



## Pharmacy Student Forum Executive Committee Message – November 2011

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Pharmacy Student Forum Members,

Believe it or not, it's almost here... the **MIDYEAR!** I'm sure several of you are finalizing your plans and preparations for the [2011 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting](#) in New Orleans. I eagerly encourage you to talk hold of this opportunity and strive to make the very best of your Midyear experience. There will be thousands of pharmacy colleagues to meet and network with, a plethora of clinical and educational programming to participate in, and valuable career-guiding information to receive! Whether you're a P1 or P4 student, you can rest assured that there will be plenty to do upon your arrival in New Orleans. Here's a snapshot of what you have to look forward to – and most importantly – some tips to help you *prepare* for it all:

### **Programs for pharmacy students... and pharmacy students only!**

Are you wondering if your [CV](#) is up to par? Do you still have unanswered questions about the residency [Match](#) process? If so... have you checked out the schedule of [Pharmacy Student Forum Educational Programming](#) yet? Be sure to plan on attending these programs. They will provide important student-specific information and serve to answer any questions you may have about career and residency-related "hot topics." Look up the sessions you want to attend BEFORE your arrival in New Orleans, and take note of them in a personal *calendar* (whether it's in paper form on or your mobile device) that you will be bringing to Midyear. Also, come prepared with a *list of questions* that you would like to have answered. Almost every student session allows time for students to ask questions and receive clarification on any of the information presented during that session.

### **For the residency bound... an entire showcase!**

Are you thinking about, or have already decided on, pursuing a [residency](#)? Preparation is absolutely essential before participating in the [residency showcase](#) at Midyear – you'll feel more confident and at ease when speaking with program directors and residents.

- Know who you are speaking to – *Determine which residency program booths you will visit* during the showcase. There will be hundreds of programs in the showcase, so be sure to have an idea of which programs peak your interest.
- Know your way around - *Look at the [floor plan](#)* of the showcase and know where each residency program will be located in the exhibition hall.
- Know what you want to find out – Bring a *list of questions* for the residency programs that you are interested in learning more about... it will help get the conversation flowing!

**Recognition of our prestigious SSHPs!**

Are you a member of one of our outstanding [SSHP](#) campus organizations? If so, you already know that your colleagues are some of the most hardworking and motivated student pharmacists around the country. SSHPs and student leaders will come together to share ideas and celebrate their accomplishments at the Awards Ceremony and Student Society Showcase. And don't forget to cheer on your campus team at the [Clinical Skills Competition](#).

Finally, be sure to *make time for some fun and relaxation* with your friends and professional colleagues. The Midyear is a one-of-a-kind experience to share and enjoy with some of our country's most dedicated pharmacy professionals. Be sure to join us for the Students' Night Out at Razzoo on Tuesday night!

And remember that even if you won't be attending Midyear this year, you can take part in all the excitement virtually via [Twitter](#) and [ASHP Connect](#) (check out the awesome blog posts and discussions by students).

I look forward to joining you for another busy, exciting, and invaluable Midyear experience!