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New Year, New Name, New Challenge!

Welcome back to school! We're going to have an exciting year this year at UAMS College of Pharmacy. Your local APhA-ASP chapter has a lot of great social events and patient care initiatives planned and we hope you get excited about and involved with all of them!

One major change this year is our name. We are now the "Academy of Student Pharmacists." This name change was made official this summer when the new name and logo were unveiled at the APhA-ASP

Summer Leadership Institute in Washington DC.

That wasn't the only thing unveiled at the Summer Leadership Institute. Chapter leaders also learned of a new patient care project, the Heartburn Awareness Challenge. This new project will help educate patients about the types of heartburn and the different kinds of medications available to treat heartburn.

You can look forward to a year full of Operation Diabetes and

Operation Immunization, the Patient Counseling Competition, MRM and the annual meeting and events like the golf tournament, bowling and more. It's going to be a great year!

We hope you all had a relaxing summer and are ready to start the new year off right!

-Amanda Galiano
VP Communications

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Join the APhA-ASP For Slime Time!

The American Pharmacists Association (APhA) was founded in 1852 and was the first national pharmacy association. Today it represents the third largest health profession and is the leading pharmacy association. The Academy of Student Pharmacists (ASP) represents student members of APhA in chapters in every college of pharmacy in the United States. We are over 22,000 members strong!

At the UAMS College of Pharmacy, most students

join at registration, but you are welcome to join at any time (the deadline is October 10). See Dr. Dunn, the chapter advisor or any executive committee member for more information.

This year's membership drive is especially important because our chapter is working toward becoming chapter of the year. In order to reach our goal, we must have at least 90% student body membership. This equals 302

students. If our goal is reached, two of our wonderful faculty, Dr. Dunn and Dr. Fifer, have graciously agreed to be slimed!

The dues are \$45. Checks can be made payable to ASP and can be given to Dr. Dunn, Melissa McCullough or Crystal Atwell.

-Crystal Atwell
VP of Membership



The green slime geyser at Nick Studios in Orlando, FL. Orlando is the location of this year's annual meeting!

New Academy Name is Official

The APhA *Academy of Student Pharmacists* was made the official name of the student academy during the 2004 APhA Summer Leadership Institute. The APhA-ASP 2004 House of Delegates in Seattle, WA voted to adopt resolution 2004.3 to change the official name of APhA-ASP.

2004.3 - APhA-ASP Name Change

APhA-ASP proposes that the name "American Pharmacists Association Academy of Students of Pharmacy" be changed to "American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists."

After the meeting the APhA Board of Trustees voted to approve the name change. This small change in words will have a huge impact on the way we as students practice pharmacy. Congratulations student pharmacists!

-Melissa McCullough
Chapter President



Many students participated in Operation Diabetes in 2004. You can participate this year!

Social Events Update

Welcome new P1s!! To give everybody a break, we're having our traditional ASP Bowling Night on Wednesday September 15 from 8:00 to 10:00. It will be at Professor Bowl (turn onto Reservoir Rd. off of Rodney Parham Rd). The price will be just \$16 per lane. You can have 4 or 5 people to a lane. Sign up soon on Dr. Dunn's door before all the lanes fill up!!!!!!

Chili, an Arkansas Rimrockers basketball game (possibly an appearance at an ASP meeting by the dance team -- look forward to that, guys!), Gator Park golf, and possibly a movie night. More details will be given later when exact dates are set.

Hope to see lots of people at the ASP Bowling Night! Sign up NOW!!

-Erin Craig
VP Social Events

Starting the Year Off With a Little Folic Acid

As summer comes to a close, we can now reflect on the impact we made on many patients' lives during our summer internships. Even though our hours are cut short, we can still continue to touch people by contributing our time to this year's APhA-ASP professional projects. The school year will be packed with many opportunities to screen for diabetes, check blood pressure, educate about tobacco use and childhood obesity, and assist with flu vaccinations.

We will kick off this semester with the annual APhA-ASP Folic Acid campaign. As we all know, folic acid is instrumental to the health of an unborn child. The public, on the other hand, needs reminding about the importance of folic acid supplementation to a woman of child-bearing age.

We will team up with NCPA and distribute informative brochures on the advantages of folic acid to pharmacies all over the state of Arkansas. This campaign has a huge impact on the community and participating is relatively simple.

All we need is for you to grab a handful of brochures at the September ASP meeting. Take these back to your neighborhood pharmacies and the pharmacies at which you work. You can't imagine the impact it may have to those who are not educated on the topic. I wish you all a great semester, and I cannot wait to work with you during this year's professional projects

-Marci Smith
VP of Professional Projects

Be sure to check the ASP bulletin board on the 6th floor to see some photos from events and keep up to date on what's happening!



Another new APhA-ASP sponsored event was the new student orientation. This year, new students got to "break the ice" with each other and get a tour of the campus before their first day of classes.

Why Join APhA-ASP?

You get many priceless benefits when you join APhA-ASP! Some of the benefits include:

- Access to Pharmacist.com
- Free access to Drug Monographs by Lexi-Comp, APhA DrugInfoLine, and online access to Journal of the American Pharmacist Association (JAPhA)
- Pharmacy Publications- Pharmacy Today (monthly), Pharmacy Student (six times a year)
- Discounts on textbooks and educational materials
- Discount insurance programs
- Professional service projects- Operation Immunization, Operation Diabetes, American Pharmacists Month
- Leadership opportunities- National Standing Committee; Officers at local, regional and national levels
- Mid-Year Regional Meeting in Houston, TX- November 12-14. Our bus leaves Little Rock on the 11th to give us time to enjoy some of Houston's shopping and night life!
- Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL- April 1-5
- Voice in shaping- community (service projects), profession (policies), nation (legislation)
- Chapter Achievement Awards
- Career development
- National Patient Counseling Competition
- University of Utah School on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies
- ASP Nights Out
- Networking opportunities
- Free comprehensive NABPLEX review book for 4th year members

-Crystal Atwell
VP of Membership



The UAMS APhA-ASP Fall picnic is just one of the many benefits of registering to be a member of the APhA-ASP.

Upcoming Events:

- **September 1** : ASP Meeting!
- **September 15** : APhA-ASP Cosmic Bowling
- **September 22** : September ASP Meeting
- **September 30** : Golf tournament
- **November 11-15** : Houston MRM
- **April 1-5** : Orlando Annual Meeting!

New Websites For National and Local APhA-ASP!



Join this year's ASP Golf Tournament or you'll miss out on all the fun!

You probably heard about the new UAMS APhA-ASP chapter website over the summer. If you haven't checked it out, you should! The website for our chapter was redesigned this summer and continues to be updated weekly. You can find photos from the Fall picnics and the White Coat Ceremony on the site already! It will be updated throughout the year so don't forget to check it frequently!

What you may not know is that the National Organization has also updated it's student section with a new look, new information and an easy to access navigation menu. The new

website was launched at the 2004 Summer Leadership Institute and was well received by those in attendance.

The student section of the APhA-ASP website can be found at www.aphanet.org/students/ or by visiting the APhA website and clicking on "Students." You'll find the new website is easy to use and contains valuable information for APhA-ASP members, chapter leaders and chapter advisors. It includes information about careers and career planning, patient care projects like operation diabetes, awards and scholarships and leadership opportunities on the national, local and regional levels. It also con-

tains MRM registration and information about the annual meeting in Orlando.

Put your web browsers to good use and find out more about the APhA-ASP! Also, don't forget about Pharmacist.com, an invaluable source for drug information and news. Access is free with your APhA-ASP membership!

-Amanda Galiano
VP of Communications

We're on the web:
<http://cop.uams.edu/asp/>