



Pharmacy Student Forum Executive Committee Message – July 2011

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I assume each of you are either in the midst of your relaxation for the summer, starting to excel in your summer internship, or currently learning how to make the most of your advanced pharmacy practice experiences. This past month was an important time of the year for ASHP and its members as the ASHP Summer Meeting was hosted in Denver, Colorado. This meeting brings leaders in health-system pharmacy together for the [ASHP House of Delegates](#) to discuss and vote on the policy statements of ASHP. It is important to be involved in this process, even as students, as these [policy statements](#) will help guide how we practice in the future. Students had the opportunity to be involved in the discussions throughout the meeting as there were many policies regarding students and their involvement in health-system pharmacy practice. Highlights of topics relevant to students were:

- standardization of internship experiences and hours
- student involvement in the medication reconciliation process
- quality of pharmacy education
- expansion of colleges of pharmacy across the country

It was great to see a number of students in attendance throughout this meeting! This is an amazing time to be a pharmacy student as we are currently in the middle of big changes for the pharmacy profession. Being involved in the policy process is a great opportunity to truly make a difference in our profession and help our future peers lead the profession toward practice change and advancement! We would like to thank each of you for attending this meeting and for those of you not in attendance, please consider coming to Baltimore for this meeting for next year!

During the Summer Meeting in Denver, your new [ASHP Pharmacy Student Forum Executive Committee](#) was installed. I am thrilled to be serving as Chair of the executive committee this year and would like to take a moment to introduce myself and the other executive committee members who will be representing your interests as student members of ASHP. I am in the beginning of my P4 year at the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy. I am currently on my second rotation in Antimicrobial Management at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. The other members of the Executive Committee include:

Ashley Overy, Vice Chair - Ohio Northern University Rudolph H. Raabe College of Pharmacy
Sarah Johannes - University of North Carolina Eschelmann School of Pharmacy Chapel Hill
Jesni Mathew - University of Florida College of Pharmacy Gainesville Campus
Diana Park - Harding University College of Pharmacy

We are all very excited to be serving as your 2011-12 ASHP Pharmacy Student Forum Executive Committee! We hope to have a very productive year and provide valuable resources to ASHP student members. Discussions regarding our goals for the Forum included important ASHP initiatives such as the [Pharmacy Residency Capacity Stakeholders Conference](#) and [The Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative](#). Please check each of these out and start to spread the word about what these important initiatives represent! We also discussed increasing awareness of ASHP as a professional home, offering resources to help strengthen our student societies, increasing leadership development opportunities for students, and assisting with the transition from student to new practitioner. I truly believe this will be a great year for the Pharmacy Student Forum!

Don't forget, we are here for you! We hope to provide you with the tools you need to accomplish your professional goals while in school and beyond. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any suggestions or concerns throughout the year at students@ashp.org or me directly at Livingston.stacy@gmail.com. We welcome any input you have throughout the year!

Sincerely,

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