

## Message from the Pharmacy Student Forum Executive Committee - May 2009



Dear Pharmacy Student Forum Members,

Spring has always been my favorite time of year. It is a time of transitions and new beginnings, not to mention a sign that summer is not far away! As an ASHP member, you have access to many resources to assist with your transition to the next step in your pharmacy career.

Whether you are a developing student leader or a graduating student, membership in ASHP will make your new beginning a success. Below I have outlined exciting opportunities for students in each level of their pharmacy education:

- **Emerging Student Leaders and SSHP Officers:** It is not too late to sign up for the student programming at the [ASHP Summer Meeting](#). If you are interested in actively participating in ASHP Professional Policy, networking with the top health-system pharmacy leaders from across the country, or you simply want to visit the Chicagoland area – the ASHP Summer Meeting is the place for you! Student registration is only \$100, and the opportunities available are well worth the investment in your pharmacy career.
- **Developing Student Society Members:** The ASHP Pharmacy Student Forum has been hard at work restructuring the [Student Society Development Grant Program](#) the year. Formally known as Seed Grants, the grants are designed to provide financial support to newly emerging and developing SSHPs. For more details regarding eligibility and application details, check out the Award Programs, Grants, and Competitions section of the Pharmacy Student Forum web pages. The application deadline is May 30, 2009.
- **Graduating Students:** Congratulations on your graduation! Make sure to update your member profile on ASHP.org so that ASHP can send you the **free graduation gift**. Many new opportunities lie ahead as you begin your career as a practicing pharmacist. The best way to ensure your success is to get involved early in the [ASHP New Practitioners Forum](#). Utilize the New Practitioners Resource web pages to find the best information regarding a wide variety of subjects ranging from how to develop work-life balance to what employers offer loan forgiveness programs. Become engaged and jump start your career!

Whatever your graduation class, it is your time to positively impact the profession of health-system pharmacy. What are you waiting for?

Best regards,

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