

# THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC) NEWSLETTER

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## SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE (SIUE) SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

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### What is the SRC?

The students of the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Pharmacy (SIUE-SOP), through their elected representatives, maintain a student organization designed to serve the needs of student pharmacists. The Student Representative Council (SRC) will promote student pharmacist involvement by providing a forum for student input in matters such as student-faculty relations, curricular issues, course evaluation, assessment, student recruitment, student professionalization activities, and other issues of academic, political, social and economic importance to the student pharmacist. The voting members of the SRC consist of the elected Presidents and Vice Presidents/Presidents-Elect of the official student organizations within the SIUE-SOP.

### **SRC Voting Members 2006-2007**

Paul "Ben" Erwin, Chair (Class of 2009 President)

Angela Stein, Vice Chair and Secretary (Class of 2010 President)

Jackie Fredericks (Class of 2009 Vice-President & Historian)

Ashley Ohnemus (Class of 2009 Vice-President & Historian)

Jennifer Lurk (APhA-ASP President)

Diana Jason (APhA-ASP President-Elect)

Alex Duyvejonck (SSHP President)

Jessica Laubscher (SSHP Vice-President)

### P1 Class of 2010

First of all the class of 2010 would like to thank everyone for making this a wonderful and successful first year experience. Although, in the beginning we had some troubles dealing with Kimmel to get our organization approved, I think the year has turned out quite nicely. As a class we were unable to fundraise for the first semester pending improvement of the constitution. Our first fundraiser was a polo shirt sale for our service learning project. The class wanted to look

### P1 Class of 2010 (cont.)

professional when representing the school of pharmacy at different sites. The second fundraiser for the class was a golf scramble at Fox Creek golf course. This was a huge success thanks to all who put forth their efforts. 33 teams consisting of faculty, pharmacists, students, family, and friends attended the scramble. T-shirts were sold and poker holes were available for the participants to participate in. After the tournament, dinner was served and prizes were awarded to the winning teams, along with several attendance prizes from various sponsors. We hope to make this an annual event each spring. The class also plans on participating in several service projects in the community such as the Special Olympics this summer.

### P2 Class of 2009

The 2006-2007 school year has been a great one. A few of the things we have done include fund raising with pizza sales and the soon to arrive "10 things I learned in Pharmacy School" T-shirts, the American Red Cross Blood Drive in January and the Sixth Annual Celebrating Abilities 5K Roll/Run/Walk in April. The Class of 2009 has elected new officers for the 2007-2008 school year. The new officers are as follows:

President: Jackie Fredericks

Vice President: Trent Grimm

Treasurer: Jason Tipton

Secretary: Mary Dublo

Congratulations to all! Special thanks to the two outgoing officers Ben Erwin and Tyler Gehlbach.

We would like to wish everyone the best of luck on their final exams and a wonderful summer break!

### APhA-ASP

The year is coming to an end but not without success! The SIUE APhA-ASP Chapter has done wonderful things for the local and state

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professional community as well as the public.

These are some of the things the organization has done this year:

ASP initiated their first patient care project at the local level. Students and faculty educated the public and answered questions on heartburn at SIUE's Valentine's Day Health Fair. ASP also partnered with SSHP for Legislative Day at the state capital where students created a poster concerning the impact of the new definition of "pharmacy intern" in the proposed pharmacy practice act. Students attended an evening reception where they displayed their poster and met with state legislators.

ASP hosted their first annual trivia night and used proceeds to provide 44 care packages to the East St. Louis Holy Angels Shelter. They also adopted two families at the Glen Ed Food pantry and provided them with Christmas gifts, dinner, and holiday spirit! ASP continued fundraisers with book sales and bake sales. After having a T-shirt design contest, they used the winning design to create T-shirts and hoodies to promote fashionable school spirit.

American Pharmacists Month is held each October. ASP crafted a banner to hang in the University Center. With the help of the ASP national president, Dan Zlott, members built a "Pirates of the Caribbean" themed float and participated in the annual Edwardsville Halloween parade. ASP closed out American Pharmacists Month by sending postcards to preceptors thanking them for their dedication.

This year, ASP obtained a voting student member on the Illinois Pharmacists Association Board. The chapter also held its second annual local patient counseling competition, giving students the opportunity to work on their patient skills with a little friendly competition. The winner represented the chapter at the APhA annual meeting in Atlanta for the national competition.

#### **APhA-ASP (cont.)**

ASP sent student representatives to the Student Leadership Institute in Washington D.C., the midyear regional meeting in Chicago, and the APhA Annual meeting in Atlanta. These professional meetings were great opportunities to network with other pharmacists and student pharmacists across the country. Students attended sessions regarding leadership, career workshops, the policy process, patient care projects, and educational programs.

This year has been a great success and we have even more exciting things planned for the future. Next year will kick off with our second annual trivia night. We plan to bring more Lunch N' Learns to chapter meetings and continue to make a great impact on the community with the start of our newest patient care project: Operation Diabetes! Of course none of this would be possible without the great efforts and support of our members, faculty advisors and the SIUE School of Pharmacy.

#### **Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists**

The 2006-2007 SIUE school year saw the establishment for those interested in health-system pharmacy. This group will play an important role in years to come for many students who take an interest in health-system pharmacy. Students will be introduced to new areas and fields and help prepare those who wish to complete a residency and further develop clinical and professional skills. This first year has been a good starting point for the organization. The arduous process of setting up a constitution, approval by the student government, setting up our first fundraiser, and establishing connections with Illinois Council of Health-System Pharmacists (IHP) is now done and we should be able to progress with a greater pace in the coming year. With the addition of another class to the school of pharmacy and advancement of students in the curriculum, SSHP's participation and interest will grow and thus become a more important part of many

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students' professional careers as they advance towards graduation.

The organization has many plans for next year including participation in ASHP's Midyear Clinical Meeting and the associated clinical skills competition. Other plans include more fundraisers, ICHP's fall meeting, social events, and expanding the spring faculty auction. As an organization for students, we would also like to encourage feedback from students about what you would like to see us do and where we could provide assistance. We encourage all students interested in any aspect of health-system pharmacy to join SSHP and see what the organization can do for you.