming up next spring. First will be bowling at Camelot bowl in Collinsville on January 16th. It will be \$15 dollars per person

with teams of 4 per lane; this will include shoes and 3 hours of unlimited bowling. It will be a fun filled night with many prizes awarded! A few other things for spring will be Cardinals ticket sales and the yearly golf scramble is also in the early stages of planning for April. We thank you for all

your support and hope to see you at all of our events.



Caught you doing something stellar !!



Student: Nicole Repking P4

Nicole was participating in internal medicine rounds with a hospitalist service as part of her adult medicine rotation. The team had received a new admission during the early morning hours; the patient was a 73 year old female with acute mental status changes and weakness. The patient was a poor historian due to her mental status, but her son gave a history of confusion, hallucinations, and a shuffling gait for the past few months. Her past medical history included bipolar disorder, which was being treated with olanzapine, and a recent diagnosis of Parkinson's disease. Her son was skeptical of the Parkinson's diagnosis, especially after the patient was started on carbidopa/levodopa and showed no improvement. The patient had been taken off of the carbidopa/levodopa prior to admission, and her son was in the process of seeking a second opinion regarding the possibility of Parkinson's disease when he decided to have her admitted to the hospital.

Upon initial evaluation of the patient's medications, Nicole noted that the patient's dose of olanzapine was a total of 30mg daily. The patient did have a 40 pack-year smoking history, but Nicole noticed that the patient had quit smoking approximately 4 months prior to admission. She explained to the medical team that the high daily dose of olanzapine would likely be appropriate in a current smoker because smoking can induce the metabolism of olanzapine, leading patients to require higher than average doses to be effective. Since the patient had successfully ceased smoking but was receiving the same high dose of the medication, Nicole suggested that the patient was experiencing Parkinson-like symptoms due to an excess amount of olanzapine in her system. Following this, a medical-psychiatric consult was obtained, and it was decided to taper the patient off of olanzapine while slowly adding aripiprazole to control her bipolar symptoms.

The attending physician on the case was highly impressed with Nicole's great catch, and word quickly spread through the internal medicine department about the "big save" accomplished by the team's pharmacy student.