A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN:

MAKE THE MAIN THING, THE MAIN THING

While the COVID-19 pandemic changed how we navigate daily life, one thing it did not change—the adaptability and resiliency of our students in the College of Health Professions.

Your ability to adapt amidst uncertainty in the world, while staying keenly focused on your education, will serve you well in your future careers. As a College, we continue to adapt and move forward as well.

Our efforts for the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education Evaluation are culminating with a fall virtual visit to evaluate the continued accreditation of our Pharm.D. program.

In other transitions, Dr. Amy Werremeyer was named chair of the School of Pharmacy in May. She joined the faculty at NDSU in 2006 and served in numerous leadership positions. She was also named Teacher of the Year by students in 2019. In other advancements, Dr. Michael Kelsch was named Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the School of Pharmacy.

With the retirement of Dr. Cindy Naughton this summer, other transitions occurred. Dr. Daniel Friesner was promoted to Senior Associate Dean of the College of Health Professions in July, providing administrative oversight for all matters in the College in the absence of the Dean and assists in College academic programs. In addition, Dr. Friesner serves as chief student affairs officer for the College.

It’s a busy fall semester and students continue to use their skills in the community. A number of Public Health students are trained as contact tracers to help the North Dakota Department of Health during the pandemic, while nursing and pharmacy students have trained to help conduct COVID-19 testing.

Congratulations to students who received scholarships this fall. Our generous donors funded $394,895 in scholarships for students in 2020-21.

As we go through this somewhat unusual academic year, let’s work together to keep the main thing in focus—studying to become highly skilled and compassionate health care professionals for future patients and communities.

Let’s also afford patience and grace to fellow students, faculty and staff as we all work to maintain our focus on education and on the future. Academic and counseling services are available to students. It’s also important to make time for constructive stress relief. Your willingness to keep in mind the collective efforts to Protect the Herd will help us all have a successful semester. Please keep adhering to guidelines for face coverings, social distancing and gatherings to help make the semester successful for everyone.

As we navigate through unusual circumstances, as always, I am interested in your feedback.

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Dean and Professor / College of Health Professions
AMERICAN PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION – ACADEMY OF STUDENT PHARMACISTS (APHA-ASP)

BY: EMILY LOTHSPFEICH, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

The American Pharmacists Association – Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) is a professional pharmacy organization that strives to be the collective voice of student pharmacists, to provide opportunities for professional growth, to improve patient care, and to envision and advance the future of pharmacy.

This year, like all student organizations, we have made some adjustments to ensure we keep our members safe. Unfortunately, all patient care events for the summer were canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic. We look forward to this fall and providing screenings at a pharmacy grand opening in Fargo and potentially assisting with COVID-19 testing events for students on NDSU’s campus.

We still have some exciting meetings planned including Green Bandana Training for members, a pharmacist speaker panel, and updates from our NDPhA/Board of Pharmacy executive directors. We also are in the process of forming a relationship with local nursing homes to start a pen pal writing project as many of their residents have been secluded from their friends and family for many months. We wish to bring some joy back into their lives.

While this year will not be easy, the goal is to give ourselves grace, be flexible, and make sure everyone stays safe. We will be holding our general meetings every other Wednesday at noon in Sudro 21 & 22. We hope to see you there!
CHRISTIAN PHARMACISTS FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL (CPFI)

BY: ALISON BUNNELL, PRESIDENT

Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International (CPFI) is an organization that strives to integrate faith and love of God into our academic studies and professional lives. Our organization is dedicated to building relationships with fellow pharmacy and pre-pharmacy students, to challenge and promote spiritual growth, and to encourage the integration of faith in our studies and our service to the community.

As an organization, we have had the opportunities to serve our locally community, as well as communities around the world. Locally in the Fargo-Moorhead Area, we have volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House by cooking meals for the families who are currently staying there. We also volunteer at the Handi-Wheels silent auction fundraiser by serving spaghetti dinner at a local church. We also have participated at Boo at NDSU and put on a yearly faculty breakfast for the faculty and staff of the School of Pharmacy. CPFI works globally with an organization called Solo Hope to help communities in Africa each year. We help create shoes to be sent to children in Africa out of recycled materials.

Our meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at noon in Sudro 22 to anyone interested in joining. If you have any questions or would like to know more about CPFI, please reach out to me at alison.dahring@ndsu.edu.
THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS AMBASSADORS

BY: JAROD BURNSIDE, PRESIDENT

The College of Health Professions Ambassadors is a selective, interprofessional organization that works with prospective students, current students, and alumni to promote NDSU’s College of Health Professions and serve the community. Our organization represents both pre-professional and professional students within each discipline from the College of Health Professions.

As the world is adjusting to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the College of Health Professions Ambassadors are still dedicated to serving NDSU and the community! The Spring of 2020 marked the grand opening of Aldevron Tower and our members helped usher in the expansion by leading tours to prospective students, current students, and alumni. Additionally, we partnered with Henrik’s Heroes, a charitable organization that supports families of children receiving medical treatment through the use of medical play dolls, by spending time creating the materials needed to make each unique doll for each unique patient. Once the COVID-19 pandemic hit NDSU, our organization led by extending our ambassador hand through positive reassurance to those who needed it. The Fall of 2020 will also bring new and exciting opportunities for the ambassadors to serve. We look forward to continuing events such as Cookies-For-Kids-Cancer, NDSU Giving Day, and our CHP College Saturday Visit in which we guide students through faculty-led demonstrations and offer insight on life as a health professions student.

Additionally, this semester we held our first organizational retreat through Zoom. While it was a different format than previous years, we still grew as an organization and are ready to tackle the upcoming fall semester. If you are interested in joining our ambassador family, look for recruitment information in Sudro Hall/Aldevron Tower or your NDSU email!
KAPPA PSI PHARMACEUTICAL FRATERNITY

BY: MORGAN KLEIN, HISTORIAN

Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity is a professional pharmacy organization that consists of both pre-professional students and professional students. Kappa Psi is dedicated to the advancement of pharmacy, philanthropy, and brotherhood. One thing that makes Kappa Psi unique is that we are affiliated with Greek Life, and our members enjoy the additional networking opportunities that this provides.

Leadership skills are promoted through our many offices and committee positions. This year has been uniquely challenging for our officer team, but each officer has adapted well to the new conditions. During the fall semester, we traditionally hold an event called Fries with Kappa Psi. This is our largest charity event of the year where we help raise money for our national philanthropy, Reach Out and Read. Unfortunately, we had to cancel Fries with Kappa Psi this year, but we are still hoping to collect books from our members to donate to Reach Out and Read. In addition, we had to cancel many of our volunteer events this semester and we look forward to continuing them in the spring. Our primary goal this fall is to help keep our members safe and healthy.

In the future, members from our chapter will be attending a remote province assembly. Province assembly is a meeting where all the Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternities in the area discuss new ways to advance the organization and profession of pharmacy. This semester will be the first-time members can attend this meeting virtually. Province assembly provides our members with networking opportunities and allows them to make lasting connections with other pharmacy students and pharmacists in the area. Kappa Psi helps students to form close bonds with other students here at NDSU, as well as across the country. If you are interested in joining and want to learn more information, please email matthew.nuebel@ndsu.edu.
The NDSU National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) consists of both pre-professional and professional students. NCPA focuses on independent community pharmacy, pharmacy ownership, and serving the community. If you’re interested in any of these three things, NCPA is a great fit for you!

The fall semester looks a little different for our club this year. We had plans to attend the NCPA National Convention in Nashville, but unfortunately due to Covid-19 it was scheduled to be held virtually. We still plan to attend virtually so we can get a similar experience as if we were there. In past years, the convention has been an excellent opportunity for students to network with other pharmacists and students, and learn more about independent community pharmacy practice through different presentations and student activities. We’re hoping that next year we can make it to the National convention in person! Looking ahead this fall, NCPA will be holding team-focused volunteering events.

NCPA members will participate in “HERO,” an organization that helps provide access to affordable healthcare equipment and supplies in our local community. We previously have done “trick or canning” around Halloween to donate food to a local food shelf but again due to Covid-19 we’re trying to get creative and find new acceptable events. Also, we will be hosting our annual book drive to raise books for the Sanford NICU, along with a bake sale to raise additional money for books.

Despite being in the midst of a pandemic I believe now is a great time to get involved. We’re learning so much by constantly adapting to new guidelines. The NCPA committee recognizes we might face some obstacles throughout the semester but our positive attitudes won’t stop us from continuing to volunteer in our community. NCPA is a fantastic organization to be a part of within the College of Health Professions. If you’re interested, please don’t hesitate to join us at our monthly meetings! We’re looking forward to a great fall semester!
NORTH DAKOTA SOCIETY OF HEALTH-SYSTEM PHARMACISTS (NDSHP)

BY: KALLI KAISER, HISTORIAN

NDSHP is a professional pharmacy organization that focuses on careers within the discipline of health-systems including clinic, hospital, long-term-care, and more. The club aims to educate pre-pharmacy and pharmacy students interested in this area about what roles a pharmacist plays in these settings and what students can do now to prepare for residencies following graduation.

This semester we are looking forward to volunteering at a flu shot blitz in October, the Virtual NDSU Residency Showcase on Friday, October 16th from 2-5pm, the Clinical Skills Competition, the Virtual NDSHP Summit on Thursday, October 22nd from 12-5pm, the Virtual NDSU Residency Workshop on November 5th, and the Virtual ASHP Midyear Conference on December 6th-10th. These will be great opportunities for students to apply and practice pharmacy-based knowledge, learn more about residency, and network with pharmacists and residency programs.

Please attend one of our upcoming meetings this semester if you have any interest in a career within a health system or completing a residency.
PHI LAMBDA SIGMA – PHARMACY LEADERSHIP SOCIETY (PLS)

BY: ALYSSA CARMICHAEL, HISTORIAN

Phi Lambda Sigma (PLS) or Pharmacy Leadership Society is a professional pharmacy organization with the goal of encouraging the development of leadership skills among our members. We currently consist of P2 and P3 students and students are invited into the organization each fall based on involvement, leadership experiences, and scholarship.

Our organization promotes several activities in order to foster leadership skills. Each fall we participate in the Charles Thomas Leadership Challenge. The purpose of this challenge is to develop a series of events that will further leadership in the profession of pharmacy. The residency workshop is another event in the fall and this will take place virtually November 5th so keep an eye out for that if you are interested in a residency! We also host the Etiquette Dinner each spring which gives students the opportunity to learn proper dining etiquette and the opportunity to meet other students, faculty, and pharmacists. PLS also encourages members to attend national meetings and for these members to bring back and present information that was learned to the rest of our organization.

If you are interested in joining PLS, applications will open at the beginning of October for P1s-P3s. Please contact our President taylor.olson.8@ndsu.edu or our Vice President rachel.markham@ndsu.edu if you have any questions!
PRE-PHARMACY CLUB

BY: BROOKE SUTTLES, PRESIDENT

NDSU Pre-Pharmacy Club is an organization on campus that is designed for pre-pharmacy students. The club was founded in the spring of 2016 with the goal to not only prepare members for the pharmacy professional program, but to also expose members to the profession of pharmacy. We do this through activities such as inviting guest speakers, volunteer activities, building connections, and other various activities. Last semester we volunteered at The Dorothy House in February before we moved online. This semester we plan to invite a pharmacist who has had experience in multiple areas of pharmacy as a guest speaker and to safely volunteer with a nursing home during the holiday season. We are excited to see what this semester has to offer, and we encourage you join us on our journey into the professional program!
RHO CHI

BY: KATHERINE KESSEL, PRESIDENT

Rho Chi is a pharmacy honor society with the mission “to encourage and recognize excellence in intellectual achievement.” Membership is offered in the spring semester to the top 20% of the P2 class. Fourteen new members from the Class of 2022 were inducted in the NDSU Rho Chi chapter in April via a virtual induction ceremony.

With the challenges accompanying the COVID pandemic, members have been actively pursuing new approaches and ideas to continue to fulfill the mission of Rho Chi. One of these ideas was a new fundraiser that aligns with Rho Chi’s purpose of encouraging intellectual achievement! Study guides made and used by Rho Chi members for their own studying of P1 and P2 classes were collected and assembled into packets for purchase by current P1’s and P2’s. The goal of these packets was to provide a new perspective for viewing class materials and preparing for exams, as well templates for preparing one’s own study guides. Over 50 study guide packets were sold and are still available for students to purchase upon request.

Rho Chi members strive to be role models to younger pharmacy students. One way in which members continue to fulfill this responsibility is through a mentorship program pairing Rho Chi members with P1 students. The goal of Rho Chi mentorship program is to foster strong mentor-mentee relationships and serve at resources for mentees as they navigate the pharmacy program, apply for internships, inquire about residencies, and more. Twenty-six P1 students signed up for the mentorship program, which is one of the largest P1 mentee groups in recent years! Three large-group mentorship meetings are scheduled for the 2020 fall semester. Although circumstances may look a little different this year, Rho Chi is committed to carrying out its mission and members look forward to the many unique opportunities this school year presents!
STUDENT COLLEGE OF CLINICAL PHARMACY (SCCP)

BY: REBECCA AUBART, VOLUNTEER CHAIR/HISTORIAN

NDSU’s Student College of Clinical Pharmacy (SCCP) is excited to start another year at NDSU. Our purpose is to orient students to the practice of clinical pharmacy and advocate the role of clinical pharmacists within healthcare. We emphasize dedication to excellence in patient care, research, and education. Our national body, the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP), has many resources for pharmacy students. They provide career development, plus outreach and networking opportunities. We hope to send a few of our members to the annual national conference, which will be held virtually this year.

Our first of three meetings this semester is on September 25th. We are excited to welcome Dr. Amy Werremeyer, professor and psychiatric pharmacist, to speak at our meeting. Dr Werremeyer is the current Chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice here at NDSU. She has also practiced as a psychiatry clinical specialist at Sanford Health starting in 2006. Being a Board Certified Psychiatric Pharmacist, Dr. Werremeyer is a valuable resource that any future pharmacist could learn from. In our upcoming meetings (October 19th and November 23rd) we are looking forward to speakers that explore other aspects of clinical pharmacy and residency. We are also working on our yearly Multicultural Affairs in Professional Programs (MAPP) project. Although the current pandemic has hindered our outreach capabilities, we are eager to share more with you in the future.

SCCP is a younger organization in the College of Health Professions and we are trusting to growing this year. With no membership fee and free pizza at meetings, everyone is welcome to attend. Due to the current pandemic situation, we are also offering our meetings via Zoom. An email with details will be released before each meeting. If you have any questions, please reach out to any of our executive members or to our faculty advisor Dr. Donald Miller. We are excited for the new year and hope to see a few new faces at our meetings this semester!
STUDENTS OF ALLIED SCIENCES CLUB

BY: MOLLY STEINKOPF, VICE PRESIDENT

Students of Allied Sciences Club is a group of students interested in respiratory therapy, radiography, and medical laboratory science careers. The organization serves as a way to learn more about these majors and career fields. The group also provides opportunities to connect with other students with similar career interests and volunteer in the community.

This Fall our group will be very busy working on volunteer and student involvement events! At our September meeting, we will be making tie blankets for Project Linus, a non-profit organization that provides homemade blankets for children in need. The picture of our group is from last year’s meeting where we made blankets. For our October meeting, we will be having current students in the internship speak about their experiences so far. There will be many other fun activities and volunteer events and we plan to have several interesting guest speakers at our meetings throughout the year. We are very excited to meet the new Allied Science students and become more involved than ever on campus and in the community!
STUDENT NURSES’ ASSOCIATION

BY: HATTIE MAUCH, PRESIDENT

The North Dakota State University Student Nurses’ Association (SNA) Chapter has been busy! Last semester, we started a mentoring program where pre-nursing and nursing students met to ask program related questions, work together through homework, and to help each other out! When classes transitioned to online, each board member took a group of SNA members in which they checked in with them to see how they were doing and to answer any questions they had. This semester, we are starting another mentoring program where SNA board members will help mentor one of the pre-admitted nursing students. We are super excited to start this and hope it will help our pre-admitted students with their transition to from high school to college. An event we are looking forward to this semester is the Out of the Darkness Experience. This event raises awareness for suicide prevention, and we are honored to be able to help the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention with their mission during this event. We also plan to do some public health education on campus about hygiene practices relating to Covid-19. We are excited for this semester to continue volunteering, meeting new people, and providing new opportunities for our student nurses at North Dakota State University! We continue to have fun in our organization while learning, growing, and meeting new people!