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Pharmacy Council Greetings

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Greetings my fellow pharmacy students, faculty, and administration! I would like to welcome back all pharmacy students and congratulate the Class of 2021 on their first year of pharmacy school. During this year, Pharmacy Council and I hope to foster a culture of interclass sociability, commitment to scholastic goals, and a collegiality between all programs. A thorough support system is the key to achieve ambitious objectives. I recommend reaching out to your fellow classmates, family members and professors for support and guidance through this process. Additionally, being able to enjoy your time here is important as well. Pharmacy Council hopes to bring some levity to our campus by hosting events and programs to relieve some stress. Be on the lookout for updates regarding those events. If any person requires help, has any comments or concerns, or wants to propose any innovative ideas, please reach out to me or any member of the student council. Be diligent in your studies, and good luck throughout this semester.



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GSHP Summer Meeting

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ASHP-SSHP President, Class of 2019

The 2017 Georgia Society Health-System Pharmacists (GSHP) Summer Meeting was held in Amelia Island, FL. PCOM's American Society of Health-system Pharmacists—Student Societies of Health-System Pharmacy (ASHP-SSHP) members learned about the different roles of pharmacists in their respective settings such as ambulatory care and trauma protocol. GSHP hosted events focused on one goal: students expanding the roles of pharmacy in the healthcare system.

Students branched out from their didactic material and explored the clinical applications of pharmacy. These were informational and motivational sessions. We also had an amazing time relaxing on the beach and in our condominium provided by GSHP.



Michael Cooley and Jenny Chen (Class of 2019)

Operation Diabetes

Jung Jung Shang
APhA-ASP Operation Diabetes Chair, Class of 2019

American Pharmacists Association—Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) Operation Diabetes Committee at PCOM has been helping the diabetes class at Good



Image Source: Good Samaritan Health Center of Gwinnett homepage, <http://goodsamgwinnett.org/>

Samaritan Health Center every third Saturday of the month.

The diabetes class offers a variety of topics to educate patients with diabetes and their families about how to manage or prevent diabetes. On June 17, 2017, the instructor, Monica Piggott, invited APhA-ASP at PCOM to lead the class.

Najra Maric, Michael Cooley, Katherine Sweet, and Alexandro Ramirez gave a presentation on “Diabetes and Its Effect on the Body”. They discussed the complications of diabetes and the methods used to avoid these complications. On August 19, Anna-Kay Forrester and I helped in the support group session on diabetes and depression. It was a pioneer class seeking to evaluate how

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patients deal with diabetes emotionally. The patients actively shared their personal experiences and offered each other advice. Patients seemed comforted in their realization that they were not alone in their challenges with diabetes. I appreciate that we can help Monica offer a wonderful opportunity to educate patients on diabetes. In addition, PCOM's APhA-ASP volunteers are very professional and passionate in participating in the class activities. Its a wonderful experience to learn about diabetes from the patient's perspective.

Grand Council Convention

Ernessa Samuel
Kappa Psi Rush Chair, Class of 2019

To truly understand the remarkable and educational, yet enjoyable conference known as the Kappa Psi's Grand Council Convention (GCC), is to experience it. The brothers of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity Inc., from different chapters, across the nation gathered in Naples, FL for the 58th GCC from August 1-5. The convention takes place once every two years, to provide continuing education, learn the financial side of pharmacy, procure information about residencies, and participate in career roundtables. At GCC, brothers networked and learned about career development. We also reconnected with old friends, made new ones, participated in fundraising competitions, and created long lasting memories with individuals that have become family.



John Thomas Rust (Class of 2018),
Ernessa Samuel, Ayodeji Oluseye (Class of 2019),
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Summer Leadership Institute

Ricky Ayoung-Chee
APhA-ASP President, Class of 2019

As President of the APhA-ASP Chapter at PCOM, I was given the honor of representing our school at the annual Summer Leadership Institute (SLI) in Washington, D.C. SLI offers participants the opportunity to network with members from all over the country and to visit with congressional representatives at Capitol Hill. Over the course of 3 days, we exchanged ideas on chapter development and discussed the future of our profession as it pertains to

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provider status. Provider Status is APhA's initiative to have pharmacists as part of an integrated healthcare team.



APhA members stand proudly in front of the United States Capitol and at headquarters

Veterinary Tour

Michael Cooley
ASHP-SSHP, Class of 2019

The 2017 UGA Veterinary Hospital tour was a wonderful experience and helped us understand the importance of pharmacists' roles in the community. The facility provides

in-house and field services to approximately 400,000 non-poultry animals per year in an effort to expand services and produce exceptional veterinarians. At the hospital, Dr. Heather Lindell described the importance of animal health through the CDC's "One Health" initiative. This initiative explains the connection between human, environmental, and animal health. Learning about the initiative widened the perspectives of those attending. PCOM's ASHP-SSHP hopes to continue to collaborate with the UGA Veterinary Hospital in the future.



Haeju An, Laurice Mata, Hien Vo (Class of 2019), Chester Sosebee, Heather Lindell, DVM, Michael Cooley, Sasa Nguyen (Class of 2019)

Important Dates

Rho Chi Initiation

The 1818 Club
Duluth, GA
October 4, 2017

GSHP Fall Meeting

Brasstown Valley Resort
Young Harris, GA
October 13-15, 2017

NCPA Annual Convention

Orlando, FL
October 14-18, 2017

Class of 2021 White Coat Ceremony

Infinite Energy Center
Duluth, GA
October 20, 2017

ASHP-SSHP Pharmacy Clinical Skills Competition

GA-PCOM campus
Suwanee, GA
October 21-28, 2017

Fall Break

November 13-19, 2017

Winter Term Begins

November 20, 2017

ASHP Midyear Exhibition

Orlando, FL
December 3-7, 2017