

WSPS NEWSLETTER

Meet The Board!

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WELCOME TO WSPS!

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This is the first WSPS Newsletter issue of the 2016-2017 school year, and the first one headed by me! We, as a board, want to introduce ourselves to our members both old and new. Feel free to contact any of us with any questions you have. Welcome to WSPS!

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Executive Board

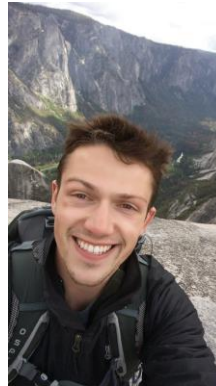
President



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Hi everybody! I am originally from Birmingham, MI and I did my undergrad at Albion College. I like to walk out to picnic point or head up and hike at Devil's Lake for fun! This year I am excited to make WSPS more visible on social media and show off all the great things we are doing! This summer I was able to go to Washington D.C. for a leadership retreat through WSPS. I met some great friends from around the country and I cannot wait to see them again at national and regional conferences. I am always open to talk about any ideas you may have so feel free to come talk to me!

President-Elect



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Hey everyone! I'm from Elm Grove, right outside of Milwaukee, and I got my B.S. in Biology from UW-Madison. I enjoy the outdoors and adventuring in general, particularly hiking and rock climbing. I absolutely bleed red – you'll usually only see me flustered when the Badgers lose (or before an exam). This summer I spent time up north, and went on a climbing trip with my dad to Joshua Tree and Yosemite. This year I'm hoping to learn what it means to be President of WSPS, and make a difference where I can! Stop me in the hall if you ever want to chat!

Treasurer



Emily Bollom
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Hey everyone, my name is Emily and I am a DPH-3. I was born and raised here in the Madison area and completed my B.S. in Economics at UW-Madison. I absolutely love everything about Wisconsin, most notably our sports teams, cheese, and the fall season! When I'm not at the library you can find me golfing, cuddling up with a good book, or spiralizing a delicious meal. This summer I was able to spend many weekends in Door County, and I hope to be able to do so this fall as well. I'm excited to be WSPS treasurer this year and look forward to managing the finances to ensure that we can fund our community outreach efforts and professional development events.

Treasurer-Elect



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I am originally from Dousman, WI and completed undergrad with a degree in Biology from UW-Madison. This past summer I learned how to windsurf and got 2nd place at the Wisconsin State Frog Jump! In my free time, I enjoy being active, watching sunsets, and traveling. As Treasurer-Elect, I am looking forward to seeing the administrative side of pharmacy and being more involved in WSPS.

Student Senate Representative



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Hi everyone! My name is Sydney and I'm a second year pharmacy student from Sun Prairie, WI. I completed my undergrad courses here at UW, so I'm a VERY big Badger fan to say the least. Game days are my favorite days and I also like to go to the farmer's market, and hang out at the terrace. I also just completed my first Ironman last weekend! Some of my highlights from the summer are my brother's wedding, and being at Lambeau Field when the Badgers beat LSU. I'm excited to be the Student Senate Representative, and to relay information to our members and advocate for all the awesome things WSPS is doing!

Secretary



Marnie Janson
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Hi everyone! My name is Marnie, and I'm from Kent, Ohio, and I went to The Ohio State University. I like taking long Pokewalks and dancing with my cats. I'm really excited for the Walk to End Alzheimer's on October 2nd! This is the first year WSPS is participating, and we've already raised over \$1,000!

Directors of Community Outreach



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Hi! My name is Kara and I am one of the co-directors of community outreach! I am originally from Cedarburg, WI and I got my undergraduate degree in Chemistry here at UW-Madison. I love my position in WSPS because I get to help make an impact in our community by coordinating our patient care projects and helping out with health fairs. One goal I have for my position this year is to help my other co-chair Emily coordinate the SOP's participation in the UW Science Expeditions in spring. One fun fact about me is that I went to Disneyland this summer for the first time (and spent more time waiting in lines than riding rides).



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Hi! My name is Emily Bielen. I'm from Mosinee, WI and completed my undergrad degree in Kinesiology here at UW. You can find me cheering on the Badgers on any given fall Saturday and escaping home with every chance I get. Although 90's country music is typically playing through my headphones, this summer I fulfilled my wildest high school dreams and saw Nelly in concert at Summerfest. I'm excited to be a small part of our great outreach team within WSPS this year. I hope to enhance the presence of WSPS on social media and show off the hard work of our volunteers and patient care project leaders!

Operation Diabetes



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Hi everyone! My name is Lissette Martinez and I'm a DPH-3 from Silvis, IL. I did 3 years of prerequisites at UW-Madison and obtained my BSPS this past May. My favorite season is fall because I love all things fall: apple picking, pumpkin carving, Halloween, haunted houses, scary movies, bon fires, etc. For fun, I like to hike, read, go for walks around the beautiful city of Madison, spend time with friends and family. This summer I went to Grand Lake, CO and hiked the Rocky Mountains for a week! I am excited to expand The Operation Diabetes after school program!



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My name is Maren and I'm from Green Bay, and I completed my undergraduate education at Concordia University, WI. I love to run, bike, and do yoga. I also love to play Sims and Zoo Tycoon on the computer. I am really excited to be an Operation Diabetes Co-Chair because we are working on a new youth outreach program which will be a great way to educate children!

Operation Heart



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Hello everyone! My name is Bryan and I'm a second year from Crystal Lake, Illinois. I completed my undergraduate courses at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, MI. When I'm not in school, I enjoy hiking and cooking. This summer I went to a few concerts and did plenty of hiking. This year, I hope to help Operation Heart expand to more locations outside of Madison.



Brooke Geiger
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My name is Brooke Geiger. I come from Brillion, WI (which is about 30 minutes south of Green Bay, WI). I received a Bachelor's of Science in Biochemistry from UW-Stevens Point. I have over forty first-cousins, so family gatherings are always a blast! Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with family and friends, camping, hiking, and cooking. As far as Operation Heart, we are excited to start scheduling our screenings at UW Health locations and possibly expanding to some local grocery stores. This summer I had the opportunity to travel to Texas and spend some time in Houston, Austin, Dallas, and Galveston. I also did a fair amount of camping in northern Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Operation Airways



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Hi all! I'm Rachel, a DPH-2 student and new co-chair for Operation Airways. I am originally from the Chicago suburbs, but moved to Madison after completing a B.S. in Health Science from University of Miami. I am passionate about airway health stemming from my family history of asthma and cystic fibrosis. Fun fact: my favorite part of any/all holidays is the Reese's shapes—they get me through even the toughest exam weeks.



Taylor Giedd
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Hello! I am from a small town Roscoe, IL near the WI/IL Stateline. I completed two years of undergraduate studies at Loyola University Chicago where I played Division I soccer, I then transferred to Benedictine University to complete my last two years of undergraduate studies and earned my Bachelor of Science in Biology. I enjoy spending time outside, with my dogs, family, and friends. This summer I went to Charleston/Myrtle Beach/Hilton Head Island in South Carolina - very cool trip! I was also going to go to Puerto Rico, but cancelled due to a Zika Virus State of Emergency alert. I'm looking forward to a couple of new events and resources OA plans to put together this academic year and to meet several of you at our OA events!

Operation Self-Care



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I am a third year pharmacy student from Muskegon, Michigan. I did my undergraduate studies at the University of Michigan. I'm a huge geography nerd – I can currently name all the countries of Europe, their capitals, and their flags. This summer I went to California for a best friend's wedding! I'm really looking forward to new collaborations for OSC this year, and working closely with our advisor.



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Hi everyone! My name is Kelsey, and I am a DPH-3 student from West Chicago, Illinois. I completed my bachelor's degree in chemistry at the University of Iowa in 2014. When I'm not busy with school or work, I enjoy exercising, catching movies with friends, and going to the terrace. A fun fact about me is that I went to Canada and climbed a mountain for the first time back in March! I look forward to working with medically underserved patients with OSC this year, and helping them to better understand medication labels and dosing.

Operation Immunization



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My name is Niki, and I am a second year pharmacy student. I am from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. I completed my undergrad coursework a short drive from home (20 minutes) at Lake Superior State in Michigan. I'm looking forward to an exciting year with OI and getting so many new faces involved in WSPS!



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Hi Everyone! My name is Ali, and I'm from Nelson, a small town in western Wisconsin along the Mississippi River. Before coming to Madison, I received my Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry from Carroll University in Waukesha. In my spare time, I enjoy crafting and hiking; this past summer I took a trip to go hiking in Olympic National Park and fell in love with the Pacific Northwest. As Operation Immunization co-chair this year, my goals include increasing the opportunities for third year students to practice immunizing and encouraging more people to help at influenza clinics that benefit the underserved communities of Madison.

Generation Rx



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Hi, my name is Kinsey Clark and I am currently a DPH-2 student. I am originally from Andover, Minnesota but I completed my degree in Biology at UW-Madison. This year through Generation Rx, I am excited to educate young adults on the new Naloxone regulations that were just signed into law at the most recent PSW meeting. Outside of school I enjoy running, attending badger games, and telling awful dad jokes.



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Hey everyone, my name is Matt Huppert. I'm from Ellsworth, WI, and I did my undergrad courses at UW-Madison. I like to play basketball and run in my free time. This year I'm excited to get the word out about dispensing Naloxone! This summer I spent a week in Ephraim, WI near Door County. I enjoy talking sports so hit me up!

MedDrop



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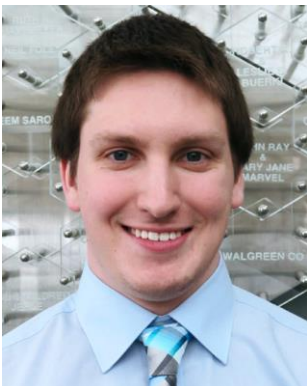
My name is Brekk and I'm from Seattle, WA. I got my BA in Culture, Literature & Arts from the University of Washington, then received my MA in Museum Studies from Johns Hopkins University. I'm a museum and history buff, and avid indoor cyclist, and a shoe collector. This summer I interned at Select Specialty Hospital in Madison, and got to see succinylcholine in action during an intubation procedure. I'm excited to expand the safe medication collections in the community.



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My name is Macy and I am currently a DPH-2. Originally from Dodgeville, Wisconsin, I did three years of undergraduate coursework at UW- La Crosse. With any spare time I have, I like to go horseback riding with my dad and to spend time outdoors. This summer, when I wasn't working at the VA, you could find me at the volleyball courts brushing up on my not-so-good volleyball skills and/or hanging out with friends and family. I'm really excited to meet all of the MedDrop volunteers, and hope to find new opportunities for MedDrop collections around the Madison area.

Organ Donation Awareness



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Hi guys. My name is Collin Dean and I'm a second year from Franklin, WI. I like traveling and going to sporting events. This summer I went on a cruise and also went to Las Vegas. I'm excited to get involved with the public and increase the number of organ donors in Wisconsin!



Noah Budi
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Hello, I am a second year pharmacy student. I was born and raised in the Jungle Patch by highway 441. For fun I like to chase garden gnomes away from my strawberries. In the realm of Organ Donation Awareness, I am excited to work with high schools to get students onto the bone marrow registry and to raise money for the Restoring Hope Transplant House. Also, something fun I did this summer was cloning cells for Dr. Kwan's Research lab.

MEDiC



I'm a Pennsylvania native with a B.S. in Chemistry from Villanova University, and currently a DPH-2. I like to explore around Madison and to spend time outside of class with friends. This past summer, I traveled to Chicago and Philly. I'm excited to provide volunteering opportunities with MEDiC in our community, as well as establishing new roles for pharmacy students.

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PHP-PSW/United Way Liaisons



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My name is Meredith and I'm a second year pharmacy student from Menomonee Falls, WI, and I completed my undergraduate coursework at UW-Madison. I am passionate about cooking, reading, enjoy golfing, and spending time with family and friends. As co-chair for PHP/PSW/United Way, I'm excited to give students the opportunity to engage with an underserved population while enhancing skills we learn in school!



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Hi everyone! My name is Brianna and I'm a third year pharmacy student. I was born and raised in Green Bay, WI and did three years of undergraduate coursework here at UW-Madison. When I'm not studying, I love spending time with family & friends, cheering on the Packers & Badgers, running and doing yoga. I'm looking forward to working with you all this year!"

APhA Liaison



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Hey everyone! My name is Zach and I'm from Verona, WI. In 2014 I graduated with a degree in history from UW-Madison. I enjoy napping more than most. I struggle with what my spirit animal is on a daily basis, but I think it's a sloth. I attended Lollapalooza this summer and got to see a lot of really good sets over the course of 3 days. I'm really looking forward to APhA's MRM and Annual Conferences. I'm interested in increasing member attendance this year as these are awesome opportunities for students to get involved in the profession of pharmacy as well as a great opportunity to meet other student pharmacists across the country.

Policy Liaisons



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Hi, my name is Olivia! I'm from Pewaukee, WI and did two years of undergrad here at UW-Madison. I enjoy reading, watching TV, and enjoying the great outdoors. Some fun facts about me include the fact that both my parents and all of their siblings also attended UW-Madison and I once met Kesha. A goal I have for my board position is to get every WSPS member involved in advocating for our profession. Something fun I did this summer was travel in Europe for three weeks with my sister!



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Hello! My name is Eric and I'm from Seymour WI, up by Green Bay. I went to UW-Madison and received my biochem degree. My hometown is the home of the hamburger and has a ketchup slip and slide. I enjoy doing anything outdoors and I love bonfires. This summer I surprised my best friend for his bachelor party and went skydiving with him! I'm excited to come up with a new policy suggestion for pharmacy! I'm always around the school and love to chat!

ASHP Liaison



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Hello everyone! My name is Kellyn and I'm a second year pharmacy student from West Bend, WI. I completed my B.S. in Pre-professional Health Studies at the University of Notre Dame. I enjoy attending concerts and music festivals during the summer and in the fall you can often find me watching Packers, Badgers, and Notre Dame football games. I love traveling to new places and this past summer I was fortunate enough to be able to spend a week in Nashville visiting my sister. I'm excited to serve as your ASHP Liaison this year and help in connecting you all with all of the opportunities ASHP has to offer its student members.

Fundraising Co-Chairs



Nicole Haebig
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Hi everyone! My hometown is Wausau, and I completed my Bachelor's in Biochemistry and a minor in psychology at UW-Stevens Point. When I'm not busy with school, I enjoy spending time with my fiancé, Carl, and his two children, Madison (age 9) and Chase (age 7). I am a crazy cat lady, and love finding time to be artsy and crafty. Carl and I are also currently in the process of planning our wedding for August 2018. This summer, my fiancé and I took a trip to Tybee Island, GA – the perfect beachside vacation spot! I am really excited to get other WSPS members involved in helping out with our fundraising projects that we have planned for the year!



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My name is Christine and I am a second year student from Sun Prairie, WI. I attended the University of Kentucky for my undergraduate education. In my free time I enjoy running, yoga, and traveling. One fun thing I did this summer was visiting Colorado and going on hikes in the Rockies. It's my first year as fundraising co-chair and my goal for this position is to increase participation of students at the RX factor and Silent Auction.

Membership Chair



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Hi I'm Karissa! I'm from Baraboo, WI, and I did undergrad here at UW-Madison. I am a member of the UW Triathlon Team and before I joined I never swam competitively, never did track, and hadn't ridden a bike since I was 11. Most of my duties center around the Meet & Greet that we had this month, and I had a blast meeting all of the first years at that event. This summer I did a lot of hiking at Devil's Lake!

Professionalism Co-Chairs



Emily Blaski
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I am from Racine, WI and I completed 3 years of pre-pharmacy coursework at UW-Parkside in Kenosha before coming to UW-Madison for pharmacy school. In my free time, I enjoy running, baking delicious things, and also consuming said delicious things. Within my position as Professionalism Co-Chair, I am so excited to be able to help plan the White Coat Ceremony for the new DPH-1 class, because I remember this as such a special and monumental day when I was a DPH-1. Something fun and super exciting that I did this summer was go on an airplane ride with Professor Hutson.



Emily Fong
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Hi I'm Emily! I'm from New Berlin, WI and I got my B.S. in Molecular Biology from UW-Madison. I visited NYC over spring break last year and got to see a filming of an episode of The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon! I got to see Ben Affleck get covered in puppies and Zayn perform a new song! This summer I ate my weight in Door County cherry ice cream during my first trip there. I'm excited that no one will mix up my co-chair and I because we have the same name. I'm excited to work with Emily and hopefully meet a lot of new DPH-1s and help them develop their professional identities as future pharmacists.

Public Relations Coordinator



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Hello everyone! My name is Alanna Benaszkeski and I'm a DPH-2:) I am from northern Wisconsin, and went here for my undergraduate classes. In my free time I like to go running down by the lake(s), and find good places to eat/get coffee! (Madison has a few...) My favorite adventure from this summer was going to the Porcupine Mountains. I am also this year's Public Relations coordinator! I am excited to be able to promote all of the diverse activities that WSPS will be involved in this year.

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