A Message from the Dean

Dr. Charles Peterson, Pharm.D.

I hope this past year has been a successful one for all our students. This has been a historic year for our College. One of these historic events is, on March 26th the State Board of Higher Education approved our request for organizational changes and name changes for our College and its academic units. These changes allow us to celebrate and embrace our College’s core value of interprofessional education through the College’s new name, College of Health Professions. It more accurately reflects the diversity of our people and programs for who we are today. It also enhances the recognition and status of our individual disciplines with their new names the School of Pharmacy, School of Nursing, Department of Allied Sciences, and Department of Public Health. These changes will help strengthen our status with accrediting bodies, increase the quality of education and training delivered to our students to ensure that they as health professionals are “practice-ready” as well as “team-ready”, and it will also make learning more fun for students. These changes put NDSU on the forefront of interprofessional education at the national level related to education and training of health professionals. So our pharmacy program is now the NDSU School of Pharmacy and is housed within the College of Health Professions.
Phi Lambda Sigma

by Megan Hansen, Vice President

Phi Lambda Sigma is a selective pharmacy leadership organization within the College of Health Professions. P1 and P2 students are eligible to apply and members of the organization are P2 and P3 students that have demonstrated outstanding leadership involvement in addition to high academic and ethical standards. Our mission is to recognize leaders and foster leadership development.

Our main event for the year is the Etiquette Dinner. This year it was held on March 5th at the Alumni Center. Table hosts included NDSU pharmacy and allied science board members and faculty members from the college. The career center had a team of experts that walked students and table hosts through the courses served. At the dinner students have the chance to network with alumni in addition to learning proper dinner etiquette.

Throughout the year our awards committee works to recognize outstanding leadership within our organization, college, and Phi Lambda Sigma alumni.

This fall we hosted Alex Sheen “Because I said I would”, volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House, Salvation Army bell ringing, and the Salvation Army Angel tree.

We had several representatives attend the annual convention in San Diego, California. At the annual dinner, attendees had the opportunity to meet Charlie Thomas, the founder of Phi Lambda Sigma. This year marks the 50th anniversary of Phi Lambda Sigma.

The final events that Phi Lambda Sigma will be hosting include a leadership movie night on April 17th in the Memorial Union and participating in the Big Event.

All P1 and P2 students are encouraged to apply to Phi Lambda Sigma next year.

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National Community Pharmacists Association

by Taylor Semler, President

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 these three things, NCPA may be a great fit for you.

This spring, NCPA has participated in many volunteering events such as providing blood pressure screenings in the community, hosting a book drive to raise books for the Sanford NICU, volunteering at a food pantry, raising money for and competing in the ND IPAT stationary bike race.

This coming fall, NCPA will have a group of members attend the NCPA Annual Convention and Trade Show in Washington, D.C. The national convention is a great experience that allows for members to network with other students and pharmacists, and bring back ideas to the NDSU chapter.

NCPA is a great organization to be a part of. If you’re interested please join us at our monthly meetings!
American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists

by Lindsey Lipp

The American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) is a professional, scientific organization founded in 1986. It is a vibrant international forum motivated to enhance the knowledge sharing between the health care professionals and to increase the scientific contribution in healthcare field. AAPS provides continuous career development opportunities to young professionals by open forums, annual meetings, workshops, and symposia. The interdisciplinary platform of AAPS provides several occasions for healthcare professionals to communicate the recent advancement of Sciences & Technology. In addition to aforementioned, AAPS also provides student growth, development and outreach prospects by its student chapter constitution. We have AAPS student chapter at NDSU, constituted in spring 2005 and actively participating in various local, regional, and national colloquiums.

AAPS-NDSU student chapter is focused on conveying a knowledge based environment to the College of Pharmacy, Nursing & Allied Sciences. With the prospect of career development and knowledge enhancement, the NDSU chapter has successfully organized a two day symposium “MidWest Pharmfest (2014)”, where students received vast opportunity to expand their horizons by attending lectures (from Industrial and Academic scientists) and by a poster presentation session. To continue the success story, AAPS-NDSU chapter is delighted to invite all of the Pharmacy, Nursing & Allied sciences students to our upcoming Symposium “Collegiate Convention for Interdisciplinary Advancements in Biomedical Sciences (2015)” scheduled on September 1st, 2015 in the Memorial Union (NDSU). The one day event is focused on various aspects of Biomedical Sciences. The event will consist of lecture sessions from Eminent Scientists followed by a student poster presentation. The symposium is aimed to provide career development and collaboration opportunities to the students through various interactions. AAPS-NDSU student chapter encourages all Pharmacy, Nursing & Allied sciences student participation, to make this on-campus event successful and would be pleased with your presence.

Kappa Psi Co-ed Fraternity

by Samantha Trumm

Kappa Psi is the oldest and largest professional pharmacy fraternity. It was founded on the four pillars of industry, sobriety, fellowship, and high ideals. Our chapter at NDSU, named Beta Sigma, is currently comprised of 85 men and women, ranging from pre-pharmacy to 4th year pharmacy students. Together we strive to not only make an impact in the lives of each other, but also on campus, the Fargo-Moorhead community, and the profession of pharmacy.

Volunteering is one way that we are able to do this. We continue to make meals and check blood pressures for the residents at one of the low income high rise buildings in Fargo. In addition, we maintain a strong relationship with Bethany Homes, being on call for any event they need help with. While we value these two connections we’ve maintained for many years, we continually look for new opportunities to serve. One of the current favorites is a program called “Bottles for Hope.” Every other Thursday we send brothers to decorate bottles for patients receiving chemotherapy at the Sanford Roger Maris Cancer Center. The remainder of this spring will be spent at Relay for Life, The Big Event, and preparing for finals.

To keep up with all of our events, be sure to check us out on Facebook! Planning has already begun for fall recruitment!

Members of Kappa Psi received the “Travelling Trophy” for sending the most members to Conclave this spring in Madison, WI.
Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International
by Logan Olson, President

Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International (CPFI) is an organization dedicated to the integration of faith into our academic studies, professional duties and service to the community. As followers of Jesus Christ, we continually strive to follow his example and bring Him glory through our attitudes, actions and relationships.

Members of our organization have had the wonderful honor of serving members of the community throughout the year. Peace Lutheran was gracious enough to allow our students to perform blood pressure screenings for church attendees between their Sunday morning services in their foyer. The Ronald McDonald House provided us the opportunity to aid in cleaning duties around their facility and cook a meal for the families residing there. Our efforts were also able to reach international communities as we again had the chance to assist with Guatemala Packing, an event that packages medications traveling to Guatemala with P4 students on rotation.

If you are a human being, we would love to meet you! All meetings are open to everyone and we encourage you to check us out! It would be our honor to serve with you next year and I invite you to email me at logan.m.olson@ndsu.edu with any questions. God bless you!

Rho Chi
by Siera Zimmerman, Secretary

The College of Pharmacy Rho Chi Society is an organization that encourages and recognizes intellectual achievement. Our Kappa Chapter at NDSU was established in 1928. Our mission is to stimulate critical inquiry to advance pharmacy, contribute to the development of intellectual leaders, promote the highest ethical standards, and foster collaboration.

Rho Chi is a selective group compiled of the top 20% of each class with membership being offered the spring semester of the P2 year. Our projects throughout the year closely align with the mission and some of our activities are as follows.

We promote volunteerism though various events including serving underserved populations. Churches United was one of the establishments we prepared and served lunch at for the residents. We also encourage learning and interest in the field of pharmacy. Concept Pharmacy tours are a popular event we participate in yearly during interview day. Expanding your Horizons is an event we help junior high aged girls make lip balm and hand lotion to stimulate interest in becoming a pharmacist. Our new event, the bone marrow drive, is an event we encourage students to join the bone marrow registry program to possibly be a match for a patient in need. The mentorship program is also sponsored through Rho Chi. The mentorship program includes relationship building. A P1 student is matched with a P3 student, so they have someone who can give them advice, tips, and comments of how to get through pharmacy school. We look forward to meeting our new members!

http://rhochi.org/
Student Nurses Association

by Mariah Wesbur

Student Nurses Association (SNA) is the organization for pre-nursing and profession nursing students which does outreach to the community as health related projects. SNA finds pride in raising money for causes, such as cancer, children's hospitals and mentally challenged individuals. Currently SNA is hosting an event for mentally ill individuals to come and socialize with the community in a safe atmosphere while having a fun time. SNA is also participates in events such as blood drives, vision screenings, Highway clean up, children’s miracle network fundraising, Relay for Life, Diabetes Walk, and service projects such as pads for Kenya. SNA also provides an opportunity for pre-nursing and professional nursing students to network. The Student Nursing Association also hosts events to assist students in progression towards the profession such as information about working as a nurse intern, and an informational meeting for students applying to the professional program. The NDSU Student Nursing Association is also a member of the State as well as National Student Nurses Association which allows the students to network with other nursing students through conferences.

APhA Academy of Student Pharmacists

by Sarah Schmidt

APhA Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) is an organization that seeks to be the collective voice of student pharmacists, provide opportunities for professional growth, improve patient care, and envision and advance the future of pharmacy. Some of the many ways we accomplish these ambitions are through the production of promotional videos, hosting guest speakers at general meetings, and performing service to the community via patient care projects.

As an organization, we strive to continually build professional relationships and create new ways to involve students in the pharmacy vocation. This past summer we had the opportunity to partner with the Dakota Medical Foundation and provided screening services at their StreetsAlive! event. We performed cholesterol, glucose and blood pressure screenings for over 310 members of the community! Such grand success sparked a blossoming relationship between APhA-ASP and DMF that continues today through numerous screening events and educational seminars.

A new event was also born this year through the creation of the Sudro Symposium. Members of our organization presented the idea of a College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Allied Sciences (now College of Health Professions) specific organization fair to the Dean's Liaison Committee. Such an event would provide students with a more intimate atmosphere to discover health profession organizations, instead of wading through campus wide organizations at the typical Org Fair. The event was a grand success as nearly every health profession organization was represented and more than 100 prospective members attended.

APhA-ASP has had the privilege of providing an ever growing number of involvement opportunities and will continue to strive toward professionalism, advancements in patient care and service to the community. We would very much enjoy making your acquaintance and encourage you to join our team!
College of Health Professions Ambassadors

By Gabby Anderson, President

The College of Health Professions Ambassadors is a selective student organization of 30-35 members that represents each of the schools and departments within the college, with members from many different stages of the programs within each school and department ranging from pre-professional to graduate students. As Ambassadors, we serve an essential role in the College of Health Professions and work to promote our college through involvement in a variety of fun events throughout the year, including: Sudro Hall building tours for prospective students interested in the majors within the college, homecoming tours for alumni, white coat and graduation ceremonies, the Battle of the Cents-es, the Great Health Care Adventure, scholarship ceremonies, and many other events that serve prospective students, current students, and alumni. We thoroughly enjoy sharing our positive experiences with others as well as building and fostering relationships. In January, we welcomed 16 new members into the organization and are excited to see what the rest of this year brings!