WSPS NEWSLETTER

Meet the New Faces of WSPS!

2017-2018





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This is the first WSPS Newsletter issue of the 2017-2018 school year! Rather than introducing you to the board, I thought this would be a great opportunity for us all to get to know some of the new members of WSPS. I am very excited for all we can accomplish together this year! Remember this is the year to Begin Your Legacy...

-Hannah



Leadership

Larissa Hacker



Tell me about yourself: I am a DPH-1 from Minnesota. I did my undergrad here at UW-Madison.

If you could only binge watch on TV show for the next 5 years what would you pick? Game of Thrones

What is your dream vacation or the best vacation you have been on? When I visited my friends in Spain while they were abroad.

What is one thing you hope to learn or accomplish in WSPS or pharmacy school? I am very excited to be a part of WSPS. I hope to get involved in organizations throughout the School of Pharmacy. I am hoping to build up my confidence by participating in student organizations that the school has to offer.

If you could go back and give your freshman in undergrad self a piece of advice what would it be? Don't stress the little things.

Matt Bemis



Tell me about yourself: I am from Greendale, WI and I did 2 years of undergrad here at UW-Madison. I'm in the marching band and I love following all Wisconsin sports including: the Badgers, Packers, Brewers, and Bucks!

If you could only binge watch on TV show for the next 5 years what would you pick? That 70s Show because it never gets old and there are several seasons that I can continue to binge.

What is your dream vacation or the best vacation you have been on? My dream vacation would be to go to the World Cup, preferably when it takes place in Europe.

What is one thing you hope to learn or accomplish in WSPS or pharmacy school? Through WSPS, I hope to network with my peers and get involved in helping community via direct patient interaction. I am excited to get this patient interaction as a first year!

Education





Tell me about yourself: I am from Palos Heights, IL (about 30 minutes southwest of Chicago). I got my Bachelor Degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, so my loyalty is currently split between two Big Ten teams (oops). Kickboxing is one of my favorite hobbies, and I love going to concerts for all genres of music. I'm also an avid basketball fan.

If you could only binge watch on TV show for the next 5 years what would you pick? Breaking Bad has been my favorite show! Aaron Paul is also my celebrity crush, so that may influence my choice a little.

What is your dream vacation or the best vacation you have been on? The best trip I've ever been on was the summer I spent in Australia in 2015. I saw a show in the Sydney Opera House, climbed the Harbor Bridge, and snorkeled in the Great Barrier Reef.

Kristin Hesselbach



Tell me about yourself: I am from New Berlin, WI. I went to The Ohio State my freshman year of college. I found my way back from the dark side, and have been at UW-Madison now for 3 years. My favorite place on campus is the Terrace (of course), and every Sunday you can find me watching the Packers hoping Jordy Nelson stays healthy.

What is your dream vacation or the best vacation you have been on? My dream vacation is to go to Oktoberfest in Germany.

What is one thing you hope to learn or accomplish in WSPS or pharmacy school? I want to attend one event held by each WSPS operation by the time I graduate.

If you could go back and give your freshman in undergrad self a piece of advice what would it be? Life will go on if you get a bad grade.

Growth





Tell me about yourself: I am originally from Portage, WI. I did 3 years of undergrad here at UW-Madison. I am obsessed with my cat, Nutty. I've had Nutty since she was 2 weeks old and she's currently 8! Her tail had to be amputated, so now she has a little nub that she wags when she's happy!

If you could only binge watch on TV show for the next 5 years what would you pick? Definitely Friends. I've seen the whole series at least 3 times, and I still laugh just as hard as I did the first time I ever watched it.

What is one thing you are excited to do in Madison this year? I can't wait until Lake Mendota freezes over so I can go ice skating!

If you could go back and give your freshman in undergrad self a piece of advice what would it be? Take time for yourself. It's good to be involved, but there is such a thing as doing too much.

Laura Belmonte



Tell me about yourself: I am from Kenosha, WI. I'm 100% Italian (pasta and wine are life). I completed my undergrad at UW-Madison and earned my degree in Microbiology with a certificate in Global Health.

If you could only binge watch on TV show for the next 5 years what would you pick? Definitely Friends!

What is one thing you hope to learn or accomplish in WSPS or pharmacy school? I hope to get more involved in community outreach projects and develop a social network that will contribute to my future success as a pharmacist.

If you could go back and give your freshman in undergrad self a piece of advice what would it be? Be organized and make time for the things you enjoy.

What is one thing you are excited to do in Madison this year? Attend Badger sporting events!

Advocacy





Tell me about yourself: My hometown is called Mundelein which is a suburb of Chicago, but I was actually born in country called Kyrgyzstan and moved to the Chicago area when I was about 7. I used to swim competitively for about 8 years, but recently have only been able to keep myself from drowning. I am passionate about Chipotle and Harry Potter.

If you could only binge watch on TV show for the next 5 years what would you pick? Parks and Rec. Leslie Knope 2020!

What is your dream vacation or the best vacation you have been on? This summer I was able to go to Amsterdam and Paris!

What is one thing you are excited to do in Madison this year? I did my two years of undergrad in Madison, but I still feel like there are so many things I haven't been able to do. I made a list of restaurants to visit on State Street and I am excited to have the opportunity to continue to try new places from my list this year!

Cheefeng Lee



Tell me about yourself: I am from Greenville, WI which is about 2 hours northeast from Madison. I like being active and enjoy a variety of outdoor activities. I enjoy playing volleyball.

If you could only binge watch on TV show for the next 5 years what would you pick? Definitely The Office. I could watch all the episodes again and again.

What is your dream vacation or the best vacation you have been on? My dream vacation would be to travel to the Maldives and go snorkeling.

What is one thing you hope to learn or accomplish in WSPS or pharmacy school? I hope to learn more about the pharmacy profession and where it is headed within the next decade. Pharmacy seems to be continually changing and I am excited to have to the opportunity to be a part of that change!

Collaboration





Tell me about yourself: I come from Minnesota in the Dakota County. I am a 2nd-generation Vietnamese American. I like to travel around the world. Some of the countries I have visited include: Vietnam, Cambodia, Germany, Belgium, France, and Italy. When I am not traveling or studying, I sometimes play my guitar.

What is your dream vacation or the best vacation you have been on? Cruise trip around Europe.

What is one thing you hope to learn or accomplish in WSPS or pharmacy school? I hope to build an expansive network with pharmacists and other healthcare providers from various settings. I am hoping to work on helping to resolve current issues within the healthcare system.

If you could go back and give your freshman in undergrad self a piece of advice what would it be? I would tell myself exposure within the healthcare field is very rewarding.

Adam Klamt



Tell me about yourself: I I'm a Michigan State University graduate with my BS in Human Biology. I was born and raised in Holland, MI, near Lake Michigan. In my free time, I like to play soccer and I love to travel.

What is your dream vacation or the best vacation you have been on? My dream vacation would be to go backpacking in Thailand.

What is one thing you hope to learn or accomplish in WSPS or pharmacy school? I am hoping to take on a leadership position in one of the operations that I am participating in (Diabetes, Organ Donation Awareness, Heart) as well as a possible general WSPS leadership position. I also want to attend one of the professional/student conferences during my time in WSPS.

If you could go back and give your freshman in undergrad self a piece of advice what would it be? Make new friends early and push myself to do things out of my comfort zone.

You!





Tell me about yourself: I am from Oconomowoc, WI and I have 2 younger sisters. I completed 3 years of undergrad at UW-Madison and I currently work at Meriter Hospital. When I'm not working or studying, I enjoy running half marathons and attending Badger football games.

If you could only binge watch on TV show for the next 5 years what would you pick? New Girl

What is your dream vacation or the best vacation you have been on? The best vacation I've ever been on was last winter break when I went with my family to Riviera Maya, Mexico.

What is one thing you hope to learn or accomplish in WSPS or pharmacy school? I am hoping to find an operation that I am very passionate about during my first year. While in WSPS I hope to take on a leadership role. Specifically, I would like to be a co-chair of one of the operations.

If you could go back and give your freshman in undergrad self a piece of advice what would it be? Focus during lecture. You will spend a lot less time at home trying to catch up.