

## Message from the Pharmacy Student Forum Executive Committee – November 2009



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Greetings ASHP Pharmacy Student Forum Members! The 2009 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting (MCM) is right around the corner and that means it is time to start preparing for this exciting event. The Pharmacy Student Forum has developed some exciting new tools to help get us ready for MCM 2009. There are several [pre-meeting webinars](#) that have been recorded and posted to the ASHP website for students to watch. The webinars include topics such as “MCM Student Highlights,” and “What Every Residency-Bound Student Should Know.” If you are planning to attend the CV and Resume Writing Workshop or the Interview Skills Workshop at the MCM, be sure to watch the accompanying webinars before you arrive!

There are certainly a lot of programming options at the MCM available to students. The Pharmacy Student Forum Meetings and Programming Advisory Group created a new tool to help students focus on what sessions and programs best fit our interests. The [Student Guidebook](#) concisely summarizes the key programs, activities, events, and education of most interest to pharmacy students. It even makes recommendations for which sessions to attend according to a students’ year in pharmacy school and career interests.

The “main event” at the MCM for many graduating students is the Residency Showcase and Personnel Placement Service. I encourage all students to get the most out of their time by doing some planning ahead of time.

1. Take some time to sit down and make a list of all of the programs that are of interest to you.
2. Then, make sure to browse through residency programs on the ASHP [online residency directory](#). Here you will find important details about programs such as special features of the residency, salary information as well as key contact

information if you want to let a program know ahead of time that you will be at MCM 2009.

3. Once you know what programs you want to speak to, be sure to note when and where they will be at the showcase by visiting the [Residency Showcase Booth Listings](#). It is important to note that each program only participates in one of the three Showcase sessions.
4. Some programs also participate in PPS so check out [www.careerpharm.com](http://www.careerpharm.com) to see if the programs you are interested in will be there. That will help you to decide if PPS is a good option for you.

Most importantly, come to Las Vegas with excitement and passion about your future career as a health-system pharmacist. There will be so many opportunities for you to gain insight into where you want your career to head. Be sure to take advantage of all of the networking opportunities at MCM as well, both with pharmacists and students alike. A fellow student that you meet at MCM could end up being your co-resident, or co-worker!

See you in Vegas!

Best,

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P.S. Whether you are a veteran of the MCM or a first-timer, be sure to log on to the [ASHP Connect Discussion Board](#) and share your thoughts under the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting thread in the Pharmacy Student Forum "Open Discussion" folder! We also have a [Tweet](#) just for the MCM, "ASHPMidyear" and one year round especially for students "ASHPStudents" so be sure to follow us!