

PITT CAPSULE

APhA-ASP: American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists

Olivia Berger (P3), Social Vice President

APhA-ASP had a very successful month of February! Our main event of the month was Kid-a-Palooza, which was both fun and successful! Eight student organizations attended, and together we saw 3,500 kids and their families. We were also able to reach over 3 million people through media relations. All of the organizations did a great job educating the kids on OTC Med Safety, and we are looking forward to more events like this in the future.

As the semester starts to come to a close, we would like to remind students of some of our upcoming events:

- The last GBM of the semester is April 4th at lunch in 456. We will be doing end of the year student and faculty awards, so come show some support!
- The Spring Leadership Retreat will be held on Monday, April 9th from 5:30-8:00 pm in 402. There will be food!

We hope to see you at all of our remaining events this semester.

PLS: Phi Lambda Sigma

Sarah Hunt (P3), Secretary

We are excited to announce that we have accepted 15 new members into the Beta Delta chapter! The official induction ceremony for new members will be held on March 27th. The first PLS Professional Development Workshop of the semester - Leadership and Cultural Diversity - was held on March 1st with a representative from Pitt's Office of Diversity and Inclusion. There will be another Professional Development Workshop on March 22nd at 5:00 pm, led by Dr. Meyer, where she will discuss ways to run an effective meeting. Lastly, PLS and APhA-ASP are working on planning the annual Spring Leadership Retreat, which will be held on April 9th at 5:30 pm in room 402, so mark your calendars!

KID-A-PALOOZA WAS A SUCCESS!



LKS: Lambda Kappa Sigma

Andrea Bejjani (P3), Corresponding Secretary

Happy March! We are rapidly approaching the end of the year and the sisters of LKS have been busy planning some of the biggest events of the semester, including the fourth annual Teal Tap Fundraiser. Teal Tap is an event held to raise money for the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC), an organization dedicated to saving lives by preventing and curing ovarian cancer, and to improving the quality of life for survivors. It will occur on Friday, April 13th from 6:00-8:00 pm at Carson City Saloon for everyone 21 years and older. If you are looking to support an amazing cause while having a good time with friends, come out to Carson City. Last year, the event had raffle

prizes and beer specials, so stay tuned for more details on this year's event through our social media accounts!

In addition, our ladies are working hard to organize the fourth annual HOPE WaLKS event, a 5K run/walk in Schenley Park on Saturday, April 7th. The proceeds of this event will be going to our philanthropy, Project HOPE. Project HOPE delivers medical care to those around the globe, preventing disease and promoting wellness for all. Consider signing up for the event if you want to help a great cause while simultaneously staying in

shape. Even if you don't want to run or walk, there will be delicious food to enjoy after the run. More details about the event are coming soon, so stay tuned.

Finally, our chapter held our yearly elections to designate new officers for the 2018-2019 school year. Congrats to all those who have earned a position! We can't wait to see how our chapter will grow under our new leaderships!

As always, please follow us on Facebook (@PittLKS) and Instagram (@LKSDeltaChapter) for more information and to stay updated on all of our events!

PDC: Phi Delta Chi

Alex Miller (P2), Worthy Keeper of Records and Seals

Despite February being the shortest month of the year, the brothers of PDC remained active, working on a variety of projects and service events to help the community. We made sure to have some fun too, getting involved in sporting events and other exciting activities.

The beginning of the month started out with a brotherly Super Bowl party. Although many of us were neither Eagles nor (especially) Patriots fans, all of us got together to support our Eagles fan brothers, and celebrated with them in victory when the Eagles won their first Super Bowl! This was a wonderful moment for some of our brothers, and we were glad to share it with them.

The following week, Brothers Tommy Szeltner and Alex Miller attended the PDC Regional Conference in Indianapolis. At this conference, they worked with other brothers from around the nation to help better our fraternity, while also participating in leadership seminars and alumni workshops. It was a great experience for both of them. At this conference, they also learned that our school's chapter raised over \$3,000 for St Jude this year, which was the second highest amount raised nationally out of all the chapters!

Another fun event that started this month was the creation of an intramural soccer team. The Brothers of PDC formed a team and have been playing every Thursday at the Cost Center.

Come support the brothers if you ever need something to do on a Thursday at 9:30 pm!

Several brothers made a return trip to Global Links, where they packaged more unused medical supplies to be shipped to underprivileged countries. This is one of Mu chapter's favorite service events and is a great way for our fraternity to give back.

Finally, we would like to congratulate our newly elected officers of PDC. We wish you the best and hope that you are able to continue bringing greatness to our fraternity. We have many wonderful people on the executive board for next year, and we know that PDC will have another successful year!

SNPhA: Student National Pharmaceutical Association

Kathy Monangai (P2), President-Elect

SNPhA coordinated and participated in a few great events to lead us into the month of March! We had our first annual interprofessional Black History Cultural Showcase on Friday, February 16th, with multiple performances from Pitt's Ya'baso African Dance Team, Anointed Steps of Faith, Some of God's Children Gospel Choir, and several more. Our organization was able to work on this event with our partner healthcare professional organizations, SNMA (Student National Medical Association) and SNDA (Student National Dental Association). With donations and raffle prizes from the night, we were able to raise \$300 for the Northside Coalition for Fair Housing. We are very proud and excited to continue

this tradition in the coming years!

Some of our chapter members went to the SNPhA Regions 1 and 2 Conference in Chapel Hill, North Carolina during the last week of February. Martha Ndung'u and Olivia Fritz, our own President and Diabetes Initiative Chair, respectively, first competed in the Clinical Skills Competition and had a great standing among other regional chapters. Our Dean's Theme Chair and President-Elect, Funto Babalola and Kathy Monangai, respectively, presented their research projects on the second day of the conference. Lastly, Monangai, acting as the primary Delegate, was able to get a resolution passed during the business session, which will now move on to the SNPhA National

Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina in July of 2018!

This coming month, we have several IPPE approved service events, starting with an after school presentation at Oak Hill on Wednesday, March 14th. Later in the month, we will be collaborating with our fellow undergraduate pharmacy organization, RxPrep, to have an Internship Roundtable event for pre-pharmacy students on Wednesday, March 28th. Lastly, we will be having our combined general body undergraduate and graduate elections this month. Our executive board will include the addition of a Mental Health Initiative Chair! This initiative was implemented nationally during last year's SNPhA National Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada.



Martha Ndung'u (President) and Kathy Monangai (President-Elect) posed for a photo with some of the members from the Northside Coalition for Fair Housing. These women were the guests of honor during our first annual Black History Cultural Showcase.



Featured are some of our SNPhA members with National President-Elect, Colin Lombardi during the SNPhA Regions 1 and 2 Conference in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Rho Chi

Dana Jenkins (P3), Historian

March is an exciting month for Rho Chi, as we begin to prepare our newly-invited members to be inducted into the Society. Congratulations to the P2s that were invited! Our induction ceremony will be held with PLS on Tuesday, March 27th. We look forward to welcoming our new members.

A big thank you to those who came out to our Students, Special Topics, and Scholarly Work event last month. It was great to see students showcasing their research and others learning about their accomplishments. We hope some of those who attended learned something new and were even able to make connections for new research projects.

The chapter is also preparing to head to the Rho Chi National Meeting as part of the APhA Annual

conference in Nashville, TN this month. The Alpha Omicron chapter has been selected as a finalist for the Chapter Achievement Award among Rho Chi chapters at other schools of pharmacy around the nation, and the award will be presented at the Rho Chi National Meeting. Best of luck to our chapter, and we hope to bring home this prestigious award for the third year in a row!

As always, we would like to remind everyone that the chapter is available to help if you are struggling with any courses. We will be holding review sessions throughout the semester for both P1s and P2s, including topics such as Top Drugs and Infectious Disease. We also provide one-on-one tutoring if you are struggling with any classes or specific concepts. Feel free to reach out to any member at any time.

SSHP: Student Society of Health System Pharmacists

Kiana Green (P2), Business Manager

We have been very busy this semester and have had many events in these last two months! In February, we tabled at Kid-a-Palooza about poison prevention, and it was a blast. We were able to talk about Mr. Yuk, play an interactive game with kids about poisonous products, and educate the parents and kids on what to do in the event of a poison emergency. It was a fantastic event, and we look forward to possibly participating in Kid-a-Palooza in the future.

Coming up in March we have our elections! There are a handful of appointed positions available and three elected positions, and it is not too late to run. If you are interested, send an email to pitt.sshp@gmail.com with your specific position of interest by March 12th. The elections will take place on

Wednesday, March 21st, and there will be PRIZES raffled off, so all are encouraged to attend.

Recently, we partnered with the Center for Organ Recovery and Education (CORE) and are participating in the "CORE Challenge." We will be having a huge event on Thursday, April 5th at the Petersen Events Center from 10:00-4:00 pm to talk to students about CORE and have them sign up to be organ donors (if they are not already). Student pharmacists are welcome to help us run this IPPE-approved event. We will be raffling off some amazing prizes, so be sure to stop by and sign up to be an organ donor. Further, we are looking into creating a new project with CORE for next year. If this interests you, be on the lookout for ways to get involved in the next few weeks!

We are also looking into planning a few events for the rest of the semester: a skype event with Dr. Bookstaver and a PAI event. Be on the lookout for more details about these events!



Some of our SSHP members tabling at Kid-a-palooza in February.

SCCP: Student College of Clinical Pharmacy

Mikhaila Rice (P3), Secretary

While there are only two more months of classes left, there is still a lot to look forward to with SCCP. First, we would like to officially announce our newly-elected, incoming executive board: Dan Schrum (President), Nicole Hume (President-Elect), Chris LaFratte (Vice President), Kathy Monangai (Treasurer), Jessica Cercone (Project Outreach Chair), and Nikitha Yagnala (Student Liaison).

We are also excited to share that our Clinical Research Challenge team, composed of P1s Shawn Meehl, Jake Winschel, and Juan Cervantes, has made it to the second round of the national competition. In this round, they will design a letter of intent for their research proposal. We wish them the best of luck!

In late February, Rachel Cartus led a journal club on brodalumab, which is a human monoclonal antibody used to treat psoriasis and other inflammatory diseases. Attendees enjoyed coffee and biscotti from the Strip District as

we discussed the article. We strongly encourage anyone who is interested in a future of clinical pharmacy or industry to join us for our remaining New Drug Series events, as they offer a great opportunity for essential literature evaluation skills!

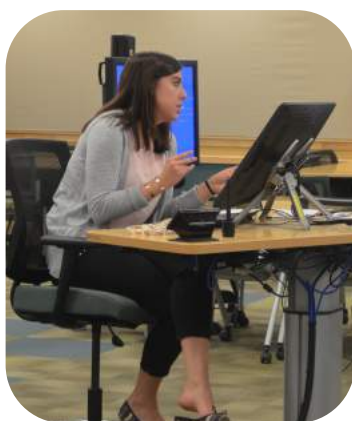
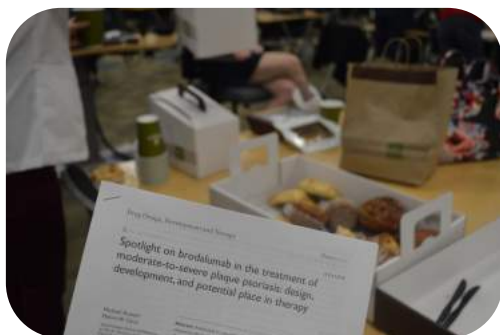
Our newly initiated patient care initiatives continue to grow. Sign-ups for Project Self Care can be found on the Google sign-up sheet that was sent to all SCCP members via email. If you do not have access to this sign-up sheet and are interested in participating, please reach out to any SCCP officer or email us at (pitt.accp.eboard@gmail.com). In addition to Project Self Care, Project CMM (Comprehensive Medication Management) has officially been IPPE approved. This initiative allows students to work with patients at a UPMC Montefiore outpatient clinic. Students will work directly with patients and the clinic staff to prepare simple and convenient home medication list pocket cards. The trial event will take place later this month, and sign-ups for future

events will be added to the Google sign-up sheet.

Toward the end of the semester, our SCCP chapter will participate in the Fight for Air Climb challenge as part of Project Pulmonology. If you are at all athletic and interested in raising awareness for the American Lung Association, join us as we climb 36 floors of the brand-new JLL Center at Tower Two-Sixty downtown on April 7th.

Finally, stay tuned for information on the ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge. The CPC is a team-based competition focused on clinical knowledge. Anyone is welcome to participate in the local competition from which we will be selecting a team of three students to represent our chapter nationally.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please reach out to our executive board through our Facebook page ([@universityofpittsburghsccp](https://www.facebook.com/universityofpittsburghsccp)) or at pitt.accp.eboard@gmail.com.



Rachel Cartus (P3) led the journal club discussion on brodalumab over coffee and pastries

PPA: Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association

Kelly Jenniches (P2), Communications Ambassador

In January, the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association hosted its Mid-Year conference in Lancaster, PA and celebrated its 140th anniversary. Pitt had a large presence there with eighteen student posters that were accepted and presented. Domenica Ricciuti (P2), Jenna Ingram (P2), and Amanda Schwenk (P3) represented Pitt in the annual Jeopardy Over-The-Counter Competition. They competed against the seven other schools of pharmacy in Pennsylvania and placed second! PPA's next conference will be the annual conference in October at the DoubleTree Resort in Lancaster, PA. Visit their website for more information!

Our chapter has two upcoming blood pressure screening events, one on Tuesday, March 20th, and

one on Friday, March 23rd, from 12:00-4:00 pm in the lobby of UPMC Presbyterian Hospital next to the Starbucks. These are IPPE approved! Our last event of the semester will be at the Children's Museum on Saturday, April 7th from 11:00-2:00 pm. If you are interesting in participating in any of these events, keep a lookout on your class pages for a sign-up sheet.

Legislative Day will be here before we know it! This year it will be held on Monday, April 16th. If you plan to go, consider completing the GRASP training program to prepare you for your meeting with a state legislator. This is a great opportunity to advocate for the future of our profession. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to any e-board member.



Pitt PPA Chapter at the Mid-Year conference in Lancaster, PA

CPFI: Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International

Damaris Szmaciasz (P2), Business Manager

This past month, CPFI has been busy with weekly Bible studies, presenting a poster at Giant Eagle's Kid-A-Palooza Family Festival at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, and preparing and donating first aid kits to Urban Impact, a non-profit organization serving the Pittsburgh youth.

CPFI's Dean's Theme First-Aid Kit Drive fundraiser allowed us to make and donate 13 first-aid kits and extra supplies to Urban Impact. Thank you again for your generous donations!

Over spring break, our CPFI president, Angela Li, went to Nicaragua on a medical mission trip with the

Christian Medical & Dental Association (CMDA). While she was there, Angela worked in the pharmacy alongside other pharmacists and medical professionals to provide both physical and spiritual care to the people of Nicaragua.

CPFI plans to hold a few more fellowship events before the end of the semester including an end-of-the-year bowling event. Make sure to keep your eye out for CPFI's finals encouragement bags, which will be handed out in April in Salk Hall the week before exams. And as always, feel free to join us Tuesdays at 12:00 pm!

AMCP: Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy

Sam Bott (P3), Communications and Social Media

Good evening. Salutations. February, right? What a long 6 months that was. Although the semester is taking a toll on all of us, AMCP has exciting developments. The Highmark managed care residents joined us in February for lunch and gave valuable insights into the possibilities that await with a managed care residency. They spoke about different aspects of residency including being a part of different cross-functional teams such as P&T, Specialty, and Sales. As we head into March, we welcome our new executive board for the 2018-2019 school year. We are very confident that they will surpass expectations and continue to push the bar higher.

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School of Pharmacy Organizations: Schedule of Events

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
12 12PM KY Meeting	13 12PM CPFPI GBM	14 12PM SSHP GBM	15	16
19 12PM LKS GBM 12PM PDC GBM	20 12PM ASCP GBM 12PM CPFPI GBM 12PM APhA Eboard	21 12PM CPNP Guest Speaker 12PM SNPhA GBM 12PM SSHP Elections	22 12PM ASCP Guest Speaker ----- 5PM PLS Leadership Workshop	23
26 12PM LKS GBM 12PM PDC GBM	27 12PM CPFPI GBM ----- PLS & Rho Chi Induction Ceremony	28 12PM CPNP & SNPhA Stress Relief	29 12PM SCCP GBM	30
Apr. 2 12PM LKS GBM 12PM PDC GBM	Apr. 3 7AM APhA Eboard ----- 12PM PLS GBM 12PM CPFPI GBM	Apr. 4 12PM APhA GBM	Apr. 5 12PM Professional Council Meeting ----- 5PM APhA Patient Care Leader Transition Meeting	Apr. 6

GBM = general body meeting, all members welcome

Letter from the Editor

Welcome back from spring break! It is crazy to think that we only have two months left before the end of the semester. As executive boards begin to transition their responsibilities to incoming leaders, the students in my P3 class will be letting go of our reins.

The transition process is such an important practice for our student organizations. It is the time to ask questions, while also considering innovations. I encourage all incoming leaders take into account not only the precedent set by current leaders, but also new ideas for initiatives and methods. Best of luck through this transition process!

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