



Pharmacy Student Forum Executive Committee Message – December 2011

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Hello Pharmacy Student Forum Members!

The 46th Annual Midyear Clinical Meeting has recently come to an end and I believe it was a great success for pharmacists, residents, and students alike! I would like to thank everyone in attendance and encourage you to fill out the student survey to allow ASHP to continually improve this meeting!

Students had the opportunity to attend a variety of educational sessions throughout the meeting and we highlighted the many accomplishments of our Student Societies in the Student Society Showcase. During the Awards Ceremony we announced our new winners of the Clinical Skills Competition, 1st Place: Stephanie Friedman and Linda Lei from the University of Washington School of Pharmacy, 2nd Place: Mallory Garfield and Janice McKean from Harding University College of Pharmacy, and 3rd Place: Jennifer D. Tran and Saranyu Ravi from Jefferson School of Pharmacy, Thomas Jefferson University. Congratulations! We rounded out the meeting with Student's Night Out at Razoo Bar and Patio. Students had an amazing time mixing and mingling with new friends from around the country. The Residency Showcase was also held in conjunction with the meeting and students had the opportunity to learn more about residency programs from around the country. Whether you are a first year student or in your final year the Residency Showcase can be of great benefit! A few reminders for those of you seeking a residency for the 2012-2013 year:

1. Be sure to complete your thank you cards and send them out to the programs you spoke with at Midyear.
2. Now is the time to start narrowing your list of potential residency programs and be on the lookout for application deadlines which are quickly approaching!
3. Send your information packets to those pharmacists graciously writing your letters of recommendation in a timely manner.
4. The letter of intent is an important aspect of your application so be sure to allow plenty of time for review of this document before your application is due.
5. Add finishing touches to your CV and triple check for any grammatical errors!
6. Lastly, don't forget to order your transcripts early as the upcoming holidays can make this process slower than usual.

The month of December is also when you should consider renewing your membership with ASHP! If you haven't done so, go online to ashp.org and renew today! Involvement in professional organizations allows you to advance the profession of pharmacy, meet others with similar career aspirations, and enhance your knowledge and leadership abilities.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season!