Student Council

An organization that encompasses the whole student body, Student Council had many activities and fundraisers throughout the semester. This year we began the semester with a bowling social that gave an opportunity for incoming students to meet upperclassmen. This event was very successful with a nice turnout. We also had a fundraiser and social after the Florida Board of Pharmacy meeting at Buffalo Wild Wings. It was not just students from the Orlando campus that were in attendance, but also students from all of the four campuses which made for great “phamily” bonding. Another fundraiser that Student Council held was the sale of scrubs in four different colors with the University of Florida logo on it to students who were going on rotations or had internships. This was a brand new fundraiser for the organization that was a major hit with the student body because it would allow us to represent the College well while out doing experimental experiences. Lastly, Mike Young was able to keep the coffee fundraiser going for another semester and he did an excellent job with organizing the student lounge.

Some other team-based and community based activities that Student Council held was organized by 2PD Myla Ross. As the volunteer chair, she organized an event at Mustard Seed, an organization that helps underprivileged families
obtain clothing and furniture. We sorted and organized the linen area and even helped a family pick out some sheets. Some students helped dismantle mattresses so that the material could be sold while others hung up clothes on hangers and worked in the store.

We ended the semester just as it began, with our holiday party at a bowling alley. Lena Charafi, Student Council president, was honored for all of her hard work and dedication to the organization. She was presented with a card signed by all of the officers, flowers, and a mortar and pestle. This definitely was a great way to end the semester.

“Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success” - Henry Ford

APhA-ASP

This certainly has been an exciting and busy semester for University of Florida’s Orlando chapter of APhA-ASP. October was National Pharmacist’s Month! APhA-ASP joined with FPA on October 3rd in the national “tweet-a-thon” which raised awareness in a unique way about the role pharmacists play in delivering health care. On October 25th, we hosted a CV workshop, where a guest speaker from Target gave tips on interviewing skills and how to create the best CV. We followed up a great workshop with participation in National Take Back Day on October 26th. Generation Rx teamed up with local police departments in the area to take back unused and unwanted prescription medications in a safe and responsible manner. At the sites, students were able to educate the general public about the potential abuse of medications and take back hundreds of prescription drugs.
November was a busy month for the chapter as well, as APhA-ASP Midyear Regional Meeting took place in Birmingham, AL from November 1st-3rd. Six Orlando Campus students were able to represent UF and Region 3 at the meeting and attend workshops on leadership and the profession of pharmacy. In honor of winning an award last year, Generation Rx was asked to give a presentation at MRM and did a wonderful job. University of Florida’s APhA-ASP chapter also took home the award for Regional Operation Heart winners.

Meanwhile, here at home, our chapter's patient care committees were hard at work. Through our various patient care projects, we reached out to our local community, educating and spreading awareness on various healthcare issues. Operation Heart and Operation Diabetes teamed up and were able to screen patients at the Dragon Boat Festival as well as the Vietnamese Church Screening, while Operation Self Care taught many patients about heartburn at the Casselberry Farmers Market.

Operation Immunization educated many patients through events such as Health Fair Resort Immunization Screening and also hosted a “Vaccination and Autism” Presentation at Celebration Hospital which was very successful and educational. With the outstanding effort of all our committees, we reached goal of screening over 1,000 patients. Orlando APhA was also very successful with fundraising for PAC, raising over $250 with the UF Spirit Wristbands and from a generous Kappa Psi donation of over $425 on our chapter’s behalf from their Welcome Back Field Day. Lastly, our chapter would like to congratulate the newly elected officers! And to the officers of 2013: Thank you for your time and dedication to our chapter! This semester has been very productive for APhA-ASP, and we are optimistic and enthusiastic for the future of our chapter!

Farewell Dr. Lisa Clayville

It’s never “Goodbye”. It’s “See you Later!”

This December 2013, we bid farewell to one of our beloved faculty members Dr. Clayville Martin, Pharm.D., CDE. Dr. Clayville Martin joined UF’s COP faculty in 2008. She received her doctorate degree in pharmacy at the University of Maryland in 2007 and completed her PGY 1 at Florida Hospital - Celebration Health. As a clinical assistant professor at the Orlando campus, Dr. Clayville took part in many classrooms from the “newly entered” 1PDs to the “ready-to-go” 3PDs. She was involved in various student organizations and always had her door open to everyone. She cares immensely about her profession and more importantly, she cares about the development of those soon to enter into it. We would like to wish Dr. Clayville Martin good luck on her future endeavors and a big thank you for all she has done for the College of Pharmacy and for the Pharmacy profession itself! See you later, Dr. Clayville Martin!
The Florida Society of Health-System Pharmacists (FSHP) is a professional association of pharmacists that promotes the continuous improvement of pharmaceutical care and advocates pharmacists as critical partners in the delivery of healthcare. The Student Chapter of FSHP at the Orlando Campus enables its members to provide a high quality of pharmaceutical care, promotes leadership in the field of pharmacy that advocates pharmacy as an essential component of the healthcare team, provides information to students about career paths in pharmacy and credentials needed for pharmacy practice in health systems, and contributes to activities and programs that promote disease prevention and community service.

FSHP provided a variety of professional development events this fall semester, including the FSHP Annual Residency Showcase, the Clinical Skills Competition, the Professional Development Project, awareness of specialties in clinical pharmacy, area hospital tours, and volunteer opportunities. FSHP’s Annual Residency Showcase is an opportunity for students to learn more about the road to residency, the residency programs of Central Florida, and the experiences of current residents. Students also have the opportunity to ask questions and meet and greet with residency directors, preceptors and residents. The guest speaker this year was Dr. Jason Brady, the Orlando Regional Medical Center Residency Director. Residency programs in attendance this year: the Orlando VA Medical Center, Florida Hospital Orlando, Florida Hospital Altamonte, Florida Hospital Celebration, Lakeland Regional Medical Center, Holmes Regional Medical Center, Tampa General Hospital, Orlando Regional Medical Center, and the University of Florida Medication Therapy Management (MTM) Center. The Clinical Skills Competition gives students the opportunity to review a patient case and present the therapeutic plan to judges who give teams scores based on their written and oral presentation skills, the patient problem list, and verbal defense. This year our winning team, Jackie King and Alyssa Torgerson, represented the Orlando Campus at the All Campus Clinical Skills Competition at the St. Petersburg Campus.

Our Student Chapter’s Professional Development Project, Pain Management, which will continue through the spring semester, began with a Pain Awareness 5K Walk and Run, planned and executed by Courtney Willis, the Professional Development Chair. The route for the 5K took runners and walkers through Bill Frederick Park at Turkey Lake, showcasing the beauties of Turkey Lake and the park’s nature paths. Our winners were: Bao Lam, the male winner, with a time of 17:55 min and Helena Khaleel, the female winner, with a time of 19:24 min. Through student and community participation, this event raised $130 to donate to the Mayo Clinic. Thank you to all who helped setup the event, supported its cause, and donated to raise funds for Pain Awareness.

The FSHP Orlando Campus Student Chapter initiated a Speaker Series in the fall of 2012. The goal of the Speaker Series is to expose students to outstanding guest speakers with backgrounds in the various fields of pharmacy related to health-systems pharmacy and who discuss their career paths and the daily life of a health-systems pharmacist. This semester the Speaker Series continued with guest local clinical specialists, including Dr. Robert Sproul, a Pain Management Specialist at the Orlando VA Medical Center, and Dr. Callie Sullivan, a Clinical Pharmacist specialized in psychiatry.
These guest speakers spoke about their career paths and their specialties in pharmacy as well as answered questions from our student pharmacists.

Our Vice President, Michael Napoleon continued the “Tour de Central Florida,” which highlighted pharmacy opportunities in the Orlando region, including tours of the inpatient and outpatient pharmacies at Florida Hospital and the Triad Isotope Nuclear Pharmacy. The development of student pharmacists includes continuous service to patient care and the community. FSHP gave students the opportunity to volunteer and serve at the Ronald McDonald House lunch service and the Wekiva River Canoe Cleanup. Both events were coordinated by Mike Young, the Coordination Chair.

The Orlando Campus Student Chapter of FSHP published the second issue of its newsletter, the Quarterly Capsule, through the efforts of Laurie Eng, the Quarterly Capsule editor, and its contributors. The following students made outstanding contributions to the newsletter: Ashley Macwhinnie, Jonathon Parker Walton, Erik Webb, Patrick Kiley, Dominick Curry, Matthew Irwin, and Laurie Eng.

After all the hard work of our students this semester, FSHP members went ice skating at Light Up UCF to try to relax and rejuvenate before the stress of finals. Thank you to Staci Hall, the FSHP Social Chair, for putting together a much-needed event.

Finally, elections were held in December of 2013. FSHP incoming officers are Gregory Rodriguez (President), Michelle Rowland (President-Elect), John Reyenga (Vice-President), Maxine Wilkerson (Vice-President of Membership), Ana Samways (Secretary), Stacy Garced (Treasurer), Jesse Unum (Historian), Chelsea Rohrer and Heera Persaud (Professional Development Chairs), Yura Park (Coordination Chair), Kristine Friedel (Newsletter Chair), Vilna Roberts and Anna Javed (Fundraising Chairs), Jeanine Garcia (Social Chair), and Catalina Jamanca (Student Division Liaison). Congratulations to our new officers!

Thank you to the faculty, FSHP officers, FSHP members, and volunteers who worked so hard this semester to provide and/or attend meetings and events to benefit the University of Florida, the Orlando Campus, the Mayo Clinic, the local community, and all patients who were blessed by your actions. Thank you to Dr. Renee Rose, our FSHP Advisor, who provided endless advice and support to our officers, members, and organization.
CPFI

This semester we have been quietly making waves within our community. We spearheaded a volunteer event to benefit the Central Florida Children's Home by lending a helping hand at a golf tournament and silent auction. We hope this will be the beginning of a fruitful partnership between our organizations. We are very excited to pass the torch to our next leadership group and look forward to seeing them carrying our organization to new heights. We would like to publicly thank our faculty adviser Dr. Anna Hall for all of her hard work and dedication. We could not have done it without her support.

ASCP

We have truly made our mark both on campus and in the community this semester. We've been honored to have several guest speakers come in and talk about their respective careers as consultant pharmacists. The mystique of the field has generated a lot of buzz and we are very excited about our growing membership. We were blessed to have been given the opportunity to volunteer again at Orlando Health & Rehab and know we truly made a difference that day. It was a very rewarding experience for us as well as for the residents. As we transition to the next group of officers, we thank the outgoing group for all of their hard work and dedication.

Personalized Medicine Coalition

Not even a year into our existence as a student organization and we are already making waves. The exploding field of pharmacogenomics has captivated the student body and has truly been the talk of the town. Our committees have been putting in some serious work and we are very excited about all of the research opportunities being made available to eager students. As we pass the torch to our new leadership group, we thank our founding officers for all of their hard work and dedication in getting us set up as an organization. We are most definitely excited about the future: a future where pharmacogenomics is at the forefront.
This semester has been an eventful one with NCPA- National Community Pharmacist Association, from spectacular guest speakers to bone marrow drives. We had local pharmacy entrepreneur Larry Turner come in this semester to inspire the student body with his journey to pharmacy and where he currently stands today. He also opened the floor for volunteer events at his pharmacy—we are looking forward in participating in those in the near future. NCPA also held a bone marrow match drive, producing a few samples to add to the national database. We also welcomed the addition of some newly elected officers who are eager to take the organization even further. As this new year approaches, so do many more opportunities to be a part of NCPA and get involved with the community. We hope to hold more meetings offering information on independent pharmacies and the numerous and creative paths to reach ownership of a pharmacy. Along with meetings, we will also be holding more bone marrow drives for those who wish to contribute and who are in need of volunteer hours and for those who want to swab to save a life! Stay tuned for tours of local independent pharmacies as well as our long awaited TransPharmer t-shirts. We look forward to a productive and exciting semester ahead with all of you.
During the Fall 2013 semester, many remarkable and memorable events took place. We kicked off the semester with Rush week where we had the pleasure of meeting 19 extraordinary people who we welcomed into our family as pledges, and subsequently as brothers in December following 2 months of service to the community, the fraternity, and to each other. Amidst the preparation of the new pledges into becoming part of Kappa Epsilon, we had a semester full of campus activities, volunteer events, and socials. In honor of one of KE’s National Projects Breast Cancer Awareness, Catalina Jamanca organized a fantastic luncheon where all were welcome to attend and listen to the speaker, a breast cancer survivor, who told her story and inspired us all- A special thank you to Catalina for putting together a remarkable event. Additionally, T-shirts were sold, a painting class was held, and a silent auction was organized all in order to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation for Breast Cancer. This past semester we also exchanged paddles and jerseys as a symbol of our dedication to the fraternity, and revealed Bigs and Littles, as a symbol of unity within the fraternity. One of the socials that we held included 80’s attire, leg warmers, and a skating rink: Roller Skating at Semoran Skateway! It was a blast and we definitely will not be strangers to the rink after that night. Finally, we elected in the new officers of Kappa Epsilon. KE is proud to have the following brothers as officers and leaders for the upcoming term: President: Jessica Brier, President-Elect: Daniel Hawkins, Vice President: Crystal Carey, VP of membership: Megan Galarza, Secretary: Jackie Kumar, Treasurer: Nicole Reath, Historian: Ryan Ramsook, and Chaplain: Angie Krall. We look forward to the New Year and know Kappa Epsilon will grow in strength and leadership for years to come!
The Fall semester began with the first ever Kappa Psi sponsored UF COP Field Day. The purpose of this event was to promote health and raise funds for APhA-Political Action Coalition. Brothers of Epsilon Mu, led by Brother Tiffany Smith, organized the campus wide field day fundraiser. Students got a chance to relive their childhood with games like Three Legged Race, Dizzy Bat, Tug-a-War, Water Balloon Toss, and Capture the Flag. Teams of 10 competed in each event to gain points. At the end of the day points were added and the team with the most points won $10 gift cards to Target for their members. A whopping $420 was raised for the Political Action Coalition.

In late October, the Brothers held a food drive to benefit the Ronald McDonald house, an organization that has been very dear to our hearts. After several weeks and with the help of the campus, we were able to raise over 250 pounds of non-perishable food items for the children’s shelter just in time for Thanksgiving. In early November, the Brothers celebrated founder’s day at the rustic Old Town Amusement Park. Brothers enjoyed old time carnival rides, rollercoasters, the Ferris wheel and even the carousel. It was a great place to celebrate our 3rd anniversary.

Finally, after 12 weeks of pledging, Epsilon Mu is proud to welcome 13 new Brothers from the epsilon class to the chapter. The new Brothers spent the 12 strenuous weeks learning about each other, the chapter, the fraternity and their future profession. They completed services projects, health screenings, and spent countless hours learning about the fraternity and bonding with its members; all in an effort to wear the letters Κψ. The new Brothers of the Epsilon class are sure to be a strong and positive addition to the fraternity.
So, What did the Class of 2017 think?

A great and busy first semester has wrapped up for the UF College of Pharmacy Class of 2017 in Lake Nona, Orlando! Our class, officially dubbed “The Rx-Men,” made beautiful blue shirts based on Gregg Rey’s hilarious “Too Much Rogaine” design.

Amidst our busy study schedules (and work schedules for some), we still found time for fun and fellowship around town. Before the Fall weather changed, some of our class members were able to make a trip to Wekiwa Springs State Park for a picnic in the September sun. There, we got to know each other better as we walked a nature trail and played volleyball. In November, more than twenty members of our class trekked downtown to visit Sak Comedy Lab. We enjoyed live, improvised comedy, and one of our class members was even dragged onto the stage to feed lines to the comedians. The performers almost had us rolling in the aisles when they took an “anonymous audience member’s” suggestion to conduct a skit about pharmacy classes!

We concluded the semester with a little social gathering at Yogurt Breeze, where a portion of the proceeds from the delicious frozen concoctions went toward our class funds. We look forward to another great semester!

Bon Voyage, Ms. Tracy Kuepper!

She’s the one you went to with virtually any question and the one who taught us about professionalism. She also taught classes and organized remarkable student events.

Ms. Tracy Kuepper was always around the halls of campus, busy as ever, but always knew the answers and was willing to help. We said farewell to our esteemed Student Affairs Coordinator at the Lake Nona Campus in the Fall of 2013. However, it was not without a celebration that we said goodbye to her. Vanessa Toolsie put together an extraordinary ‘farewell’ party that involved cake and a heartwarming video of Ms. Kuepper throughout the years in dedication to her. We want to thank Ms. Kuepper for all that she has done for us current students, and all of the students she positively affected in the past! Additionally, we wish her luck in all of her future endeavors and know that she will succeed wherever the roads take her!
“BELIEVE YOU CAN AND YOU’RE HALFWAY THERE”
- THEODORE ROOSEVELT -

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