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A message from the Dean's Office:

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, and spend time with family and friends.

I wanted to provide to you a few updates from the College. Please check out all of the academic programs within our College. We have a wide variety of majors, minors, and certificates, as well as professional and graduate programs. We are also launching/have launched new degree and certificate opportunities in 2026, including: Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA), Masters in Clinical Trials and Regulatory Affairs, Masters in Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Masters in Sport Management, Certificate in Healthcare Administration, Certificate in Applied Epidemiology, Certificate in Foundations in Mental Healthcare, Certificate in Clinical Research.

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 7 and May 23. For more information, please visit our College's website, and NDSU's website.

Speaking of scholarships awarded by the College, did you know that the College awarded \$901,690 across 329 students for the 2025-2026 academic year?! If have the chance to meet with one our donors, please thank them for their generosity.

NDSU Giving Day, which occurred in October 2025, provided \$351,607 from 116 donors to the College; and \$2,918,670 from 1,728 donors to the University. These funds 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 College subscriptions to Access Medicine, Access Pharmacy, Micromedex, and Natural Medicines Database. You will find a wealth of online textbooks and databases on these sites to support your education.

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 Science



Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International

Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International (CPFI) is a Christian fellowship organization for pharmacy students across all years, including pre-pharmacy. Our mission is to encourage spiritual growth, foster meaningful relationships, and integrate faith with the profession of pharmacy. We gather once a month on Wednesdays at noon in Aldeveron 350 for a time of fellowship, encouragement, and community. During our meetings, we explore what it means to live out our faith in the field of pharmacy and discuss how we can grow both spiritually and professionally. We share a devotion, prayer, pizza, our weekly highs and lows, and typically have a guest speaker each meeting. This past fall semester, we were thrilled to host our annual faculty appreciation breakfast, a special event where students had the opportunity to honor and thank our dedicated faculty members for their guidance and support. We also heard from a variety of wonderful speakers who shared their insights on pharmacy, faith, and service. Additionally, members volunteered at Trunk or Treat at the Horace Lutheran Church.

This spring, we have quite a few exciting events coming up. In the coming weeks, we will be holding a muffin fundraiser to raise money for our service project, Sole Hope. Sole Hope is a nonprofit organization based in Uganda that provides medical care, education, and shoes to families in need. As part of our fundraising and service efforts, we will also host a hands-on event where members can help prepare, cut, and decorate denim that will be sent to Sole Hope. This project is a tangible way for us to combine creativity, service, and compassion in making a real difference in the lives of children abroad. Additionally, this spring, members volunteered at the Kiwanis Pancake Carnival and Feed My Starving Children. Our meetings and events are open to anyone who is interested. Our board in Sudro Hall lists all upcoming meeting dates. If you have any questions or would like to join CPFI, please reach out to alexag@ndsu.edu. We hope to see you this spring!



College of Health and Human Ambassadors

The College of Health and Human Sciences Ambassadors is a well-equipped organization that represents students from each department within the college. The many different majors within this college are as follows: Pharmacy, Nursing, Allied Sciences, Sports Management, Public Health, Nutrition Science, Social Work, Elementary Education, Exercise Science, and Human Development and Family Sciences.

Members of this organization are expected to play a professional role by promoting the college positively and respectfully, whether it is helping with recruitment, applications, or enrollment. Once the members are selected and introduced to the expectations, they will participate in events for prospective students visiting the college, current students, and alumni.

Our ambassadors engage in a variety of activities and events throughout the year. Fall events are primarily focused on showing NDSU and the College of Health and Human Sciences to prospective students. Ambassadors will assist during Discover NDSU Days, College Health and Human Sciences Saturday Visits, and our main, week-long event, Cookies for Kids' Cancer. Community service is highly encouraged to represent our college to the best of our ability. In the Spring of 2026, ambassadors will volunteer at the local Feed My Starving Children, assist with Admitted Student Days, Pinning Ceremonies for Nursing and Pharmacy students, and our main event, Battle of the Cents-es. Battle of the Cents-es is a very unique event that is a friendly penny war between our Ambassadors and the Engineering Ambassadors to raise money for a person or family in our community who is in need. This year, we have the honor of raising money for our very own advisor, Aleisha Lokken. This event displays our ambassadors' devotion and influence on campus, considering past years have raised upwards of \$15,000 in just one week of fundraising!

If you are interested in joining the College of Health and Human Sciences Ambassadors or have any questions, please contact Alyssa Ritchie, Membership Development or Megan Popsun, President.

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Kappa Psi

Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity is a co-ed professional fraternity that includes pre-pharmacy and professional pharmacy students. Our members are able to be involved both socially and academically while maintaining a steady focus on leadership, service, professional development, and brotherhood. Kappa Psi provides a great place for its members to grow in leadership by holding officer or committee positions.

Over the fall semester, we were able to participate in many philanthropy events. We held our annual event, Fries with Kappa Psi, which supports our national philanthropy, Reach Out and Read. This event is always a great way to come together as a chapter while raising money for children in need. Additionally, one of our brothers represented us at Miss NDSU, which provided us with the opportunity to donate to DownHome, an organization located in the Fargo-Moorhead area!

This past fall, we welcomed seven new members into our fraternity. They have already made a powerful impact with their new ideas and active participation. We currently have two PNMs and are looking forward to continuing their pledging process. Our chapter is also excited to be attending the Northern Plains Province Assembly in Madison, Wisconsin, this April. The upcoming month will be spent preparing for the event. The assembly is a great opportunity to create new connections and strengthen existing ones. We look forward to spending time with our fellow brothers from across the Midwest.

If you are interested in joining Kappa Psi, do not hesitate to reach out to any of our members at any time. We are always open to welcoming new members who will make a positive impact on campus and in our community. The best place to contact us is by sending a direct message to our Instagram, @kappapsi.ndsu!



Student Association of Nutrition and Dietetics

The Student Association of Nutrition and Dietetics (SAND) is a student-focused organization that guides students in growing their education and future careers. The organization is comprised primarily of Nutrition Science students interested in learning more about the exciting field of dietetics. SAND welcomes any student passionate about health and how food and nutrition can promote wellbeing! The members participate in various volunteering, fundraising, and other events throughout the semester.

Students have the opportunity to listen to presentations given by healthcare and public health professionals about their education, careers, and experiences. These takeaways build memorable connections and necessary skills for students' careers.

This semester, students made Valentine's Day cards for Cards for Hospitalized Children, a nonprofit organization that distributes homemade holiday cards across the nation. Members volunteered in Healthy Cooking in the Classroom, which teaches elementary-aged students food preparation skills and cooking methods. Members also participated in the Feed My Starving Children packing event, helping reach their goal of packaging 1.5 million meals.

SAND hosted a pre-packaged food drive from March 23rd to 28th for Red River Children's Advocacy Center. SAND gathered client favorites like microwave soups/mac and cheese, fruit snacks, crackers, applesauce, granola bars, small waters, and more! Collection boxes will be established on campus and throughout the community. In April, students will read nutrition-related picture books to elementary school students. For the fall semester, SAND is busy planning fun events!

Students attend and participate in conferences throughout the year. Students can attend the North Dakota Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Symposium from March 26-27th and the North Dakota Nutrition Council's annual spring conference from April 30th to May 1st. Students can also attend the Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo from October 24-27th in San Antonio, Texas.

If you are interested in learning more about our organization or hearing about our future events, please contact our President at morgan.matheson@ndsu.edu or follow us on Instagram [@ndsu.sand!](https://www.instagram.com/ndsu.sand/)



Launching Fall 2026: Online MHA + Graduate Certificates in Health Administration & Informatics

The College of Health and Human Sciences is preparing to launch a fully online Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA), Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Administration, and a Graduate Certificate in Health Informatics (HI) in Fall 2026. These programs are designed to create flexible, accelerated pathways for current students and graduates who want to step into health care leadership and technology-focused roles. Whether students plan to lead in hospitals and clinics, long-term care, public health, health plans, or community-based organizations, the MHA and HI Certificate provide a practical, applied foundation for managing teams, improving systems, implementing technology, and leading change.

The MHA/HI courses will be asynchronous (with optional synchronous opportunities) to support working professionals balancing careers, families, and community commitments. This flexible online format will serve learners across North Dakota and the region who are ready to advance into supervisory, managerial, and executive-track roles—both clinical and non-clinical.

We're also implementing accelerated dual degree pathways within the PharmD and Health Services programs and developing collaborative pathways with the MPH, MBA, and other programs. These pathways will allow students to add stackable credentials by completing the Health Administration Certificate and Health Informatics Certificate, strengthening their preparation for leadership in today's data-driven, technology-enabled health systems. If you are in an NDSU bachelor's, professional, or master's degree program and are interested in exploring a flexible, customized, accelerated pathway, please reach out.

To apply: https://ndsugrad.my.site.com/Application/TX_SiteLogin?startURL=/Application/TargetX_Portal_PB

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Rho Chi

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 intellectual growth in the field of pharmacy.

This year's chapter consisted of 11 members from the Class of 2027, who were inducted into Rho Chi in March 2025. We were excited to start this year off with different events aimed at influencing incoming pharmacy students and inspiring professional development of members. These include our Mentorship Program, philanthropy events, fundraising, and our new Rotation and Residency Preparation Roundtable Event. This year we volunteered at the Great Plains Food Bank, rang bells for the Salvation Army, participated in the Feed my Starving Children event, and countless events to recruit new pharmacy students.

We are pleased to announce that our faculty advisor, Dr. Frenzel, won the Rho Chi National Faculty Advisor of the Year Award for 2026. With her support and guidance we have grown as leaders and upheld the standards of the Rho Chi Honor society.

Through these events, we hope to make a positive impact on younger students and the NDSU/Fargo-Moorhead community. Our chapter is excited for the end of semester as we look forward to transitioning our leadership roles to the recently inducted P2 members and begin our rotations in May



Phi Lambda Sigma

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 experience, and scholarship. Our organization promotes several activities to foster leadership skills.

Over the course of this semester, our chapter has been actively engaged in a variety of professional and leadership development activities. We had the opportunity to hear from Dr. Tracy Rupp, PharmD, MPH, RD, BCPS from the FDA, who spoke about unique career opportunities for pharmacists within the agency. In addition, we have strengthened member connections through a chapter game night and continued to hold monthly meetings to support ongoing involvement and growth. A major focus this year has been our continued work on the Charles Thomas Leadership Challenge, which we were honored to win last fall. As part of this initiative, we are working toward hosting two blood pressure screening clinics, one at the University of Western Australia School of Pharmacy and one at NDSU. While also creating meaningful opportunities to further develop leadership skills among our members. This upcoming April we look forward to hosting our annual Etiquette dinner. This event teaches us about fine dining with employers and table etiquette. We are grateful to partner with Essentia to make this event possible!

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 olivia.paumen@ndsu.edu. We are also active on social media Instagram [@PLS_NDSU](https://www.instagram.com/PLS_NDSU) or check out our board in Sudro!



Pre-Pharmacy Club

The NDSU Pre-Pharmacy Club is an organization for students looking to better understand and prepare themselves for their future in the NDSU Pharmaceutical Program. Within this, members are able to make connections with fellow students, gain additional information about the pharmacy program, and familiarize themselves with the process of earning their pharmacy degree here at NDSU. Overall, our goal is to create a community of support for students early on and be a useful resource for them as they begin their journey in pharmacy school! Our executive board is composed of five P.5 students, all previous members of the organization.

We had our first Pre-Pharmacy Club meeting of the year on September 29th, where we discussed common pre-pharmacy classes and strategies on how to be successful in them! We will continue to meet monthly, with future meetings consisting of bringing in other pharmacy organizations on campus, a how-to with recommendations on pharmacy internships, and preparation for interview day for students planning to enter the program next year. Students are also encouraged to reach out to executive members with any suggestions for meeting topics. During the meetings, we plan to bring in guest speakers or hear advice and POVs from students already in the program. We also plan to offer philanthropy opportunities with the organization for members throughout the year.

Future semester meetings will be communicated via email, and if students have any questions or suggestions regarding meetings, feel free to contact organization president at brooklyn.loew@ndsu.edu.



Student College of Clinical Pharmacy (SCCP) & Pediatric Pharmacy Association (PPA)

This semester, SCCP and PPA have focused on connecting with pharmacists who are making an impact in practice and getting students involved.

SCCP's mission is to introduce students to the practice of clinical pharmacy and advocate for the role of clinical pharmacists within healthcare, emphasizing excellence in patient care, research, and education. PPA focuses on educating both members and the community about pediatric pharmacy and medication safety, helping prepare students to care for patients of all ages.

We kicked off the year with a Faculty Clinical Pharmacist Panel featuring Drs. Parry, Maack, and Miller, who shared career insights, patient-care experiences, and advice on professional growth. The event had great discussion, helping students see different perspectives on clinical pharmacy.

Both groups are also planning several upcoming events, including a careers in non-traditional clinical and industry pharmacy panel in October and a pediatric pharmacist guest speaker in November. It will highlight paths that combine patient care, innovation, and clinical collaboration.

To support members attending the 2025 ACCP National Meeting in Minneapolis this fall, SCCP and PPA recently hosted a coffee and donut fundraiser in Aldevron Tower, one of our initiatives to raise funds for student travel and leadership development. We will also participate in the Arthritis Foundation's Jingle Bell Run, continuing our focus on service and outreach within the community.

Our meetings this semester are Wednesdays 10/15, 11/12 12/10 in Aldevron Tower 350 at noon. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings, which will have pharmacist guest speakers, clinical discussion, and of course, free pizza. Please reach out to our officer team and/or advisors found on our MyNDSU pages if you have any questions.

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The American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) By: Zoe Schnell

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, we were excited to host our campus wide steps challenge during homecoming week for heart health awareness, and we thank you all for participating with us! 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. We also welcomed a speaker from Novo Nordisk to learn more about careers in the pharmaceutical industry. In addition, 6 of our members attended the APhA Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, CA this March. This upcoming semester, our executive team is planning new projects and outreach events. We have continued our partnerships with Be the ONE and Snap the Stigma to bring opioid and naloxone education and mental health awareness to members of our community. Additionally, we will be collaborating with the Wellness Center during dead week to spread wellbeing on campus.

We are excited to welcome new members! Our meetings are once a month on Wednesdays from 12-1 PM. You may also email zoe.schnell@ndsu.edu or harli.dragt@ndsu.edu for questions regarding membership. We look forward to seeing you at APhA-ASP!



North Dakota Society of Health-System Pharmacists – Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists (NDSHP-SSHP) By: Rylie Dohrmann, 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 student chapter at NDSU aims to educate pre-pharmacy and pharmacy students interested in this area about what roles pharmacists play in these settings and what students can do now to prepare for residencies following graduation.

NDSHP-SSHP started off the year by sending members to the National ASHP conference over the summer to learn about pharmacy policy and network with other members of ASHP both from North Dakota and other states. We provided opportunities to students and members, such as the Clinical Skills Competition at the NDSHP Summit in October, sent students to the ASHP Midyear Conference in December to present posters and network with residency programs, and in April we are hosting the Pharmacy Night Out event at Suite Shots. Meetings this year consisted of visits from pharmacists discussing their careers, residency experiences, and membership in NDSHP and ASHP. We also heard from residency directors discussing what their different programs have to offer and answering students' questions about residencies and the application process. P4 student presenters and current residents also shared their experiences and tips on the residency application process.

Please join us for one of our meetings to learn more about the organization and pharmacy in different health systems!

