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# The Script

## Spring 2024

### *A Message from Senior Associate Dean for Pharmacy and Professor:*

Dear College of Health and Human Sciences Students,

I hope that the beginning of your spring semester is off to a successful start! There is no doubt that you are likely busy with some combination of attending classes, working, and participating in student organizations. Before you know it, we will be closing out another academic year – I am always amazed how fast time flies! Between now and then, remain focused on your training – and equally important – please remember to take some time for yourself by doing the things you enjoy, and spending time with family and friends.

I wanted to provide to you a few updates from the College.

- The College has updated its bylaws to reflect all the **academic programs** in our portfolio, please check out all the [majors, minors, and certificates](#) we offer, including [professional and graduate programs](#).
- In the new College bylaws, we created the **Dean’s Advisory Committee**. This committee includes one student and one faculty from each of our programs to directly advise and provide feedback to the Dean. Please consider joining this important committee.
- **Scholarship Applications:** The scholarship application for current College of Health and Human Sciences students is available between November 1 and March 1. All students are encouraged to complete the general application to make you eligible for general university and college-specific scholarships for which they qualify. Pharmacy, Nursing, Allied Sciences, and Public Health student specific scholarships open between April 8 and May 17. For more information, please visit our [website](#).
- Speaking of **scholarships**, did you know that the College awarded **\$784,048 across 330 students** in 2023-2024?! If have the chance to meet with one our donors, please thank them for their generosity.
- **NDSU Giving Day**, which occurred in late November 2023, provided **\$236,235 over 205 gifts from donors to the College;** and \$2,182,550 over 1927 gifts to the University. These funds

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are used to support student scholarships and our programs. I am so impressed by the outpouring of support to our students and programs.

- For those of you that are new to the College, please check out the **online resources** that are available to students, faculty, and staff. We have a College subscription to [Access Medicine](#) and [Access Pharmacy](#). You will find a wealth of online textbooks and databases on these sites to support your education.
- Please stop by and check out our **Interprofessional Grand Rounds Series** that features topics applicable to programs across our College. More information, including the schedule, and previously recorded sessions can be found [here](#).

Thank you for being the best part of our College's mission to prepare you to become leaders in programs that span the health and human life cycle. You inspire us to serve as role models and to provide the best education and experience possible. Please remember that the Dean's Office is open for you to provide your feedback on how we can continue to improve our programs, better support you, or if you just want to stop by and say hi!

Best regards and Go Bison!  
Michael Kelsch, PharmD, BCPS  
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College of Health and Human Sciences



# Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International (CPFI)

By: Haiey Wanner, President

Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International (CPFI) is a Christian fellowship organization for pharmacy students of all years (pre-pharm included). We gather once a month for a meeting that involves challenging each other to share and grow in faith and learn more about integrating faith into practice. We share in devotion, prayer, struggles and successes in addition to having a guest speaker at most meetings.

We had the privilege of listening to a wide variety of speakers including a physician who had experience working in a mission hospital in Bangladesh and a retired alumni pharmacist who shared his life story along with a multitude of Bible verses that inspired him through it all. We also enjoyed an interactive discussion with Dr. Ross Wilhelm about ethical and faith considerations in practice as well as the challenges pharmacy students face throughout school. This semester we are looking forward to hearing from some more of our very own pharmacy faculty: Drs. Emily Parry and Natasha Petry.



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Through Pharmacy

Aside from all the amazing speakers, our members have been busy serving others. Just before Thanksgiving, we hosted our annual faculty appreciation breakfast for the School of Pharmacy to thank them for their dedication to us as students. Many faculty and staff attended, and we had wonderful conversations about gratitude and plans for the upcoming break. Additionally, our members gathered for an evening of volunteering for Sole Hope. We assembled supply kits from milk jugs and jeans to be made into shoes for children in Uganda. This activity typically serves as CPFI's MAPP project, so we plan to coordinate another night of volunteering for Sole Hope this spring.

Our meetings and events are open to anyone interested! If you have any questions, or would like to join CPFI, please reach out to [hailey.m.wanner@ndsu.edu](mailto:hailey.m.wanner@ndsu.edu).



# Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity

By: Natalie Schuh, Historian

Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity is a professional fraternity within Greek life consisting of pre-pharmacy students and professional pharmacy students. Brothers of Kappa Psi root our ideals in brotherhood, philanthropy, and developments in pharmacy. In Kappa Psi, a balance between school, social life, and interfraternity life can all be found!

As a fraternity, we participate in many philanthropy and brotherhood events together. Over the fall, our philanthropy events included participation in Project Linus, Reach out and Read, Feed my Starving Children as well as supporting other fraternities and sororities on campus with their events. Some of our brotherhood events include ping pong tournaments, Suite Shots, and movie nights. We hope to continue events like these in the future while also growing together in our brotherhood.

Last fall we welcomed 10 new members into our fraternity, and we are excited to start our pledging process with our new PNMs! Looking forward, we are enthusiastic to continue our philanthropy project of Fries with Kappa Psi that is held annually in fall to raise money for Reach Out and Read. Reach Out and Read is a non-profit organization dedicated to supplying books to children and educating families on the importance of reading at a young age. We will also be attending the Northern Plains Province assembly in Minneapolis, Minnesota in April. At the province assembly, we will have the opportunity to meet with all of the Kappa Psi chapters, as well as many of our alumni, from the Midwest to discuss new ways to advance the organization and profession of pharmacy. Our members can network with colleagues and build lasting connections. Kappa Psi helps pharmacy students grow professionally and socially with students at NDSU and across the country!

If you are interested in joining Kappa Psi, feel free to reach out to any of our members for more information!



# North Dakota Society of Health-System Pharmacists (NDSHP-SSHP)

By: Taylor Garrett, Historian

NDSHP is a professional pharmacy organization that focuses on careers within the discipline of health systems including clinics, hospitals, long-term care facilities, and more. The organization aims to educate pre-pharmacy and pharmacy students interested in multiple areas about what roles a pharmacist plays in each setting and what students can do now to prepare for residencies following graduation. For the upcoming semester, we have multiple events and opportunities taking place. These include various volunteering opportunities such as participating in NDSU Discovery Days, working at the SHAAC, and completing a MAPP project. We will also be hosting the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pharmacy Ball on April 13<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-12am and having students participate in the Pharmacy Futures Summer Meeting in Portland, Oregon on June 8-12<sup>th</sup>. Throughout these events, there will be great opportunities for students to apply and practice pharmacy-based knowledge, learn more about residencies, 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.

All meetings are 12-1pm in Aldevron Tower room 350, the meeting dates for the Spring 2024 semester are 2/28, 3/27 and 4/24. For questions, please contact [Taylor.Garrett@ndsu.edu](mailto:Taylor.Garrett@ndsu.edu) (historian).



# Phi Lambda Sigma – Pharmacy Leadership Society (PLS)

By: HaiVy Chau, Historian

Phi Lambda Sigma (PLS), also known as Pharmacy Leadership Society, is a professional pharmacy organization with the goal of encouraging, promoting, and recognizing the development of leadership skills among our members. 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. We submitted a 3-year mentorship program plan to build sustainable connections between pharmacy students and pharmacy rotation preceptors in the North Dakota and Minnesota areas.

The annual APhA conference is hosted this year in Orlando, Florida and will take place March 22nd to the 25th. Early registration for this event ends February 10th and it costs about \$299-350 per student to attend.

PLS and Rho Chi are collaborating together to complete the MAPP project by volunteering at the Great Plains Food Bank on February 15th and 19th.

On Tuesday, April 16th, PLS will be hosting our annual Etiquette Dinner at the Fargo Doolittles at 6pm. It is open to all HHS students and faculty, counts as a pharmacy co-curriculum, and there is a chance for a prize giveaway at the event - with of course the opportunity to learn proper dining etiquette while eating a delicious 4-course meal.

After our initiation that took place last semester, we are excited to announce 11 new inductees into our Society! If you are interested to learn more about our organization or to hear about all our future events, please feel free to reach out to our President [makenna.hesch@ndsu.edu](mailto:makenna.hesch@ndsu.edu) or Vice President [allyson.waletski@ndsu.edu](mailto:allyson.waletski@ndsu.edu). We are also active on social media Instagram @pls\_ndsu or follow the main page @philambdasigma!



# Student College of Clinical Pharmacy and Pediatric Pharmacy Association (SCCP-PPA)

By: Brooke Suttles, SCCP President and Jenna Gorder, PPA President

Student College of Clinical Pharmacy (SCCP) and Pediatric Pharmacy Association (PPA) are looking forward to another semester of working together! We're planning out our MAPP project to be completed this semester and sent our members out for program recruitment. Some of our members volunteered at the Jingle Bell Run in December.

SCCP's 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, has many resources for students. They provide career development plus outreach and networking opportunities.



PPA is an organization aimed to educate on the safety and effects of medication for children to not only members of the organization but also the ever-growing community. This growing organization not only wants to prepare professional students that are soon to be serving patients, but to also open the doors to endless possibilities in the world of Pharmacy to our pre-professional students. Learning about the safety and effects that medications can have between adults and pediatrics will prepare you for all encounters in any pharmacy setting you decide to work in.

This semester's meeting dates are February 5th, March 11th, April 8th, and April 29th. We are excited to have a good amount of clinical pediatric speakers set to present this semester!

There are no membership fees in SCCP-PPA and there's free pizza at meetings - everyone is welcome to attend and learn about clinical and pediatric pharmacy! An email with meeting details will be released before each meeting. Any questions, please reach out to our integrated executive board and advisors as found on our MyNDSU pages.

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# Student Nurses' Association (Bismarck)

By: Emma Dragseth, President

The Bismarck Nursing Student Association has had a successful and fulfilling year, dedicated to enhancing our nursing student's education and professional growth.

One of the highlights of our year was attending the State Convention held in Bismarck. Six of our local members spent the last year working on the state board to organize this conference. It was a remarkable event where we had the opportunity to listen to Keynote speakers, meet vendors, and network with other nursing students. Professor, Jill Johnson, was deservedly named the State's Nurse Educator of the Year. And one of our local board members, Adriana Rasidovic, was recognized as the Student Nurse of the Year. These achievements reflect the dedication and excellence of our members and showcase the impact we have had in the nursing community.

At the State Convention, we also participated in the 'Challenge of the Quarters', where we raised quarters for a memorial scholarship. We competed with other schools for the highest dollar value and creativity with a design!

Volunteerism has also been a significant part of our year. We had the privilege of attending local middle and high schools to promote nursing and our program. Additionally, our members volunteered in 'Nurse Camp', where we gave middle school students a tour of the school and taught them various nursing skills. These opportunities allowed us to have a positive impact on the younger generation and inspire them to pursue a career in nursing.

Overall, this year has been a fulfilling one for the Bismarck Nursing Student Association. Through various fundraisers and volunteering opportunities, we have strengthened our organization and made a positive impact in our community. The State Convention served as a platform for recognition and celebration of our achievements. We are proud of our members and grateful for their commitment and hard work.





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

By: Anna Benson, President

The American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) is a professional pharmacy organization meant to be a collective of student pharmacists' voices and talents with the shared purpose of creating a positive impact for our students, in our community, and to advance the future of pharmacy. Our organization gives students the opportunity to learn about many different areas of the pharmacy world.

This past fall, 7 our APhA members attended the Midyear Regional Meeting which was held remotely this year. They were able to listen to many speakers and learn more about policy within the organization. Many members will be attending APhA Annual Meeting during March, in Orlando, Florida as well. We won a regional award from Operation Substance Use Disorders, so will be in the running for a national award at the Annual Meeting!

This upcoming semester, our executive team is planning a year of new projects and outreach events. We teamed up with the ONE Program last year and are currently still bringing Naloxone education trainings to campus. Additionally, we are completing a project for educating on birth control options, and an OTC medication guide. We are hoping to start a project for promoting Snap the Stigma and mental health awareness.

As we look forward to this year, we are excited to welcome new members! Our meetings are once a month on Wednesdays 12-1 PM. You may also email [haley.johnson.3@ndsu.edu](mailto:haley.johnson.3@ndsu.edu) or [anna.lynn.benson@ndsu.edu](mailto:anna.lynn.benson@ndsu.edu) for questions regarding membership. We look forward to seeing you at APhA-ASP!



# Rho Chi

By: Lexi Gietzen, President

Rho Chi is a pharmacy honor society that seeks to advance pharmacy through sustained intellectual leadership. Members consist of the top 20% of the P3 class, who are selected for membership during the spring of their P2 year based on their academic and professional achievements. Our mission is to encourage and recognize intellectual achievement, contribute to the development of intellectual leaders, promote the highest ethical standards, and foster collaboration. We as a chapter strive to uphold these values through offering academic assistance, serving as mentors to younger students, and by hosting events that promote pharmaceutical research and advocacy in the field of pharmacy.



This year's chapter consists of 10 members from the Class of 2025, who were inducted into Rho Chi in April 2023. In addition to our current members, twelve students from the Class of 2026 were just invited to become members in April and lead the chapter next year! Aside from new member induction, we are excited to continue this year with different events aimed at influencing younger pharmacy students/incoming students and inspiring professional development of members. These include our Mentorship Program, Concept Pharmacy Tours, various philanthropy events, and our Research Symposium, where residents and faculty get the opportunity to present their research to students!

Touching on our Mentorship Program specifically, Rho Chi organizes this program to help develop a relationship between older and younger pharmacy students. Members are matched with first-year pharmacy students based on professional goals to act as a resource who can answer questions and give advice for a smoother adjustment to pharmacy school. We will be having three meetings this semester, which will both provide insight to first-year pharmacy students from an experienced perspective and foster the mentor-mentor relationship through fun activities!

Through these events, we hope to make a positive impact on younger students and develop relationships with faculty and alumni. Our chapter is excited for this upcoming semester, and we look forward to helping inspire leadership and development of pharmacy students!



# CHHS Ambassadors

By: Taylor Garrett, Public Relations Chair

The College of Health and Human Science Ambassadors is a selective student organization which represents each of the departments within the college such as nursing, pharmacy, allied science, public health, sports management, nutrition science, exercise science, social work, and human development and family sciences. CHHS Ambassadors has gone through quite a few changes over the past few semesters. With the combination of the colleges, we were able to integrate the HSE ambassadors with the CHP ambassadors to bring you the new CHHS ambassadors! It has been an enjoyable experience to see the two colleges come together to form a new group where we can focus on interprofessionalism. The members of this organization serve an essential role in promoting the college through involvement in a variety of events for prospective student, current students, and alumni by assisting in the recruitment, application, and enrollment process by sharing positive, personal experiences.

We have a variety of events coming up that we will be participating in. This includes scholarship, white coat, hooding and pinning ceremonies, Cookies for Kids Cancer, and Discover NDSU Days. This semester we will be organizing Battle of the Cents-es, a penny war against the Engineering Ambassadors, to raise money for a local family. College Ambassadors will also interact with groups of all ages to help them learn about the healthcare field, with programs such as HOPE Programs and much more.



# American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS)

By: Ashish Kumar, Chair of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists

The American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) North Dakota State University (NDSU) student chapter is a student-focused body that continuously strives to contribute to the cause of AAPS's mission statement of advancing the capacity of pharmaceutical scientists to develop products and

therapies that improve global health. Ever since its commencement in 2005, the AAPS-NDSU student chapter has been committed to fostering interdisciplinary research within the university by attracting scientists from diverse areas of study like animal and plant sciences, engineering, biochemistry,

microbiology, coatings, and polymeric sciences. The Eight Annual AAPS-NDSU Pharmaceutical Research Symposium was hosted last year on October 05, 2023.

The AAPS student chapter has been organizing the NDSU Research Symposium annually, to provide a platform for scientific growth by promoting networking amongst peers in the pharmaceutical sciences community, inviting



eminent speakers for lectures, and poster presentation sessions with exhilarating awards. In 2023, we invited four eminent speakers, Dr. Debomoy K. Lahiri (School of Medicine, Indiana University, IN), Dr. Rong Stephanie Huang (College of Pharmacy University of Minnesota), Dr. Burton B. Yang (Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto), and Dr. Sumeet Rastogi (Bayer Pharmaceuticals CMC Technical Development Team). This symposium was attended by around sixty students comprising graduate students, post-doctoral researchers, pharmacy undergraduate students, and faculty members from various departments of NDSU. We received a staggering 46 abstracts for the poster presentation from different departments of NDSU and the top 3 students received cash amounts with participating certificates. Overall, the lectures and poster presentation session provided an enriched environment for discussion and learning.

We as an AAPS student chapter body are proud to host such an event and we hope this convention will benefit students across all disciplines and inspire researchers to forge collaboration to further science.