

Residency Week

Helping Our Members Prepare to be Competitive Applicants for Residency University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy

Objective:

Over the years our SSHP Chapter has noticed an increased interest in residency and so, naturally, multiple professional organizations have provided support to their members on this subject. As SSHP one of our main focuses is on residency and helping our members achieve their end goal of a position as a clinical pharmacist. In an attempt to allow other organizations to present on residency topics while still achieving our goal of providing residency information to our members we dedicated a week filled with events focused on residency.

Plan:

The first step in this project was approaching some of the organizations and presenting the idea of working together for one packed week of residency focused events. The organizations that agreed to participate were the American Pharmacists Association (APhA), Phi Lambda Sigma (PLS) and Rho Chi. Once the organizations were established we determined a week to host the event. In order to further promote residency we chose the week that the Match results were released. We then assigned each organization a day of the week and made sure they all presented different topics. We were then able to promote the Residency week, with one event each day maximizing the amount that we are able to reach our members.

Outcome:

Overall, our first Residency Week was a success. We were able to involve multiple organizations and draw a crowd for each event. Another benefit that the members noted was the variety of information that they received. By SSHP coordinating the discussions throughout the week it forced each organization to present on a different topic, creating a wider variety of lectures for our members to attend. The discussions throughout the week focused on topics such CV preparation, writing a letter of intent, interview skills and how to pick a residency that fits you. We had good feedback from the events and plan to help prepare our members for a residency through a Residency Week again this year.

What Can You Do?

- Find a week to dedicate to Residency Week
- Recruit at least 3 professional organizations willing to present during Residency Week
- Assign each organization a day to present and request that they turn in their topic they wish to present
- Advertise the events prior to and throughout the week