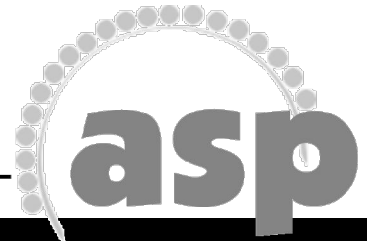


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CALENDARS!

Every Tuesday

Surviving Our School Meetings

Every Tuesday at noon in B106. Please see an exec member or Clint Ross if you want to know more.

February 18

Legislative Health Fair

March 18

Chapter Meeting

Our speaker will be APA President Paul Holifield

April 2-7

Annual Meeting San Antonio, TX

Thinking about warmer weather in April



By Victoria Seaton
VP Policy and Legislation

Once upon a time, two years ago, I was an energetic P1 pharmacy school student, a sponge ready to absorb the intriguing world of pharmacy. As I was sluggishly battling through Dr. Born's A&P and Dr. Dunn's Pharmaceutics exams, I remember hearing a little about the importance of legislation. It didn't hit me then how important legislation was until Eric Crumbaugh (then a P3 student and the SPAN coordinator at the time) made an announcement about a piece of legislation in the House or Senate stating that students should be able to immunize patients in their P4 year. A little over two years ago, students were actively calling their legislators about the issue and where are we today? We, as students, are able to immunize patients. Think of how many people are getting immunized because of our service!

Over the year, as I attended the many APhA-ASP meetings, I was convinced into going to the Mid-Regional meeting. It was there that I was intrigued by the policy process. I wanted to know more about the legislative process as well as how to be the representative, the voice for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Into my second year, I was able to work as the Vice-Chair of Legislation and Policy. When I was Vice-Chair, Cristina Easterling and I were able to invite Governor Mike Beebe to our campus for a talk about the importance of getting pharmacy students

involved in the legislation process. Going into my third year, I was a little reluctant about taking on the position of VP of Policy and Legislation. I was reluctant because I didn't feel that I had the experience to get students excited about

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the policy process. I was impressed by how motivated students were this year because of the new legislative year. I, along with the help of other pharmacy students and medical students, was able to register over 150 new and relocated voters! In addition, I was able to see that my work did not go unnoticed at MRM in St. Louis. Over fifty UAMS representatives attended, and each was actively involved in the policy process. I was extremely proud and amazed at the UAMS student responses. I felt overwhelmed with the twenty-five resolutions that were going through the policy process. Every time I looked

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Interested in contributing to the Capsule?

Contact Rachel Stafford at
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Next deadline is March 15!

Utah School Apps due March 6

Every year our school sends two representatives to Salt Lake City to the University of Utah School on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies. It is an amazing opportunity to learn more about the disease of alcoholism, and it is a ton of fun in a beautiful place!! There is an application on the chapter website. Please turn the application into the Dean's office by March 6, 2009. Please go to the link below for more information or feel free to talk to myself or Clint Ross about our experience in Utah.

The University of Utah School on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies was established in 1951 and has continually expanded its scope to keep pace with the increased awareness of the health and social problems of alcoholism and other drug dependencies. In 1983, APhA developed the Pharmacy Section to provide information, motivation, and guidance to pharmacists and student pharmacists who are interested in the implementation or strengthening of state and campus-level programs to help pharmacists/student pharmacists whose competence to perform their responsibilities has become impaired due to chemical dependency or other causes.

For an application and a link to more information, visit our chapter website at www.arstudentpharmacist.com.

Chapter Champion of Change

The January Chapter Champion of Change was Brad Hamilton. Brad is a P3 student who has continued to be a huge supporter of APhA-ASP every since his P1 year. Not only has he

helped with ARKiva and the Food Drive, but he also participates in many screenings and makes sure that our



patients receive the best care possible. It only takes one member to make a difference, and that is what Brad does on a consistent basis. Congratulations, Brad! Thanks for everything you do for our chapter.

Know someone who you think deserves to be recognized as a Chapter Champion of Change?

Let us know! Contact a member of exec in your class or send us an email by clicking our names on the officer's page of the website. We want to know who you think makes a difference in our chapter.

Seaton, from front

frustrated, UAMS students patted me on the shoulder and told me, "Vic, you're doing a great job!" The little boost of encouragement gave me the confidence that I needed to be the voice for UAMS. With the extra confidence and UAMS students behind me, we passed our resolution, which proceeded to committee. Hopefully, we will be seeing it in San Antonio-Annual in April 2009. Now, we have headed into a new and exciting legislative year! On February 18th, students will be at the State Capitol screening the legislators at the Legislative Health Fair. This is quite a big event in which we are able to, once again, get our names out there and show the legislators how pharmacists make up an important part of our communities. So far you've heard me make announcements about the upcoming PBM bill. Please stay tuned for further instructions; it's a grueling process to get the resolution on the House floor. Lastly, I just wanted to send out a warm "thank you" to each and everyone that helped me with the Voter's Registration Drive, all those who participated in the grueling one hour resolution voting process and all those who listened to me when I made

extensive announcements. You probably do not think you have done much, but as a student, your added voice and participation truly demonstrates that we live in a people's democracy where everyone is free to express their ideas and opinions. You are not only a voice for the

“Act now, benefit from it tomorrow.”

UAMS College of Pharmacy, you represent the future of the pharmaceutical industry (career of pharmacy?). It is so important that we know what is going on politically in our profession and I cannot express enough gratitude to all those who are willing to defend it during legislative sessions. Don't sell yourself too short and waste the opportunity to have THEM hear your voice! Act now, benefit from it tomorrow.