



Pharmacy Student Forum Executive Committee Message – September 2011

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Pharmacy Student Forum Members,

Welcome back! I hope you had an amazing summer filled with many great internship and rotation experiences. Are you ready to put your pharmacist hats back on and tackle the next big chapters of your pharmacotherapy texts? I know you are! Now that we are all headed back to school, it is a great time to start thinking about your Student Societies of Health System Pharmacy (SSHPs) and all of the great projects you can get involved in this year! Everyone at ASHP has been busy creating great resources for you on [ASHP Connect](#) so be sure to create your profile and join in on the discussions!

For those of you, like myself, who are preparing to graduate this coming spring, it is time to start making some big decisions about your future! I hope your rotations are helping you explore the vast number of areas you can practice in as a future pharmacist. If you are residency bound, hurry and register for the [2011 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting](#) (MCM)! This year's meeting will be in the amazing city of New Orleans, Louisiana, from December 4-8, 2011. There is a block of hotel rooms reserved specifically for students! I hear rooms are filling up quickly so be sure to use the [ASHP Housing Connection](#) and reserve your room today!

If you haven't started preparing for residency applications, here is a brief checklist to help you get organized:

September – November:

- Sign up for the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting, the "Match," and Personnel Placement Service (PPS)
- Watch the [What Every Residency Bound Student Should Know webinar series](#)
- Update your CV and Cover Letter
- Practice interviewing
- Seek out "recommenders"
- Research programs on the [ASHP Online Residency Directory](#)

December:

- Attend MCM – [Residency Showcase](#), PPS, Networking!
- Fill out applications

January – February:

- Turn in applications
- Start on-site interviews

March:

- Send thank you letters
- Match results are published
- “Scramble” begins

If you are not sure about a residency and still need help sorting things out, [ASHP Career Center](#) and [CareerPharm](#) have a lot of resources on other post-graduate opportunities to help you decide.

Be sure to utilize all of the great resources ASHP has to offer ([Facebook](#), [ASHP Connect](#), [SSHP Tools and Resources](#)) so that you are fully prepared to take on the upcoming year whether you are a 1st year pharmacy student just starting your pharmacy journey or a 4th year student on APPE rotations!

I hope to see you all at New Orleans for the ASHP MCM!