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A Successful Summer, Thanks To You

Students do lots of things in the summer like vacations, summer jobs, resting and relaxing and working on their tans. UAMS' APhA-ASP chapter didn't use summer as an excuse to slack off. We worked hard this summer bringing our professional care projects to as many people as possible.

Local students went to Krogers and area free clinics to screen patients early in the summer. These screenings were a great success thanks to our chapter members. It's amazing that UAMS College of Pharmacy students can be counted on to give up precious summer hours to help complete strangers without monetary compensation. Our chapter members are dedicated and professional at any time of the year.

We took our screenings on the road to the Indian Mall in Jonesboro. Students screened 288 Jonesboro residents for diabetes, checked BMI on 350 people, screened for osteoporosis on 167 and educated hundreds about immunizations and heartburn. Our efforts even made the local news. In addition, we had a "So You Want to be a Pharmacist" information table about the College of Pharmacy and Kroger sponsored a Drug Information table manned by Kroger pharmacists. A representative from Bayer Pharmaceuticals distributed coupons for free glucometers and also demonstrated some of the newer glucometers on the market. Dr. Summer Washam, the ASP Practitioner Mentor, was present to provide a more in-depth screening analysis for those patients with elevated blood pressure and blood glucose screening results. A lot of time and hard work went into planning and conducting the Jonesboro Health Fair.

If you missed these summer screenings, don't worry. There are many more opportunities throughout the school year for you to become involved. We have a busy year coming up but we can handle it. The best can only get better!

-The UAMS APhA-ASP Executive Committee

Member of the Month : Megan Stewart Barnard

Megan Stewart Barnard has been named the first ever UAMS APhA-ASP Member of the Month as part of our new membership recognition program. We plan to spotlight an outstanding member every month with special awards at the end of the year. Who better to kick this program off than someone who helped make our summer projects a success.

For those of you who may not know her, Megan arrived at the College of Pharmacy in Fall 2003 from the great University of Central Arkansas. While a student pharmacist, she has devoted much of her time to serving patients throughout the community. She has recently been elected as Vice Chair of Operation Diabetes as part of the Professional Projects Committee. During her brief time in office she has made many contributions to the committee. While many were vacationing this summer, Megan was seen screening patients for diabetes in places such as Kroger and the Benton Free Clinic. She also spent many hours planning upcoming events. She represents our chapter well in all that she does, and this is evident when you see the faces of the patients she has impacted.

Megan, we are proud to be your fellow ASP members, your classmates, and your friends. Thanks for all that you do and congratulations!

-The UAMS APhA-ASP Executive Committee



Many students turned out to help make the Jonesboro Health Fair a great success.



Events to look forward to:

- September 14 at 12:00 : ASP Meeting
- September 26 at 12:00 : Special ASP Meeting, more info TBA
- September 28 at 12:00 : Special ASP Meeting, more info TBA
- September 29 : 5th Annual Golf Tournament at War Memorial Golf Course
- October 21-24: MRM in Kansas City! Join us for a great time.
- March 17-21 : Annual Meeting in San Francisco. The city by the bay, the city that rocks, the city that never sleeps.



We're on the web!

<http://cop.uams.edu/asp/>

Why Should You Join APhA-ASP?

The first week of pharmacy school I was bombarded by lots of acronyms for organizations I had no clue about. I had a hard time keeping straight which ones were fraternities and which ones were campus-wide. ASP-APhA was very much endorsed but I really wanted to avoid getting involved in everything. During college I had become involved, so I figured I had done my time. After all, what was in it for me?

The first thing I noticed about ASP-APhA is the faculty involvement. From the chili cookouts to the Twister games, I saw professors attending and participating. To me, that showed that there was something important about this organization that made the professors want to get involved. ASP is the student chapter of APhA, the national organization for practicing pharmacists. Once we are out of school working as pharmacy professionals, we have to opportunity to stay involved in APhA. As students and professionals, we get discounts on books, access to CE courses and opportunities to attend national and regional conferences to stay up-to-date on what is going on in the world of pharmacy. ASP-APhA gives us the unique opportunity to have a say in the direction the profession of pharmacy is heading.

I attended the regional conference in Houston and really became aware of how close-knit this profession is. During these conferences, we are able to exchange ideas on how to improve our profession. These ideas are sent to the national conference to be discussed and voted on by students. The ideas that students approve are sent to the national organization in Washington, DC. It is awesome to be able to be involved in such a powerful organization as APhA.

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Even if you don't attend the conferences, you have something to benefit by becoming involved in ASP-APhA. There are many activities throughout the year that are hosted by ASP-APhA. Becoming a member will help support these activities so that you and many other students can enjoy them.

Becoming a member gave me a sense of pride about my role in the my education and in the profession of pharmacy.

Learning about pharmacy isn't just done in the classroom. You need to get involved and see what's going on outside of UAMS. ASP-APhA is a wonderful vehicle to enable you to become aware of the profession of pharmacy today, not in four years when you graduate. ASP-APhA is for all pharmacy students. It doesn't matter if you are going into hospital or retail, nuclear or independent, you are included. The benefits are there for you, you just need to be willing to come and receive them.

-Katie Black, Communications and Technology Vice Chair



Our student leaders at Summer Leadership Institute in Washington, DC.

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