

NEWS Rx

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What's New?

The SOP has a new master's program in Pharmaceutical Sciences! Dr. Crider is the chair of this department, and he was able to answer a few questions about the program. The program began its inaugural year in August with 4 students. Next year, 5 additional students will be admitted and by the third year, there will be a total of 15 students. Once students are enrolled, they will select a research advisor. As of now, they can specialize in one of 3 areas of study: pharmacology, medicinal chemistry, or pharmaceuticals.

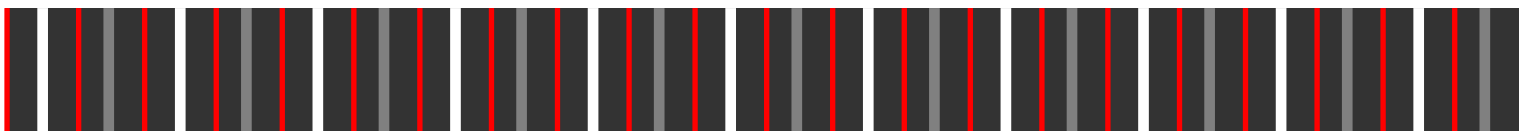
Throughout the two-year program, students will take 4 core courses while also presenting seminars. In addition, they are able to take electives outside of the School of Pharmacy in chemistry, biology, and engineering. All of the students currently enrolled in the program have been awarded graduate assistantships. These are funded at \$12,000 per year, and the students have teaching responsibilities. On occasion, students will be funded by research grants, and they will work in the lab instead of teaching. PharmD students more than qualify for this program, however you must have taken the GRE to apply.

In the future, they hope to be able to offer a joint degree between the School of Pharmacy and the Pharmaceutical Sciences master program. With a degree from this program, students are able to pursue research positions in the Pharmaceutical Sciences (industrial, academic, or government). It also prepares students for a PhD degree in Health Sciences.

You can find more information about this program on the School of Pharmacy website: <http://www.siu.edu/academics/degrees-and-programs/graduate/pharmaceutical-sciences/graduation-requirements.shtml>

Why Did You Choose SIUE SOP?

	What was the most appealing aspect of SIUE SOP to you?	What is your favorite part of SIUE SOP now?	How many other SOP's did you apply to?	Who is your favorite professor (if you had to choose one)?
Alec Kuhn, P1	Cost & location	The great faculty	None	Dr. Crider
Kaylee Poole, P2	Cost & Conditional Entry Program	Small class sizes & overall community of closeness in the SOP	None	Dr. Fan, due to her interesting lectures, outstanding teaching, & role as an SSHP advisor
Lauren Nail, P2	Cost, location, & achievements as an SOP	Faculty willingness to help students succeed	None	Dr. Kerr, due to her passionate teaching & availability to help students learn
Joseph Martin, P3	Small class size, affordability, & location	The approachability & willingness of our professors to provide a good learning environment	One	Dr. Gable



Important Dates

November: 14-Health Careers Fair; 16-NCPA General Meeting, SNPhA General Meeting; 17-APhA General Meeting, SSHP General Meeting; 29-ASCP General Meeting/Chili Cook-Off

December: 4-8 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting; 8-SNPhA General Meeting; 12-16-Finals Week

January: 3-Spring Semester Begins; 16-MLK Day/No Class; 19-Rho Chi Soup-R-Bowl; 27- APhA Patient Counseling Competition

February: 4-Class of 2018 Masquerade Ball; 7-SRC Meeting; 11-Diabetes Symposium

March: 15-Legislative Day; 17-Scholarship & Awards Ceremony; 23-Dean's Town Hall Meeting

April: 4-SRC Meeting; 20-Class of 2018 Pinning Ceremony

May: 6-Class of 2017 Hooding & Commencement Ceremonies

Be on the lookout for these spring events...

March: SSHP Faculty Auction; April: Glow Golf, ASCP Softball Tournament

Who Wore It Best?



Check out P3's (L-R) Heather Ernst, Alysha Hale, Irene Zollars, and Jamal Sims in their "Team Pepsi Cola" shirts!





Dropping off blankets at the DaVita Dialysis Center in Edwardsville, IL

SSHP

SIUE SSHP (Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists) is happy to report that this semester has been both informative and charitable. Throughout the semester we held multiple Residency Happy Hours where students learned all about post-graduate training. We also held a residency panel with residents from several different areas. The residents addressed the anxieties and concerns that prospective applicants have regarding the application process. Now, our students are ready to impress at the upcoming ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting!

We offered multiple opportunities for volunteering throughout the semester. We hosted a blanket-making event that doubled as a pizza party. The blankets were for dialysis patients right here in Edwardsville. It was a good break from studying and allowed us to connect with students from all different classes. We also had the privilege of making chicken and noodles for the families at the Ronald McDonald house in St. Louis.

Lastly, we want to congratulate Abigail Buchman and Jessica Lorenson on winning the Clinical Skills Competition. They will be representing our school in Las Vegas. Wish them luck!





Student Volunteers and Participants at the Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes

APhA-ASP

The fall semester of 2016 was filled with great community outreach and fun for the SIUE Chapter of American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists. We started the year off well with our annual Trivia Night event where we had 20+ tables participate and had a lot of great silent auction items that were purchased. The very next day after Trivia Night was the Metro East Step Out: Walk to End Diabetes where we had a large number of volunteers and participants that worked hard to raise over \$900 from our SIUE Chapter. We had two conferences take place this semester: the annual Illinois Pharmacist Association (IPhA) conference and the Midyear Regional Meeting that was held in Cincinnati, OH. At IPhA, our own P4 student Scott Sexton was awarded the Alan Granat Memorial Scholarship Award for his achievements in advancing the profession of pharmacy. Also, SIUE SOP Professor Christopher Herndon, PharmD was awarded Pharmacist of the Year for the state of Illinois! Lastly, our own chapter advisor Jessica Kerr, PharmD was sworn in as President-elect for IPhA. Congratulations to all of our award winners! Our chapter also worked hard in the community during Red Ribbon Week in local area schools to educate school children on the dangers of abusing medications, and immunization education was provided at Alton Memorial Hospital during their annual Diabetes Fair. On November 8th, our chapter put on the GenerationRx Carnival in the Morris University Center on campus to educate SIUE students on the dangers of drug abuse and the consequences it can have to your health. We will finish the year out strong with our Holiday for Humanity event as the holiday season comes near, where we will help purchase gifts for underprivileged children within Madison County in hopes of brightening their holiday season! Thank you to all volunteers, faculty, students, and alumni for a great semester!



Students and Dr. Butler at the Annual SNPhA Convention

SNPhA

SNPhA (Student National Pharmaceutical Association) has had a great summer and fall semester full of service and events. In July, seven SIUE School of Pharmacy students and our faculty advisor, Dr. Lakesha Butler, traveled to Atlanta, Georgia for our 43rd Annual SNPhA National Convention. (pictured above: Ashley Colburn, Kat Elzerman, Jacque O'Brien, Hannah Seeger, Jamal Sims, Dr. Lakesha Butler, Anita Lee, Yasmyn Knight) At the convention, we had the opportunity to connect with pharmacy students and pharmacists from around the country to celebrate the many accomplishments that SNPhA has achieved over the course of this year. For the 1st time in SIUE-SNPhA's history, our chapter's very own Yasmyn Knight and Dr. Butler received national representation. Yasmyn was appointed a national officer position, Region 5 Facilitator, and Dr. Lakesha Butler was inducted as the '16-18 President-Elect of our parent organization NPhA (National Pharmaceutical Association). Congratulations, Yasmyn and Dr. Butler!

Since the start of school, our chapter has been back at it again with serving the underserved, advocating for pharmacy, and supporting our SNPhAmily. Our continued partnership with the National Kidney Foundation of St. Louis has given us the opportunity to reach out to over 200 underserved patients of St. Louis who are at risk for kidney disease. We teamed up with STL-CoP-SNPhA at two separate kidney screening events at St. Cecilia's Church in South St. Louis and Hazelwood East High School's annual health fair.

As we continue into the spring semester, we look forward to more community service events and our 2017 Regional Conference in Sacramento, CA. We are proud to be representing SIUE's School of Pharmacy both locally and nationally, and we hope to continue serving the underserved!





Blood Pressure Screening and “File of Life” Cards at SSP in Alton, IL

ASCP

ASCP has been busy this semester as we have already had two events! Our first was a vaccine presentation at Senior Services Plus in Alton. The second was a blood pressure screening and “File of Life” cards at Senior Services Plus. We love going to SSP and hope to do more events there in the future. We have started a laptop case sale where you can take the case with you when your purchase! So be on the look-out for flash sales in the future! We will host our Annual Chili Cook-Off on November 29th, where you can try three different chilis for only \$5. Next semester, we look forward to more blood pressure screening, file of life, and brown bag events at senior centers in the area. We will also be planning a “Battle of the Classes” softball tournament for April 2017!



Students at the Annual NCPA Convention

NCPA

National Community Pharmacists' Association is an organization that is focused on promoting growth and prosperity of independent pharmacies across the country. Being a member of NCPA offers multiple benefits such as networking at the NCPA Annual Convention, scholarships, student benefits, and legislative opportunities, just to name a few. Here at SIUE, we recently had the opportunity to attend the national convention in New Orleans, Louisiana in mid-October. A total of 8 students attended the two-day student portion of the convention. We were able to participate in multiple informational sessions on opening your own pharmacy, how to write a business plan, how to handle finances, obtaining bank loans, and much more. Previously this semester, we held our annual BBQ which was a huge success. NCPA raised nearly \$300 selling hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, chips, drinks, and the new addition of SIUE koozies. If you missed the chance to purchase a koozie or would like one for a Christmas gift, we will be holding a flash sale closer to the end of the semester for our padfolios, mugs, and koozies! Throughout the semester, NCPA has also been involved in the annual Welcome Back Picnic in the SLC, attended an open house for prospective pharmacy students, and held a "Get to Know You" event with CPFI.

Our next general meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16th. Also, it is not too late to become a member! We will be finalizing our member list after our next general meeting. Please come to hear what NCPA has been up to, get some food, and turn in your membership form!

Current E-board Members:

President—Rachel Young

President Elect—Kelsey Vahling

Secretary—Lindsay Wrap

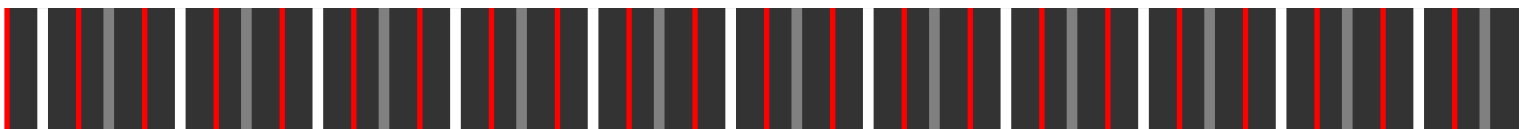
Community Outreach Chair—Jeremy Woodyard

Vice President—Delaney Miller

Treasurer—Kylie Weaver

Fundraising Chair—Blake Pruett

Membership Chair—Meghan Fischer





PPAG

PPAG has kicked off the fall semester by placing an emphasis on poison prevention in children. PPAG has created a well-rounded poison prevention presentation that they have been able to use at many events and is easily adapted to different age groups and comprehension levels. So far this year, we have presented at Cougar Village Family housing, the YMCA during their “Halloween Carnival”, and at a variety of different grade schools. These presentations focus on the importance of asking before taking a medication and differentiating between candy and medicine. The children seem to really enjoy the interactive “candy vs. medicine” game as well as sharing their thoughts and questions throughout the presentation. PPAG teamed up with APhA to help present during Red Ribbon week on the dangers of prescription drugs. During subsequent presentations, the skills obtained through presenting with APhA were valuable in making sure to highlight and incorporate certain topics in PPAG presentations, due to the proximity to Red Ribbon Week. PPAG looks forward to continuing with educational outreach in the local southern Illinois community as pediatric medication safety and education are fundamental goals of our organization both locally and nationally.

Rho Chi

Rho Chi Delta Beta Chapter has kicked off this year with a great start! Beginning in August with the Welcome Back Picnic, Rho Chi met with other SIUE SOP students from different classes and provided them with SOP window clings and friendly banter. This past September, Rho Chi members met with the Conditional Entry Program Students for an evening of ice-breakers, barbeque, and entertaining outdoor activities. It was an enjoyable time meeting the CEP students and providing information regarding our pharmacy program. Fun was had by all! In October, Rho Chi participated in the SIUE SOP Open House. The banner was proudly displayed and visitors enjoyed some candy and information regarding our Rho Chi organization and events. Upcoming events slated for this semester include volunteering at the Hope Lodge and participating in the SIUE Angel Tree event.

Also, please be advised that Rho Chi is currently selling SIUE School of Pharmacy Gear: T-shirts, Sweatshirts, Sweatpants, Hoodies, and exclusive ¼ Zip Sweatshirts that are available in popular school colors! Please contact Taylor Kirby or Irene Zollars for orders. This is a great way to show your school spirit! At the end of November, Rho Chi will be selling SIUE SOP Reference Booklets for our students. These booklets are extremely helpful when you are on rotations or need information at your fingertips when working on class assignments. More information will be available soon!

Be on the lookout for more exciting events regarding Rho Chi with the January Soup-R Bowl and other initiatives in the Spring of 2017!

The SOP medicinal garden got a face-lift this fall with new décor and pavers!



**The SOP now has pill boxes with their logo
for organizations to pass out at their events!**



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