

# Spring 2020

## Executive Summary



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## American College of Clinical Pharmacy – Student College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP-SCCP)

To start the semester, ACCP-SCCP held its second session of the Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) workshop. Our advisor Dr. Laskey taught and certified 19 more College of Pharmacy students and 2 community pharmacy residents in MHFA. In total, we had 45 participants in this program for the school year.

In February, ACCP-SCCP held a statistics jeopardy event with categories covering: confidence intervals, statistical tests, study methodologies, threats to validity, and data interpretation to help the PY1s prepare for their Drug Information midterm, and the PY2s to prepare for their Evidence-Based Medicine midterm. Later in the month, ACCP-SCCP participated in the annual Clinical Research Challenge, and students Eve Carciofi, Nicholas Hanks, and Anis Soueidan represented Western New England in round 1.

March's highlight was our chapter's clinical career spotlight; ACCP-SCCP sponsored a career Q&A on pediatric pharmacy. We invited Dr. Brianne Staysniak and Dr. Michelle Rychalsky from YNH to skype with our chapter and talked about their pediatric pharmacy experiences. For the end of March, ACCP-SCCP had a journal club planned. We had partnered with the WNEU SSHP chapter to discuss an article on antipsychotic use in geriatric dementia patients that was, sadly, canceled due to campus closing.

Unfortunately, few of our plans for April panned out the way we had hoped. ACCP-SCCP was registered to participate in the SSHP Annual Health Fair on accepted students a day with a poster on osteoporosis prevention and signed up to host a table at PSGA's "Big P" Bash with a game entitled "The goldilocks of lab values, too high, too low, or, just right?". Additionally, we had chosen the "Out of Darkness" walk as our service event for the semester. We had made plans to partner with LKS to sell ribbons the week before the event to raise money for the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention. Many of our members did still sign up for the walk and participated from home.

In April, ACCP-SCCP still held the school-wide competition for the annual Clinical Pharmacy Challenge to decide who would represent Western New England CPHS on our team for this national competition in the fall. The event was held on Kodiak, proctored by our advisor Dr. Laskey, through a lock-down browser with webcam monitoring to maintain the competition's integrity and fairness for the competitors. Students Bethany Brown, Kate Armstrong, and Eve Carciofi will be competing on this team in the fall.

## American Institute of the History of Pharmacy Student Association (AIHPSA)

To begin the new semester, the executive board held a meeting to discuss the semester's agenda. On February 11<sup>th</sup>, the semester's first general meeting was held to discuss ideas for the spring trip and other events for the semester. On February 12<sup>th</sup>, members got together for the first movie night schedule for the semester. This movie-night was a double feature: first "The Three Stooges: Bubble Trouble" (1953), then "Limitless" - Season 1, Episode 21: "Finale: Part One!" (2016). To finish off the month of February, AIHPSA held a fundraiser between February 17<sup>th</sup> and February 21<sup>st</sup>. Little keychain backpacks containing a CPR mouthpiece and gloves were sold for 5 dollars in a variety of different colors.

A new event created and run by our faculty advisor, Dr. Baker, during the spring semester was the Tools of the Apothecary presentations. Each Monday at the end of the average college day from February 10<sup>th</sup> until March 9<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Baker would do a short presentation and then discuss the apothecary tool of yore for the week, based on articles written by the late George Griffenhagen and published in JAPhA in the 1950s. The first meeting attracted one member – by the last event, four members were attending and two non-member guests.

Yearlong events included the Voices of Pharmacy Past (VoPP) project and the College Collections Committee's work. The VoPP committee trained three more students as interviewers and interviewed two senior pharmacists this year. Both filmed interviews were subsequently archived at the College and with AIHP. The College Collections Committee was quite active this year: creating one new display in a cabinet, labeling two other collections in two other display cabinets, applying for two grants from the alumni foundation (unsuccessfully, unfortunately), and redoing and labeling the administrative suite wall display case and conference room displays.

Before the university switching to remote learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the following events had been planned:

March 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>: Spring Museum Trip: Visiting LaVerdiere's Apothecary in Maine. We will depart on March 13<sup>th</sup>, visit the apothecary on 14<sup>th</sup> and return.

March 30<sup>th</sup>: Movie Night: "In Old California" (1942) - Starring John Wayne as the pharmacist. It was allegedly the role he enjoyed playing the most since his father was a pharmacist.

April 11<sup>th</sup>: Flea Market Antiquing Competition Trip: Southwood Antiques and Marketplace, 89 Raffia Rd, Enfield, CT.

Unfortunately, all three of these events were canceled.

On April 4<sup>th</sup>, an online conference executive board meeting was held to discuss what needed to be done to end the academic year and how voting would take place given the remote schedule. Thus, the year concluded with the 2020-2021 officers' election utilizing an online survey, after nominations held via email. The officers elected were Laura M. DiVirgilio – President; Annie Collins Vice-President; Bianca A. Bartoli – Secretary; Michela Kahsay – Treasurer; and Samuel C. Weaver - Historian/Publicist. Moving forward with the newly elected officers' help, the Alpha chapter of AIHPSA hopes to add more members from the incoming class and grow as an organization during the next academic year.

## American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP)

### 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 student pharmacists' opportunities to learn about leadership, career opportunities, patient safety, and policy forums. This year the annual meeting was canceled, unfortunately, due to the pandemic. We had one student represent us virtually when voting for the new APhA-ASP House Members for the 2020-2021 term.

### Fundraising:

At the beginning of February, we had a candy-gram fundraiser where students, faculty, and staff could purchase a candy-gram delivered on Valentine's Day. The candy-gram fundraiser was co-hosted with our Operation Heart to help spread heart-healthy information. The candy-grams this year were dark chocolate hearts with a heart paper attached. One side was for students to write a message, and one side had a heart-healthy fact. The fundraiser was very successful this year!

The candy-grams were sugar-free lollipops, and personalized messages had facts regarding diabetes on one side.

We had planned to sell APhA's Peripheral Brain and a white coat pharmacist clipboard this spring, but unfortunately, those got canceled due to COVID19.

### Developing clinical skills:

We also encouraged developing counseling skills for WNE COPHS student pharmacists. WNE COPHS was represented at the National Patient Counseling Competition by PY4, Lindsey Kip. She competed in the first round of the national competition, which took place virtually due to the annual meeting's cancellation. The top 10 winners of the Fall local patient counseling competition were honored at the COPHS Virtual Awards ceremony.

### January:

In January, Operation Women's Health had a poster sitting event in the atrium on HPV and cervical cancer awareness. This tabling lasted one week and educated COPHS students on these disease states. Operation Generation hosted a Vape Symposium at Wilbraham Middle School to educate the students on vaping dangers. All of the operations participated in a quiz bowl at the end of January as well. The quiz bowl consisted of different OTC med safety questions, and the winner won a gift card. We also hosted a general body meeting.

### February:

In February, we hosted an origami workshop at the Wellington. Students volunteered to help to make origami with the residents; they loved the event! Operation Diabetes hosted a sharps container collection/donation that started at the beginning of February but was cut short when we did not return

after spring break. We also had a wear red event for American Heart Month! Another general body meeting was hosted as well. Operation Women's Health did a poster sitting event in the atrium on domestic violence. We did a headshot fundraiser at the end of February, which was very successful and all of the photos came out great!

March – April:

We had many events planned for the rest of the year that we, unfortunately, had to cancel due to the pandemic. To name a few, we were working on a Narcan Training Day with ASHP, a healthy meal planning event, another origami workshop, a poison control event at big Y, and participation in the OOTD walk and health fair. We were still able to host virtual elections this year. We also had two awards at the award ceremony this year. We had a member of the year and most involved members. The most involved member is determined by how many events (points) a member goes to per year. We were also able to sign up PY4 members for the transitional membership for next year. While we canceled all of our events, we have been trying to keep our social media updated to keep students involved!

## Academic Pharmacists Society

### (APS)

This semester APS was able to brainstorm new events to be held on an annual to semi-annual basis. They asked students in the College of Pharmacy if they knew about research opportunities within the College and decided to hold a research panel event. This event was held in person on February 14<sup>th</sup> and was a very successful event for APS. About 15 students attended the event. They asked 4 students on the "panel" how they got involved in research, what they do for research, and the advantages of getting involved in the research. The feedback they received on the event was very positive and is something that they think will be beneficial to do every year.

APS had planned to do a couple of other events before the abrupt end to in-person contact due to COVID. There were dates for another "toastmasters" style presentation event and NAPLEX review for PY4 students. These events were canceled when students were sent home for the remainder of the semester.

In conclusion, APS wants to continue with the three events listed above and implement them into the upcoming years. There have also been hopes of implementing a fundraiser next academic year to increase funds.



## American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP)

ASCP had a semester planned out with three meetings, two services, and one professional, however, only one was able to take place. We were able to hold a card-making event for the patients at Lakeside Loomis. Unfortunately, we were not able to deliver the cards due to COVID, but pandemic willing, we will be planning to give them to the residents this year.





# American Society of Health-System Pharmacists – Student Society for Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP-SSHP)



## Student Society Show Case at ASHP Midyear

Our chapter was represented for the first time at the ASHP Student Society showcase during the 2019 Midyear meeting. We presented a poster on our chapters Tar Wars program and made fliers shared with members of other SSHP chapters.

## Sweatshirt Fundraiser

ASHP-SSHP organized a sweatshirt fundraiser. We sold sweatshirts to students to raise funds for the organization. Funds were intended to be used for the ASHP Health fair and other organization projects, which were canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Oncology Pharmacy Q&A

On March 4<sup>th</sup>, we held an Oncology Pharmacy Q&A session. Dr. Arin Whitman educated students on becoming an oncology pharmacist and on how to become an oncology pharmacist.

## ASHP-SSHP Spotlight on Specialty Pharmacy Newsletter

We were excited to send out Issue 3 of our Newsletter, which focused on Infectious Disease Pharmacy. In this issue, we had a WNEU Alumni, Dr. Michael Lorenzo, who shared his journey and experience in this career path. Nicholas Raschilla (PY4) also shared his experience during an APPE infectious disease rotation.

**ASHP-SSHP SPOTLIGHT ON SPECIALTY PHARMACY**  
**INFECTIOUS DISEASE PHARMACY**

Meet Dr. Michael Lorenzo! He earned his Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from Western New England University, College of Pharmacy 2016. Afterwards, he completed a PGY1 residency at Upstate University Medical Center in Syracuse, NY and a PGY2 residency in Infectious Disease (ID) at Baystate Medical Center. He is also certified as an HIV pharmacist by the American Academy of HIV Medicine.

**Why did you choose to pursue a career in ID pharmacy?** ID was always an interest of mine from didactic courses, and I was able to complete an ID antimicrobial stewardship rotation as a P4. This helped to give me a much better understanding of what exactly goes into making thoughtful antibiotic decisions, and on subsequent rotations I realized that antibiotic overuse is one of the more pervasive issues in the inpatient setting. This stuck with me through my PGY1 and ultimately I decided to pursue ID as a specialty.

**How would you describe your experiences during residency, both PGY1 and PGY2?** As a PGY1, in a lot of ways it's an extension of being a student, but with more responsibility and autonomy required of the learner. Your main focus is that of your care team and patients, but you may not do a lot by ways of research and quality improvement. As a PGY2, particularly being that my program was largely stewardship oriented, I had many more opportunities to engage in quality improvement, and a lot of opportunity to lead scholarly endeavors such as research and professional writing. Both years were significantly more work, but as you grew into a specialty that you're passionate about, this seems less and less daunting.

**How would you describe a typical work day as an ID pharmacist?** I always use the same description of having "3 buckets" with one being patient care, usually consisting of working with the ID consult service and providing guidance on antibiotic use to non-ID providers. The second bucket is the quality improvement piece, represented by the process of identifying potential issues, evaluating internal data to quantify the impact of the issue, and ultimately trying to propose a change in a process that can offer a solution. The third bucket is that of research and scholarship, a lot of stewardship programs come up with really innovative solutions to common problems, and the only way to get this information to other practitioners is to "write it up" and try to publish your work. It's unfortunate that this one of the more important aspects of stewardship, but usually the one that is the most challenging and the least prioritized by many health systems, but definitely something I try to make time for when available.

**What do you like the most about ID pharmacy, and what do you find most challenging?** What I like most is the collaboration with the microbiology lab. Most health care providers don't have a great understanding of what goes in the lab, but the lab is responsible for providing at least a third of the information a clinician will use to make a decision on an antibiotic regimen. This lack of insight/knowledge as to how the lab produces the information they do can lead to some bad decisions and as an ID pharmacist, we can bridge that knowledge gap, in my opinion, better than any other health care professional.

**What advice do you have for students seeking this career path and what makes a student stand out to you?** I always encourage students to pursue formal post graduate training, and if you want to seek a specialty, such as ID, a PGY2 residency is going to be a must as well. Seeking opportunities in biostatistics or study designs, is critical if you want to show the benefit of an intervention/quality improvement process. The learners I see stand out the most all share a passion for their area of interest, and not only know what the guidelines say, but why they say it.

**What skills would you say are needed to excel in this specialty?** The most important thing is open mindedness and an ability to work with others, ultimately you want to have several people within your program who provide diversity among their backgrounds to make very big differences in ID stewardship.

**ashp** Recognized Student Society

**ASHP-SSHP SPOTLIGHT ON SPECIALTY PHARMACY**  
**INFECTIOUS DISEASE PHARMACY**

Nicholas Raschilla is a PY4 from Western New England University, College of Pharmacy. He did an ID APPE rotation at Baystate Medical Center and was kind enough to share his experiences with us.

**How will you describe your experience during this rotation?** The experiences I had during this rotation were invaluable. During the first 5 weeks of my rotation I spent my time on the ID consult service. This was an amazing experience because the patients we saw were the most complicated patients in this respective disease state. This allowed me further my knowledge in this topic and to help me learn more about advanced disease states. The consult service allowed me to see how pharmacists and pharmacy residents help to decide therapy and adjust dosages based on renal function and other factors. I was glad to see the high respect these doctors held for pharmacists and how they valued my opinions. For the final week of my rotation I worked with the ID stewardship service. This helped to further see how common antibiotic misuse is in the hospital. This service helped me to learn critical thinking skills for deescalating patients' therapy to improve outcomes. Stewardship is a common trend that is appearing across hospitals around the country and it is crucial to preventing a rampant spread of antimicrobial resistance.

**What surprised you the most this rotation and what did you find most challenging?** I was surprised how expected the pharmacists are at the hospital. I had known prior the expanding roles of clinical pharmacists in the acute care setting, but I was truly not aware of how major of an impact they have. Certain antibiotics can only be initiated or dosed by pharmacy staff to ensure that patients are going to have the best outcome. These changes directed toward interprofessional care have improved patient care. The most challenging part of this rotation were the advanced disease states. A lot of cases we were presented with had situations that were not outlined by guidelines or any literature reference. This was something I had not experienced a lot in the past and forced us to use clinical reasoning to make decisions based on sparse literature.

**Were you involved in research or any other projects?** During my rotation I was involved in a lot of projects throughout the duration of the sixth weeks. I had to help with data collection on a study that looked into proper antibiotic prescribing in the emergency room for patients presenting with community acquired pneumonia. Aside from that I was responsible for completing topic discussion, a journal club, and at patient use presentation that looked at a MRSA/Pseudomonas superinfection.

**What will you say are some of the benefits of doing an APPE rotation in ID?** The greatest benefit I achieved from this rotation was the idea that you should always question an antibiotic if you feel uncomfortable about something. In both the community and hospital setting there is a lot of misuse that is increasing resistance and worsening patient outcomes. There are a lot of different antibiotics to select from and there is a chance that what is selected is not appropriate and can be harmful.

**What advice do you have for students considering this rotation?** I would advise any student who is

### **General meetings and Virtual election**

We held general meetings on January 27<sup>th</sup> and February 14<sup>th</sup>. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, our elections were held virtually. Below are members of the 2020-2021 E-board

- o Briana O'Connell – President
- o Kyle Hooper - Vice President / President-elect
- o Allie McMillen - Secretary
- o Joe Polidoro – Treasurer
- o Emily Cofsky – Student liaison

### **Planned programs not realized because of the COVID-19 pandemic**

- o Narcan Training
- o SSHP Health fair
- o Advocacy Talk
- o Out of darkness walk
- o MSHP general meeting

## Alpha Zeta Omega Pharmaceutical Fraternity – Delta Tau

### (AZO)

This past semester for the Alpha Zeta Omega Pharmaceutical Fraternity was a successful one, despite the current circumstances. Starting with our biggest event of the spring semester, we held our annual Delta Tau Formal at the beginning of March. Formal was a fun night filled with great food and fantastic company. We had fraters from across the country, including Connecticut, Ohio, Maine, and New Jersey. It was our final celebration before we all had to leave school, and for many of us, it was the last time we would enjoy each other's company before the end of our APPE year.

We were also able to be active professionally this semester, working with Dean Tanzer to present the PY1 class in their professional development course. The presentation involved advocacy for the pharmacy student and navigating the College of Pharmacy throughout the three years of classes. We were active with service, held a canned food drive in the CSP atrium, and collected cans brought to a local food bank. Finally, this spring semester, we inducted nine new fraters into the fraternity. Each of them definitely showed how passionate they were for AZO and worked hard to learn about us and fraternity.

Fundraising is the area we missed out most due to COVID-19. This semester, we planned our annual butter braids fundraiser to buy cookie dough or butter braids. Lots of our fraters brought these to their workplaces, and sales were through the roof, more than any year prior. Unfortunately, we had to cancel this fundraiser due to everyone leaving campus and had to give everyone their money back. We are looking to redo this fundraiser in the fall and hope to have a similar turnout.

Overall, AZO had a fantastic year this year, and I am confident we will continue to grow and succeed in the future here at Western New England.

Fraternally,

Justin Adamczyk, Delta Tau Directorum

# The Industry Pharmacists Organization

## (IPhO)

### **INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES**

WNE's IPhO chapter held several professional/ educational activities. Below is a chronological list of all the events that students were invited to attend in the spring

- February 11<sup>th</sup>: Mid-year Q&A: Jarred Rosenberg (current PY4, future MSL fellow with BMS) came to campus to provide a Q and A with pharmacy students regarding his approach to attaining a fellowship in the pharmaceutical industry. Mr. Rosenberg gave a short speech regarding his tactics towards the academic curriculum and focused on shaping him into a pharmacist working in the industry. Students were then able to ask him questions regarding his mid-year approach and how he prepared for the intense interviewing process.
- It is important to note that due to the COVID-19 outbreak, many events were canceled, including a CV workshop and an MSL guest speaker in April

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD TRANSITION PLAN**

With the COVID-19 situation underway, the E-board transition was conducted online. Over the past years, the current president, Thanh Mai, has learned a lot about running an organization in Western New England. The following points are what will be discussed to transition into the 2020-2021 academic year properly.

- The joint requirements to be fulfilled between IPhO National and Western New England's College of Pharmacy Student Governance Association
- Fundraising activities: Either the T-shirt event that was canceled due to COVID, or redo the name badge fundraiser.
- Elect one eboard member to concurrently serve as the president-elect, who will ultimately become president by the 2021-2022 academic year.
- Consideration of timely communication between members/ faculty.
- There will be a Fuze/Zoom meeting between this year's president and the incoming eboard. Current member of the E-board (2019-2020) had given a short description of their roles in IPhO to discuss with the president.
- The current president has made himself available to the 2020-2021 eboard for any questions or assistance with contacting guest speakers/ fellowship programs for future events.

### **GOALS FOR UPCOMING YEAR**

The 2019-2020 academic year was extremely successful for our chapter; considering the lack of effort in previous years, this year showed much improvement.

Goals for next year include:

- Increase engagement

- There is a decent number of members in IPhO; however, engagement is low, and there are usually the same 3-4 students who attend each meeting.
- Continue to grow as a chapter in IPhO
- Although this was a good year for IPhO, there is still much to improve next year. We will fulfill the required responsibilities outside of conducting events.

## Lambda Kappa Sigma – Beta Beta

### (LKS)

During this school year, aside from the yearly rush events, LKS held such as tie-dye at a sister's house, apple picking, and various sister lunches we held to interest new members, we also had monthly meetings. LKS did a great job this year as we gained 12 new members. Our initiation was mid-January. LKS held a successful fundraiser this year selling blue and gold Pura Vida bracelets, supporting the artisans who make them by hand. Even with COVID19 canceling all events, LKS continued to host the annual Out of the Darkness 5k walk, but virtually. The walk raises awareness for suicide and prevention. We raised more than \$600, even hosting it online. One of the events we were looking forward to setting up was a Narcan training through an associate of one of the LKS sisters. Unfortunately, this did not work out this year, but we look forward to scheduling that again next year!



## National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA)

To kick off the semester, we had an eboard meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting, we planned dates for upcoming meetings as well as planning events for the semester.

On February 7<sup>th</sup>, we had a General Body meeting. At this meeting, we brought up our ideas for the semester and received feedback from members about what they wanted to do for the semester.

On February 20<sup>th</sup>, we had our first event for the semester, where we had guest speaker David Benoit join us. David Benoit is from Northeast Pharmacy Service Corporation and discussed with us community pharmacy practice in independent pharmacies as it is today and how it will differ in the future.

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, we had an eboard meeting to plan for an upcoming compounding competition. At this meeting, we also welcomed our new Historian Oyindamola Olajide. We planned how the compounding competition would work, when and where we would be able to do it and how it would be judged. We then had a general body meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> in order to present ideas to members.

On March 14<sup>th</sup>, we had a virtual meeting where we appointed new officers for the upcoming semester and closed up the semester as the events that remained for the semester were canceled. At this meeting, we elected the new eboard. The new eboard consists of President: Thanh Mai, Vice President: (none selected), Secretary: Maygyul Izzatova, Treasurer: Ethan E. King, and Historian: Steve To.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some of our spring events were canceled. On March 30<sup>th</sup>, we planned to have a lip balm compounding competition, where each team of two students would have paid an entry fee of \$10. The teams would be judged on their compounded product's pharmaceutical elegance and the quality of the product label that they made. The winning team would have received gift cards equal to half of the money collected.

In order to help with the funding, we were also planning a mug fundraiser. The money raised would have been used to help with travel or other expenses within the chapter, such as pizza or food for meetings.

Other events canceled include a general body meeting in April and the health fair for the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at Western New England University. We would have a table and present a topic to people who attended the open house for the day.

## Phi Delta Chi

### (PDC)

The semester began with a visit from the Northeast Regional Officers. They spent two days with the Brothers of our Gamma Tau chapter and worked to develop SMART goals that would ultimately help our chapter excel in the future. February saw the chapter's eighth induction ceremony as six new Brothers got initiated into the *Theta* class.



A few weeks after the spring induction ceremony, Brothers from the Gamma Tau chapter had the privilege to attend the Phi Delta Chi Northeast Regional Conference in East Hartford, CT. During this conference, Brothers from our chapter served on various Organizational, Collegiate, and Alumni Affairs committees throughout the weekend and vote on regional operations within the fraternity. Additionally, a select group of Brothers were able to attend a leadership seminar (*Lead-Grow-Shape* developed through the Pharmacy Leadership & Education Institute). It not only served as a platform for personal leadership development but allowed for input from current practicing pharmacists and collegiate brothers to weigh in on the leadership expansion and improvements for the Gamma Tau chapter. Our chapter showed the greatest chapter representation of all of the Northeast chapters, with nineteen brothers attending the conference banquet to cap-off the weekend.



Unfortunately, the remainder of our chapter's service, fundraising, and brotherhood activities were canceled because of the campus shutdown. Although they were unable to be planned, we had looked into volunteering at the local Ronald McDonald House at the end of March and forming a team to participate in the Out of the Darkness Walk to benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

However, we did generate a significant list of Brotherhood and community service events planned but were never carried out. The Phi Delta Chi St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Banquet (previously known as the PDC Formal),

scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup>. An evening that typically serves as a great time as a break from school to celebrate Brotherhood was set to be reestablished as a fundraising event. Stemming from an idea presented to us by our Northeast Regional Officers, a portion of each ticket purchased would have been donated to our fraternity's charitable partner, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. As an additional fundraising event for the hospital, we had scheduled our annual PIE-A-PHI event for late April. The money raised is split in half between our chapter operations and the remainder given as a donation. Before the campus closing, the Gamma Tau chapter was actively creating a team that would participate in the Relay for Life at Westfield State University on April 3<sup>rd</sup>; this walk intended to serve as a two-hour event to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The final fundraising activity that we had planned was to sell Krispy-Kreme doughnuts throughout the College of Pharmacy to help raise money for our general chapter operations.

Our chapter had also arranged to take a group of around 20 Brothers to attend the first-ever Pharmacist Appreciation Night at Fenway Park for a game between the Boston Red Sox and the Toronto Blue Jays on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Attendance at this game would have been a great way to represent the Gamma Tau chapter of Phi Delta Chi and our College of Pharmacy. We plan to organize another group to attend during the 2021 season as the Red Sox organization plans to reschedule this innovative ceremonial night.

In late April, our new Executive Board voted in over Zoom. The E-Board, includes Benjamin Miller, Valerie Amedeo, Nicholas Hanks, Kayla Hopkins, Samuel Weaver, Jennifer Merritt, Hannah Achadinha, Nathan Croner, and Sienna Wurl are tasked to accomplish many goals throughout the upcoming year. Regardless of the many difficulties that we have all faced during this past spring and summer, we are confident as a chapter that we will emerge more cohesive and prominent than we ever have in previous years.

## Phi Lambda Sigma

### (PLS)

This semester the Delta Rho chapter of PLS was busy reading applications, interviewing PY2 and PY3 candidates, and planning our annual induction ceremony. Our chapter invited eight students to be inducted for 2020: Valerie Amedeo, Eve Carciofi, MaryCatherine Heighton, Minji Hong, Jennifer Merritt, Briana O'Connell, Olga Shutov, and Rachel Yan. While we were sadly unable to celebrate at a dinner together, we still held a virtual ceremony to welcome our new members over Fuze. The inductees attended the virtual ceremony, our current officers, our chapter advisor Dr. Housman, Dean Spooner, and several chapter faculties, PY3 and PY4 members. Delta Rho also published a newsletter to highlight our chapter's newest members.

In April, PLS had a series planned, called "De-stress with PLS," and aimed at fostering healthy habits and self-care among pharmacy students, especially student leaders. Our bullet journal event for after spring break was, sadly, canceled due to campus closing.

## Pharmacy Student Governance Association (PSGA)

This semester has been the most unique for PSGA. Given the university's closure on March 13<sup>th</sup>, many of our events and plans have been canceled. We were not able to accomplish all of our goals for the semester. However, we were able to accomplish a few things at the beginning of the semester. Our service chairs, Alan Keeley and Shannon Bailey, set up a bingo night for residents at The Wellington assisted living facility in Springfield, MA, on January 22<sup>nd</sup> as well as two days with Habitat for Humanity on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. As always, we love seeing our students extend a helping hand by volunteering within our community. Our social chair, Pearl Eben, organized a night for pharmacy students to relax and socialize with pizza and wings at Sophia's Pizza on February 20<sup>th</sup>. The event was a great success, and everyone that attended had a great time.

Unfortunately, we had more plans canceled than had been accomplished. We had one more day with Habitat for Humanity planned for March 28<sup>th</sup> that could not occur for service. Similarly, our annual Day of Service was canceled, planned for April 13<sup>th</sup>. In the past, we have had over 70 students sign up to volunteer at different locations in the community, such as The Wellington, Enfield Food Pantry, BEAR Necessities Market Food Pantry, Holyoke Soldiers Home, Springfield parks, Open Pantry, and Springfield Rescue Mission. It is disappointing we were not able to send students to these locations again this spring. We also had one more social event planned for April 21<sup>st</sup> at our lunch break for a carnival-style end of the year bash for pharmacy students. The plan was to have a fried dough truck, set up lawn games, and have the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences organization/clubs participate by setting up fun activities. For example, ACCP would host a Goldilocks Lab Values competition and see how close students could guess if the lab values were too high, low, or just right. SNPhA would have a brand/generic competition and award a prize to the top three students who could guess the most brand/generic correctly. The Class of 2021 was also going to set up a table where students could guess the correct number of "pills" (or skittles) in the jar, and the closest guess would win a prize.

The most disappointing for the PSGA eboard was the cancelation of the Outstanding Young Pharmacist Alumni Banquet scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> in the University Commons. The event was a new annual banquet to take place through the support of our career development fund. Five alumni were invited to campus who demonstrated exceptional success since graduation to receive an Outstanding Young Pharmacist Award. The dinner would have provided an opportunity for former students to reestablish connections with the university and hopefully spark their interest in serving as mentors for our current students and re-engage with the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. The event could have created potential employment opportunities, experiential learning sites, and career advice for current students. Additionally, Meagan Dias, PSGA President, received a grant from the Alumni Association to support the event. The event was rescheduled to next spring, where those five alumni will receive their award and an additional five alumni.

Finally, the last on our list of cancellations was the annual College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Golf Tournament scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup>. With the closure of golf courses in Massachusetts, the unknown of their reopening, and the unlikelihood of many golfers to participate given the virus's outbreak, we decide to cancel this year's tournament. While this event funds our career development fund, students cannot travel due to the cancelation of all university-sponsored travel.

On a more positive note, PSGA gave out two awards at the first virtual College of Pharmacy Award Ceremony. The first award we gave was the meritorious service award presented to Pearl Eben for her dedication and success as PSGA social chair. The second award that PSGA presented was the Year award student, for an individual, nominated by their peers, who demonstrates leadership and encouragement to students within the College of Pharmacy. This year's receipt was MaryCatherine Heighton for her politeness, professionalism, and

involvement within various unique projects in the College of Pharmacy, including serving as Co-chair of the Interprofessional Student Alliance and the American Pharmacist Association Finance Vice President. It was an honor to be able to recognize these students for their hard work and dedication.

Congratulations on the new eboard for the 2020-2021 academic year. Denise Breeze was elected President, Allie McMillen as Vice president, Marissa Verro as Secretary, and Christina Sordi as Treasurer. Best wishes to them and the future of PSGA.



## Rho Chi

Overall, our semester was cut short, and unfortunately, all we were able to carry out was our Rho Chi Annual Tips Presentation that we present to the new PY2 class to help them prepare for IPC classes. We had planned a poster on medication safety for the annual WNEU health fair. We also had conjoined professional community events planned with PLS at Pleasant View Senior Center to have one-on-one sessions with seniors who had any questions on their medications. Lastly, we will also be holding a fundraiser event by selling apparel to pharmacy students, and this will most likely take place in the fall semester of 2020.

## Student National Pharmaceutical Association

### (SNPhA)

This year, SNPhA had many events in which we were able to educate and help the under-served. During the holiday season between Thanksgiving and Christmas, we successfully collected a box full of canned foods in which we donated to the Western Massachusetts Food Bank. We also had a tablet set up at Walgreens during the fall flu season to encourage customers on the importance of receiving the annual flu vaccines. To commemorate Worlds Aids Day, we fundraised over \$1,000 by selling Red Ribbon Pins on campus and donated it to the Aids Healthcare Foundation. It was a successful year for SNPhA as we were able to participate in memorable events and grow our local chapter organization as a whole. To end the year amidst the COVID pandemic, we had welcomed a new E-board: Co-Presidents/ Vice Presidents: Veronica Yu and Rebecca Snyder, Treasurer: Karen Abegunde, Secretary: Guylande Dormeus, CKD Chairs: Victoria Russel and Denise Breeze, and Immunization Chair: Linda Dufie. Overall, SNPhA had a fantastic year participating in many educational events, growing our local chapter, and working as future healthcare providers to help advocate and educate underserved patients in our area.

## Class of 2021

Our events were cut short this semester, and we were unable to hold any of our social events at the end of the semester. We did have one social event at the beginning of the semester, where there were snacks for all the PY3 students. We did try to hold some social events online, where we had a countdown via Facebook to try to celebrate the end of the semester. Additionally, we utilized Facebook as a platform to post helpful study guides and inspirational messages as well. In addition to study guides, our secretary Nicole Ondrush also posted weekly schedules to help students stay organized and miss an assignment.

## Class of 2022

This semester the Class of 2022 developed the skills necessary to succeed in an online environment while rapidly adapting to changing circumstances. At the start of the semester, the president position was left open until mid-February until finally being filled by a willing individual. The class officers helped one another by guiding the class through any difficulties that arose. Before the shutdown of campus, we conducted a lab coat fundraiser for students within the pharmacy college. Due to the impact of COVID-19 and lack of a class president, many plans were unable to be achieved, including social events, a Chipotle fundraiser, and a planned appreciation event for the faculty. Once the conversion to e-learning occurred, the class of 2022 came together, and diligently worked to resolve all issues while looking out for each other's wellbeing.

## Class of 2023

This semester's class of 2023 officers have emphasized fundraising and class activities throughout the fall semester. The fundraising efforts focused on the sweatpants fundraiser held before the Thanksgiving break and netted approximately \$250 for the Class of 2023. Unfortunately, the sweatpants were received after the end of finals week, but we are looking forward to distributing them when the spring semester begins! As for class bonding, a majority of the class participated in a secret Santa gift swap. This gift swap was immensely successful, with every participant receiving and giving a gift! We hope to continue our class bonding efforts in the spring and have more extensive class participation in organizations. Many students are already in chair positions or are taking up bids for fraternities on campus, and the class officers have encouraged other students to get involved.