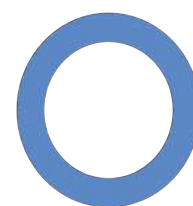


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*November 2018*

The month of November marks National Diabetes Month, a time when communities across the United States work to increase awareness of diabetes and its impact on millions of Americans. November 14<sup>th</sup> marks World Diabetes Day (WDD), which was created by IDF and the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1991 to highlight diabetes as an escalating health threat. November 14<sup>th</sup> holds special significance, as it is the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, a medical scientist who helped discover insulin alongside Charles Best. Our organizations will be hosting events throughout the month to raise awareness about diabetes. In addition, check out <https://www.worlddiabetesday.org> to see how you can be further involved!



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## Humans of Pitt Pharmacy

APhA-ASP would like to thank everyone for the overwhelming support with Humans of Pitt Pharmacy! We will continue with the initiative throughout the semester, so be sure to check the Facebook page @pittaphaasp every Thursday. Again, if you are interested in a submission or would like to recommend someone, please contact Ashley Yao at [amy51@pitt.edu](mailto:amy51@pitt.edu).

Thank you to those who participated in American Pharmacists Month #APhM2018 this past October!



## Student Spaceflight Experiments Program Brings Students to New Heights

Anu Patel (P2)

They call themselves the “Astropharmacists”, but who are they? A team consisting of Dr. John Donehoo, Dr. Ravi Patel, and other mentors who brought the Student Spaceflight Experiments Program (SSEP) to the School of Pharmacy. In participating, we are the first university in Pennsylvania and the only school of pharmacy to have done so.

The Student Spaceflight Experiments Program is a competition that involves creating a winning project to be sent on Mission 13. The winning team within the School of Pharmacy will also have the opportunity to see their project take flight at the Kennedy Space Center and present their work in a conference in Washington, D.C.!

Imagine designing an experiment and your lab technician is an astronaut. This is the goal of the students participating in SSEP. More than anything, the students who participate will gain an incredibly important experience that is designed and created

completely by them. “It’s all about everything you learn along the way”, according to Dr. Donehoo.

What is the research all about? Well, the main question to ask is “what is microgravity?” This is important to know when doing research in space. We can ask a research question that has already been asked here on Earth, but we want to know how it works differently in microgravity. We would be leveraging the unique platform the International Space Station provides and doing something that can’t be done on earth. Things behave differently in a microgravity environment than in a gravity environment, so you can discover things that you wouldn’t be able to find here on Earth.

This research is incredibly important because you need certain infrastructure to support people in space: health and medicine, engineering, and research to keep pipeline of innovation going. These are all topics that students can explore when designing and creating a proposal for their projects. Student pharmacists have a unique background that allows them to ask different questions about what kind of research needs to be conducted in space.

This research does not only help us living here on Earth but also in space. People living in space is not so much fiction anymore. And SSEP can help make it possible

## APhA-ASP: American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists

Danielle Weaver (P2), Membership VP

Thank you to everyone that attended events this past month! We had an exciting and busy October. A significant highlight from the month was recognition from the Mayor of Pittsburgh, who declared October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 American Pharmacists Day. The declaration was even hand-delivered to our chapter by one of the Mayor's assistants during our October GBM. The declaration was an exciting way to celebrate American Pharmacists Month and helped promote our profession across the city. We also celebrated with a pharmacy themed Minute-to-Win-It game. Shout-out to Madeline Mitchell and Julia Calandra for taking home first place, and thank you to everyone that played! We hope you all had fun celebrating with us.

Other highlights from the month include OTC Med Safety events, an OTC mock aisle event, HPV presentations, and more. Operation Heart also had several Dean's Theme events, such as Healthy Heart is the Way to Start presentations, COACH EKG screenings, and the AHA Heart Walk. IPSF also partnered with Operation Heart in September to celebrate World Heart Day by asking students to share commitments they're making to improve heart health. Thank you to everyone that participated! It was inspiring to see all the ways our school is promoting this important topic. As the year continues, be on the look-out for more Dean's Theme events through Operation Heart and other organizations.



*Katie Rudzik (P3) and Abby Kois (P3) proudly display the proclamation from the Mayor of Pittsburgh recognizing October 3rd, 2018 as American Pharmacist Day!*

Looking ahead, we have several exciting things planned for November! The month kicks off with an interprofessional case conference on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Then, on November 14<sup>th</sup>, we'll be celebrating World Diabetes Day! Check out the photo booth in the atrium on November 14<sup>th</sup> to help spread awareness and to show your support. Finally, be on the look-out for Pharmacy Week's schedule coming out over Christmas break. There will be tons of events to attend, including a happy hour. We look forward to seeing everyone there. Best of luck to everyone as the semester wraps up!



## PPA: Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association

Emily Dell (P2), Communications Ambassador

We finally made it past the halfway point of the semester! We hope that everyone is doing well in classes and ready for the second half to fly by. Our thoughts have been geared toward the upcoming elections in November, so members of PPA tabled in Salk Hall to help students register to vote during the first week of October. With our efforts, we were able to get 10 people registered, 5 changes of address to Allegheny County, and 15 absentee ballots. Any one of these votes can make a difference in how pharmacists are represented in the future.

PPA has been working on fundraising, and we will be selling Tervis Tumblers. Orders are due November 9<sup>th</sup>, and the proceeds of this fundraiser will be going toward Pennsylvania's PharmPac. Other fundraisers are to come next semester, so please come to us with any cool ideas you have! We are excited to announce that four of our Pitt Pharmacy students participated in the Achieving Independence Competition at the Annual Conference in October. This is a great representation of not only PPA but our school as a whole. Please congratulate them for their hard work and for representing our school.

Some great recent news from PPA is from our work at Legislative Day back in April. The University of Pittsburgh chapter of PPA won the Government Relations award for Pennsylvania pharmacy schools for their work at Legislative Day. This is huge for our organization and for our future profession. The small steps that we are taking now are all important.

Our next GBM is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 12 PM in Salk Hall. During this meeting we will be talking more about the Mid-Year Conference taking place in January. If you have any questions about this conference or anything at all, please let us know. Happy Thanksgiving!



*PPA President-Elect Hailey Mook (P2) working with a student to register to vote in the elections coming up in November.*



## CPNP: College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists

Catherine Pfendner (P3), Secretary

In October, CPNP participated in the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Walk on October 14<sup>th</sup> at the Waterfront and raised \$370, woohoo! Participants included Samantha Bailey, Maura McGonigal, Chloe Alibeckoff, and Lexi Giles. Also, a big thank you to everyone who purchased a NAMI bracelet and was able to support CPNP and NAMI in that way! This past

month, we also hosted a Naloxone Training Event, as well as Alyx Mance from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Shadowing at WPIC information can be found in our last email and is only available if you're a national member. Feel free to join our Facebook page to learn more about our events! Our next GBM will be on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 12 PM in Salk 456. And our December GBM will be on December 5<sup>th</sup> in Salk 456 at 12 PM. Join us for some lunch and conversation!

## ASCP: American Society of Consultant Pharmacists

Emily Kistler (P3), Secretary

ASCP began the fall season with the Walk to End Alzheimer's. Members raised money and showed their support for Alzheimer's research by walking around the North Shore. In October, ASCP welcomed Dr. Matthew Joseph, a clinical pharmacist at UPMC WPIC. Students had the chance to learn about his story, residency, and his role at WPIC. Additionally, some members went to UPMC Heritage Nursing Home at the end of October to play bingo and Jeopardy with the older adults and celebrate Halloween!



Six members had the opportunity to attend the ASCP Annual Meeting held in National Harbor, MD. Some of the topics discussed included de-prescribing, medical marijuana, and geriatric pharmacotherapy. Three of our members presented a poster on our student organization as well.

We will begin our fidget blanket materials drive on October 17<sup>th</sup> in a bin near the 5<sup>th</sup> floor printer. We will be collecting items to sew onto blankets such as buttons, ribbons, shoelaces, and bells. We greatly appreciate any items donated.

Our final GBM for the semester will be on November 13<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you there! As always, if you are interested in learning more about ASCP or our events, please reach out to us in person or by email for [pittascp@gmail.com](mailto:pittascp@gmail.com) more information.

ASCP hopes everyone has a great end to the semester. Good luck on finals!

*Pictured on the left: ASCP members at the Walk to End Alzheimer's.*

## SASP: Student Association of Specialty Pharmacists

Marisa Postava (P3), Secretary

The organization leaders are currently drafting their bylaws and applying to the SORC to be recognized as a student organization on campus. They are also submitting their application to NASP to be recognized by their parent organization. This would make Pitt Pharmacy one of the very first established SASP chapters. Currently, E-Board is planning activities for the coming school year. They plan to have site visits to different specialty pharmacies in the area, host guest speakers, and develop individual student portfolios for a career in specialty pharmacy as a part of a PRIMERx Program. SASP also named Professor Bridget Regan as their faculty advisor. Currently, Professor Regan oversees the PBA ARCO and MSPBA program. She teaches within the School of Pharmacy and the School of Business at Pitt.



## SNPhA: Student National Pharmaceutical Association

Kathy Monangai (P3), President

The Student National Pharmaceutical Association chapter is still staying active within the local Pittsburgh communities! Last month, we had the opportunity to be a part of the University of Pittsburgh's grand opening event of the first of multiple Community Engagement Centers (CEC) in a local underserved Pittsburgh community called Homewood. The University of Pittsburgh has made a 10-plus year commitment to the communities of Homewood and the Hill District. Each school within the university was represented and will be working with the CEC, and our chapter was chosen to have students represent the School of Pharmacy. It was an honor for us to represent Pitt Pharmacy. Community members were so thankful for our presence and excitement to work with them!

Other events we have had involve the Oak Hill After School Program, Pitt Student Health Services, Jubilee Soup Kitchen, the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh, and the National Kidney Foundation. Our initiative chairs have been busy having great programs and have had the chance to impact over 50 patients within the span of only a few short weeks. Additionally, we are looking to have our first PrimeRx event this November with the help of Easterseals! The organization Easterseals works to advocate for those with disabilities. As healthcare professionals, it is important that we know how to best work with this underserved population especially since we do not have that much experience with this population.



Within the next month, we will be having an interprofessional mixer with the Pitt chapters of the Student National Medical Association and Student National Dental Association! Hear more about this at our next general body meeting on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> in Salk 402 at 12 PM. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please be sure to reach out to the executive board through our Facebook page (@SNPhA.Pitt) or email [snpha.pitt@gmail.com](mailto:snpha.pitt@gmail.com).

*Pictured on the left: Members celebrated the National Presidential "Strength In Purpose" Theme and expressed their #WhySNPhA reasons.*



## SSHP: Society of Health Systems Pharmacists

Kiana Green (P3), Business Manager

October was a very busy month for SSHP. We started off October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> with the Clinical Skills Competition. Teams with members from the P2, P3, and P4 classes created a plan for a complicated patient case. A team of two P4 scholar students, Jordan Serio and Meghan McLinden, defended their plan best to the panel of judges and will now be competing at the National Clinical Skills Competition at ASHP Midyear. We congratulate them and wish them luck! A special congratulations also goes out to the other finalists in the competition, Casey Dubrawka and Lauren Marie, and Allie Taylor and Jenna Ingram. We thank everyone who participated and hope to see even more teams competing next year!



*Pictured on the left: Meghan McLinden and Jordan Serio, winners of SSHP's Annual Clinical Skills Competition.*

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, we co-hosted mock interview with APhA-ASP and SCCP. This was a PRIMERx event where pharmacists, residents, and pharmacy managers came to help students hone in on their interview skills. On October 26<sup>th</sup>, a guest speaker from ASHP, Dr. Vicki Basalyga, Director and Clinical Specialist and Scientist Section at ASHP, came to talk about resiliency and burnout. We also held a fundraiser at the end of the month at Panera benefiting Let's Move Pittsburgh.

Coming up in November, the Pennsylvania Society of Health-System Pharmacists (PSHP) is holding their Annual Assemble on November 7-9<sup>th</sup> in King of Prussia, PA. For students, on Thursday there will be a "Mastering the Mid-Year: Strategies for Success Talk" and a residency panel of PGY1s. If you are interested in attending, please reach out to an SSHP e-board member for more information! Further, we are preparing for ASHP Midyear in Anaheim, CA in December! Finally, if you ordered a fleece, be on the lookout for when they come in! They will keep you warm and cozy all winter long while you hail to Pitt Pharmacy!

# SCCP: Student College of Clinical Pharmacy

Kathy Monangai (P3), Secretary



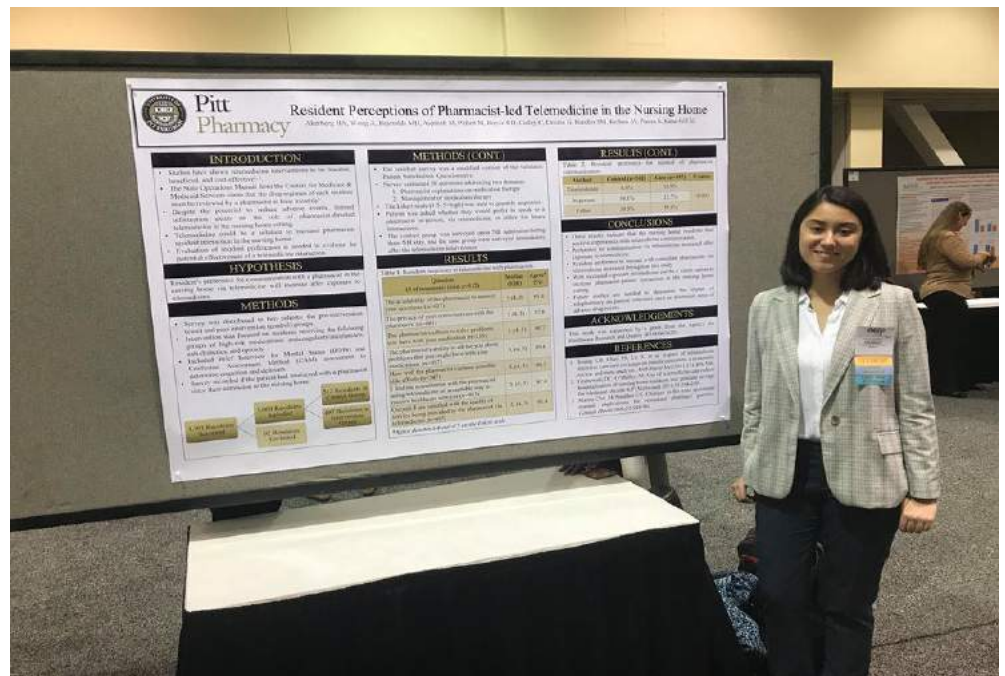
*Newly appointed P1 Representative, Noah Donnenberg!*

The Student College of Clinical Pharmacy chapter had great representation at the 2018 Global Conference on Clinical Pharmacy in Seattle, Washington at the end of October. We had students present research and attend various programs throughout the span of the four-day conference. One of each of our past and current Research Fellows, Hannah Akerberg and Andrew Haddad, presented the research from their fellowship. Members had the opportunity to learn from many clinical pharmacists and see what the city of Seattle has to offer.

We would like to offer our congratulations to the recently appointed P1 Representative, Noah Donnenberg! There are still many ways to get involved with the chapter. We are still looking for individuals who would be interested in being on the subcommittee of our various projects. Our projects include Project Heart Health, Project CMM (Comprehensive Medication Management), Project Self Care, Project Pulmonology, and Project CE (Continuing Education). This is a great way to learn how you can get involved as a student and learn more about the profession of clinical pharmacy. Please feel free to reach out to any project leader with any questions!

Next month, we will be continuing our Journal Club Series. Current Research Fellow, Rish Arora, will be leading the event on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> in Salk 524. As always, we will post the journal article beforehand and have copies available for participants. More information will be shared as the event date approaches! Lastly, membership forms for local and national members are due on Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please reach out to our executive board through our Facebook page (@universityofpittsburghscpc) or our organization email address at [pitt.accp.eboard@gmail.com](mailto:pitt.accp.eboard@gmail.com).

*Hannah Akerberg presented her research that she studied as one of our inaugural Research Fellows.*





## LKS: Lambda Kappa Sigma

### Esther Hwang (P3), Corresponding Secretary

Happy November! Hope everyone has been surviving their midterms and the exponential drop in temperature; we are almost done with the semester! As the semester is coming to an end, we are looking back and reflecting on all that we've accomplished so far.

We've welcomed 45 new sisters into the Delta Chapter and have been having such a great time getting to know them through events such as our potluck, CycleBar workout session, sisterhood night, and more. New Delta sisters successfully went through our Pinning Ceremony and right after, got their Bigs through our fun Big-Little Reveal.



*Sisters at the Pinning Ceremony and Big Little Reveal!*

While enjoying fall, the sisters of Lambda Kappa Sigma are continuing to work hard to make a difference in our community by cleaning up the campus through Adopt A Block, spreading knowledge with our Rite Aid Pharmacy tabling events, volunteering at the Heart Walk, and Pittsburgh Penguins 6.6k Run & Family Walk. We are happy to partner with Matilda H. Theiss Child Development Center to contribute to the Matilda Theiss Toy Drive! If you want to donate a toy to a family in need, please reach out to any of our LKS sisters.



*Sisters volunteering at the Pittsburgh Penguins 6.6k Run and Family Walk.*

We'll also be having a Project Hope fundraiser at Chipotle (Forbes Avenue) on November 26<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 PM. Project Hope is a global health and humanitarian relief organization that LKS proudly supports. They work with health care workers to address public health challenges and respond to disasters and health crises. Since 1958, they have trained over 2 million health care workers, delivered \$2 billion worth of medications and supplies, and provided health care for millions of people in 100 different countries. If you're having Chipotle cravings that day, make sure you tell them that it's for Lambda Kappa Sigma!

Looking ahead, we look forward to our Fall Formal with PDC (shout out to Alyssa L. and Marissa C. for working hard to plan this event all semester), sisterhood holiday dinner at Buca di Beppo, handing out the clothing orders, and Pittsburgh Popcorn sales.

We want to wish everyone good luck on upcoming finals! Winter break is just around the corner. As always, keep up-to-date with our upcoming events and activities by following us on Instagram (@LKS\_Delta\_Chapter).

*Pictured on the right: Our Sister, Catherine P, organized a Pitt Pharmacy event at Cyclebar!*





## Kappa Psi

Melanie Umbaugh (P2), Corresponding Secretary

November just about marks the midpoint of the semester, but the brothers of Kappa Psi are far from finished with the awesome events they have planned for the term. In October, several Brothers traveled to Huntington, WV for our biannual Mountain East Province meeting. Everyone had a blast networking with brothers from other chapters. Beta Kappa, which was recognized as a Top Performing Chapter nationally over the summer, brought home both the Academic Award of Excellence and the Recruitment Award of Excellence. Brother Caroline Baldwin won the Professionalism Scholarship, and our regent, brother Nicole Farah, was elected to the regional executive board as the MEP Secretary. We are so proud of our Chapter and these outstanding accomplishments!

We're also excited to be welcoming 31 new members to our chapter, and right now they're helping us embrace the Halloween spirit. October turned out to be a pretty spooky month with our annual trip to the Haunted House at the Hundred Acres Manor and an upcoming Halloween party.

In November, we're looking forward to our annual Lineage Dinner, which is always a fun night with good food and great people. We're gearing up our philanthropy projects and looking forward to coordinating a Virtual Book Drive for Reach Out and Read, an organization that provides books to children in need and promotes childhood literacy. Keep an eye out for more information about other upcoming events!

*Pictured above: Brothers at Province in Huntington, WV!*

## PDC: Phi Delta Chi

### Caleb Lynch (P3), Worthy Keeper of Records and Seals

The only month even spookier than October for the boys of PDC is November. Now, we must face the horrors of many exams and projects that November holds for us. But fear not, the brothers of PDC still have some great events planned to help keep us sane this month!

Looking back on October, our boys accomplished many great things. For starters, the Mu boys volunteered at the annual St. Jude Walk to End Childhood Cancer. Additionally, we had several brothers step up on a Saturday morning to get out there and help clean the streets of South Oakland. The Raiders have also been working hard at raising money for our beloved chapter as well, and we additionally hosted one of our legendary Merante's hoagie sales.

October was definitely a mighty month of accomplishments for PDC. Spencer Schlecht traveled to the annual PPA Conference in Lancaster, PA, and his team won the Achieving Independence Competition for his novel idea in community pharmacy! Also, we had 4 brothers place in the top three at the annual UPMC Hack This, Help Kids event. Congrats, boys!

Coming up in November is one of our favorite events, the annual formal with LKS. This is an amazing night where we get to show off our slick suits and spicy dance moves to these lovely ladies. Additionally, we also will be attending the National Kidney Foundation Walk at the Oakland Zoo, where we help in any way needed. Finally, we also will be volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House, and we will be preparing meals for kids who are less fortunate. All in all, despite the terrors that pharmacy school will bring in November, it will still be an action-packed and great month for Phi Delta Chi!

## CPFI: Christian Pharmacist Fellowship International

### Damaris Szmaciasz (P3), Vice President

Can you believe November is already here? CPFI has been keeping busy this past month with fellowship events, weekly meetings, and a guest speaker!

This past month, CPFI had Dr. Seybert come and share her testimony with the group. Dr. Seybert is the Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Pharmacy and Therapeutics at the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy, and she is also the Pharmacy Residency Administrator at UPMC. Thank you for speaking, Dr. Seybert! CPFI is looking forward to hosting a few more guest speakers this academic year. CPFI also attended CMDA's (Christian Medical and Dental Association) first potluck dinner this past month for a time of fellowship and great food with others.

This November, CPFI will be filling shoeboxes for our Operation Christmas Child shoebox-packing event. The shoeboxes are shipped to children in areas outside the United States affected by poverty, war, disease, and natural disaster. They are filled with school supplies, toys, and hygiene items. Most importantly, the shoeboxes are used to reach out to children and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with them.



*CPFI hosted Dr. Seybert as our guest speaker this semester.*

As always, if you're free on Tuesdays at lunch, please stop by! We know pharmacy school is busy, but we encourage new students and current members to attend whenever they are free. And as always, don't forget to find us on Facebook and Instagram @cpfpitt.

## Rho Chi

Taylor Conrad (P3), Historian

Rho Chi has had a successful semester so far, and we are hoping to continue this momentum into the months of November and December. In October, we held our annual business card sale in addition to the Young Professionals Lecture with guest speaker Dr. Gordon J. Vanscoy. We have several upcoming events that we are excited about. We will be having a Posters, Professors, and Progress event on Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12 PM in Salk 402, and we currently have 15 poster presenters signed up. This is a great way to get to know faculty and to get involved in research!

Our next ARC Health Talk at the Salvation Army Rehab Center in South Side will be on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. This month's topic will be sleep health. These events are a great opportunity for students to practice answering patient questions and to help educate the community. For academic assistance, we have two class review sessions prepared for the month of November. A pharmacokinetics exam review will be held in Salk 456

on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM. A date has not yet been finalized for the Top Drugs review session; reach out to any Rho Chi members for a finalized date or look for one to be posted in your class's Facebook page. Please also remember that if you think you would benefit from individual tutoring, feel free to reach out to any Rho Chi member, and we will help arrange for you to receive one-on-one assistance.

Finally, we will be holding a blood drive on December 7<sup>th</sup> from 12-5 PM in Salk 457. Please consider donating if you are on campus at this time and are able to do so! If you are scared of needles, this is a good opportunity to overcome that fear and prepare yourself for your APhA Immunization training that you will complete during your P3 year! Looking ahead into next semester, we will be focusing on our Chapter Project Proposal which is something that will support Rho Chi's mission and benefit the school. Be on the lookout for what project we decide to accomplish as it could help you in future rotations or career decisions.

*Pictured on left: Rho Chi President Jess Cercone pictured with guest speaker Dr. Gordon J. Vanscoy and PLS President Carly Schaechter.*



## PLS: Phi Lambda Sigma

Katie Rudzik (P3), Secretary

Phi Lambda Sigma has had an exciting month! We presented the third annual James and Nancy Mastrian Young Professionals Lecture and were joined by Dr. Gordon J Vanscoy, who serves as the Chairman and CEO of PANTHERx Specialty Pharmacy, the Associate Dean of Business and Innovation at Pitt Pharmacy, and is the generous benefactor of the annual White Coat Ceremony. Dr. Vanscoy's lecture, "Dream, Reflect, Execute, Repeat," was well received by students and attendance was high! Thank you all for coming out.

We're excited for our upcoming leadership workshops. In November, we will be co-hosting two leadership workshops. First, we will be partnering with PPA to host "Phinace: Improve Your Financial Health" on Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 4-6 PM. We will be joined by Ryan Hicks, a Pitt alumnus and Certified Financial Planner, highly recommended to us by Dr. Drab. This is for all

healthcare professional students, so please invite your friends who are also in any health school programs! Refreshments will be provided.

Our third and final leadership workshop will be on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 PM. We are partnering with to present this year's "Women in Leadership Panel!" Come listen to our very own female Pitt Pharmacy faculty talk about their experiences in leadership and their pharmacy career journey. There will be an opportunity for students to participate in a Q&A session after each panelist has spoken. Refreshments will be provided Our panels will include: Dr. Korenoski, Dr. Pruskowski, Dr. Pater, and Professor Skledar. Feel free to invite anyone who may be interested in attending!

We hope to see you at our future events and cannot wait to see how this year unfolds!

## PPIP: Pitt Pharmacy Investment Portfolio

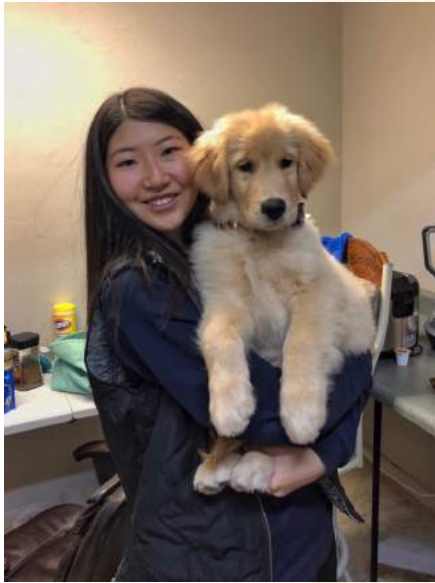
Shivani Sampathkumar (P3), Director of Communications

Happy November! We've officially started our Biotech Investment Fantasy League in which 32 members have invested simulated money into healthcare stocks. In the upcoming months, we will ask the top performers to present their portfolio and strategy to the group.

During our biweekly meetings, we've had several members present on topics that are relevant to the healthcare industry and also practiced our due diligence process as a group. We started discussing the basics of finances, such as how to evaluate a company and the metrics used to measure a stock's financials. Our member Colin Pfeiffer (P2) recently presented on healthcare in the European Union and how the pharmaceutical industry can vary compared to the United States.

In the future, we have two more upcoming meetings on November 7<sup>th</sup> and November 28<sup>th</sup> at 12 PM in Salk 524. On November 7<sup>th</sup>, our member Mo Kashkoush (P2) will be discussing CAR-T therapies and their impact. Later in the semester, there will also be a stock analyst coming in to discuss how he makes decisions. He usually uses Python to analyze and buy stocks with a typical holding period of one to two days. He will be extremely knowledgeable in answering questions!

Finally, we will be opening up our official applications for the spring term at the end of this semester. Stay tuned for updates on our final presentations! Feel free to reach out to us through our Facebook page or our organizations email at [pittpharmacyportfolio@gmail.com](mailto:pittpharmacyportfolio@gmail.com).



## Letter from the Editor

I hope this recent round of exams went well for everyone! Even though we're already half-way done with the semester, our organizations still have so many things planned. There's always a way to become involved, so stay on the lookout for any events that pique your interest.

APhA-ASP wants to thank everyone again for participating in American Pharmacists Month and advocating for our profession. As National Diabetes Month is here, we're looking forward to see how you each play a role in increasing awareness of diabetes!

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