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SCCP

Newsletter



SCCP Update!

Student College of Clinical Pharmacy hopes that you have all had a wonderful start to your new year and is looking forward to a new semester with all of its members! Our first semester as an organization was filled with various activities in which we learned a lot about our members and worked hard to set a solid foundation for the years to come. We brought in various speakers that spoke about ACCP as an organization, how to become a standout residency applicant, and the field of cardiology and how pharmacists play a role. We also held a cookie decorating social, volunteered at Sophie's Spaghetti Dinner, as well as sold Top 100 OTC drug cards, Top 300 prescription drug cards, and school of pharmacy apparel.

SCCP looks to keep this trend going into the new semester as we have been working hard to create new opportunities for our members. During this semester, keep on the look out for the research symposium, the Clinical Research Challenge, Clinical Pharmacy Challenge, volunteer opportunities through SCCP as well as Kick it to Cancer, another apparel sale, as well as much more. We will bring in speakers to talk with us about solid organ transplant, emergency medicine, and pediatric pharmacy. SCCP looks forward to another great semester with you all.

Save the Date!

CRC

1/21/16

Clinical Research
Challenge
Competition Date!

General Meeting

2/2/16

SCCP First
General Meeting at
5pm!

Fundraising Spring Semester

Watch for lanyard
and apparel sales to
benefit SCCP and
UW Carbone Cancer
Center



Clinical Research Challenge

The clinical research challenge is coming up on January 21st from 6:00-7:30 PM. This is a 90 minute team based exam that focuses on analyzing a drug trial. Both first and second year pharmacy students are eligible to compete in the challenge. The winners of the challenge will represent the UW School of Pharmacy in the national competition. If you are interested in participating in the challenge, e-mail Stephanie at sapeterson2@wisc.edu by 1/17/15.



Clinical Pharmacy Challenge

In the spring semester SCCP will be holding the Clinical Pharmacy Challenge. This is a team based pharmacotherapy exam based on various disease states. Please look out for final date of this competition in April 2016!



Student Liaison Update

As the student liaison, I have been attending monthly Student Senate meeting to represent SCCP. Also, I have been communicating information that is related to SCCP from the meeting to the members. In addition, I have been serving as a liaison between ACCP (national chapter) and our organization such as by providing opportunities for student involvement nationally as well as communicating our activities to ACCP through an annual report. Some of these opportunities for student involvement include a chance to submit articles for StuNews, which is a quarterly published national student newsletter, a chance to join various committees within PRN as well as a chance to volunteer for Student Senate such as Career Fair. I will continue to work as a communicator among Student Senate, ACCP and our student chapter. -Heeje

Kick It To Cancer Update

What a fun semester it has been in SCCP! We had a wonderful time volunteering with students at the Spaghetti Dinner for the Jodie Lou Foundation, which raises money for lung cancer research. Our apparel sale raised \$1025 for KITC and UW-Carbone Cancer Center and we look forward to the next sale in February. Also on the horizon is putting a team together for DragonBoat racing this summer with TeamSurvivor Madison. We are thankful for our relationship with UW-CCC and look forward to strengthening this bond. Stay tuned for more volunteer opportunities! --Marklie & Skyler



Historian Update

This semester our biggest project has been working on developing and updating the website. Please check out the website at www.pharmacy.wisc.edu/ACCP!

5 Things I Wish I Would Have Known Before Fourth Year

1. The learning never stops
 - The first block was like a waterfall. I felt like I learned SO much in such a short amount of time and it feels GREAT to have absorbed an intense amount of knowledge.
 - At every site, I have continued to learn more and grow my leadership, project management, and patient interaction skills. Fourth year is the best year by far if you appreciate hands-on learning.
2. Plan your rotation, work, project, and life balance ahead of time
 - Some rotations do not require work outside your 40 hours a week. Other rotations will have you working at home every night. Plan accordingly and make sure you give yourself enough time away from pharmacy.
 - When I first started rotations, I thought I could still work around 20 hours a week. I burnt out quite fast. I recommend you think about what the right balance would look like for you ahead of time.
3. Budget accordingly for interviews
 - I had heard it was going to be expensive to travel for interviews but thought it did not matter; I wasn't going to receive many invites. At this time I am looking at about \$2,000 in travel costs. Something to consider when planning your finances for the year.
4. Strategically think about your rotations prior to the sign-up dates
 - We are lucky to have such a strong variety of rotations available to us as UW-SOP students. This makes selecting rotations very difficult.
 - Make sure to load rotations in the beginning of the year, which will relate to residencies or jobs you wish to pursue after graduation.
 - For me, I also would have liked to have completed my required hospital rotation prior to residency interviews. This would have allowed me to bring that aspect of practice into interviews with me.
5. Ask around about rotation sites
 - I have had one rotation which did not quite meet the site description and the expectations it created. If I had asked around more, I would have learned from fellow students what the site was truly like. I had a positive experience but it didn't quite meet the practice setting I had intended to explore.

-Courtney Putz