

Student Society Spotlight

Name of School: The University of Texas College of Pharmacy

Location: Austin, TX

Number of Pharmacy Students: 480

Number of Members in the Student Society: 140 (2007)



Benefits of Membership in the Student Society:

- Providing opportunities to learn about different clinical specialties through guest lecturers and health care literature
- Enhancing clinical skills at annual competitions
- Advancing professionalism through involvement and networking at local, state, and national meetings
- Improving leadership skills by participation in twelve unique committees

Unique aspect of the Student Society:

Our student society recently started several unique committee projects that provide members meaningful ways to improve our profession while attending pharmacy school. First, the Antibiotics Awareness Committee works to increase knowledge of the proper use and storage of antibiotics in the community.

This committee idea will also be expanded into a statewide project for all TSHP student societies. Second, the Medication Safety Committee is developing a Best Practices document and poster to promote awareness of this important issue. Finally, the Nutrition Committee educates parents and children on healthy lifestyles to minimize health care risks. Our ultimate goal is to encourage collaboration between all of the committees in their outreach to the Austin community.

Activities & Accomplishments:

Our student society offers a variety of activities through our various committees, which include: Antibiotics Awareness, Asthma, San Antonio Smoke-out, Nutrition, Medication Safety, Clinical Skills, Publicity, Social, Fundraising, Service, and Pharmacy Week. In addition, our society has been awarded ASHP Student Society Recognition.

Social Events:

- Broomball competition with other UT pharmacy organizations
- Austin's Park and Pizza
- Intramural sports events through Pharmacy Council
- Tours of hospitals such as Austin State Hospital and Dell Children's Hospital

Community/Volunteer Events:

- Alumni Association Tailgate event
- Pharmacy Month
- Family Day
- Longhorn Halloween
- AIDS awareness day
- Explore UT campus-wide open house event

- Health-Yourself week
- Race for the Cure
- Poison Prevention at local schools with Kappa Epsilon
- Other health awareness events on campus

Future Plans/Goals for your society:

Implement the state-wide project for Antibiotics Awareness on multiple campuses (Austin, El Paso, San Antonio, and Edinburg), increase student membership, encourage participation in clinical skills competition, and promote residency opportunities across the nation.

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