

Student Society Spotlight

University of Colorado – Denver School of Pharmacy
Aurora, CO

Years achieved ASHP/SSHP Recognition: 2008-09 & 2009-10

Size of SSHP: 110



ABOUT OUR RESIDENCY INFORMATION SESSION

Our SSHP coordinated and hosted a four hour Residency Information Session

How did you recruit the speakers?

There were a variety of methods used to recruit our speakers. The first group of speakers are faculty members, one of them our faculty advisor, so we just asked them in person and then had to find a date that worked for everyone. To recruit the residency programs, an email was sent to the residency directors by a faculty member/co-advisor inviting them to participate.

How did you promote the event?

We promoted our annual Residency Panel through a variety of methods. We made announcements both at our CSSHP meetings as well as in class. We also sent out email reminders about the event. As an extra incentive for students, we paired up with Phi Lambda Sigma to provide food for the event.

What was the format of the Residency Information Session?

It consisted of a combination of Roundtable Discussions, Question and Answer segments, a PowerPoint Presentation, and a Residency Showcase. The Residency Panel commenced with a PowerPoint presentation given by our faculty advisors on the residency application and matching process as well as the benefits of doing a residency. Next, each residency program director gave a short introduction to their programs strengths prior to breaking out into the roundtable discussions. Finally, students had the opportunity for a question and answer session and a roundtable discussion with each program. In response to residency director feedback from previous years, we used a coding system to help them differentiate between the different classes during these discussions.

Who provided the information on residency programs?

We had several people who provided information on Residency Programs attend the Residency Information Session including a Residency Director, Faculty Member, and a Current Pharmacy Resident. During the PowerPoint presentation a faculty member demonstrated how to access information on fellowships and residencies through the ACCP and ASHP websites. Dan Crona, the Chair of the ASHP Pharmacy Student Forum Executive Committee, also spoke at the panel about the advantages of attending the MCM for all students, not just those applying for residencies this year. Each residency program director gave a short introduction to their programs strengths prior to breaking out into the roundtable discussions.

What materials or resources were distributed to the attendees?

Many of the programs brought fliers/brochures highlighting their programs. All residency directors and their residents also came prepared with business cards so students could contact them with any additional questions or requests for information.

What types of questions were asked by student attendees?

Questions asked during the PowerPoint presentation given by faculty members:

- What are the advantages of doing a residency?
- What can P1 and P2 students do to become a more competitive residency candidate?

Questions were mainly asked in a small group/roundtable setting to individual program directors and residents:

- What are the program requirements? (specific to each program)
- Are there GPA requirements?
- How does the matching process work?
- Will you also be at the MCM? (to specific programs)

Future Plans and Goals

This year we had record attendance with approximately 100 students present. All residency programs in the state of Colorado were in attendance for our residency panel. By doing so, we were able to alleviate the financial burden for some students associated with going to the MCM and allowing them the opportunity to talk to residency program directors and their residents. CSSHP is very committed to helping our students obtain information about residencies and opportunities within the health-system pharmacy field. We hold many events to help students network with practitioners in the community in addition to the Residency Panel such as our Faculty Dinner Series, Hospital Tours and CSSHP Shadowing Program. We are also active within our community through activities such as brown bag events, semi-annual visit to The Children's Hospital, and poison prevention awareness.

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