



President's Corner:



First of all, I would like to say congratulations to all the new officers!

Leslie Southard We had an officer transition lunch on Dec. 5th, and it was obvious that everyone is excited to start their new positions.

This semester's first meeting will include an overview of what we have planned as far as meetings and activities go as well as an introduction to our new officers. It will also include a live presentation of Katy's Kids that will be recorded so students have something to show the principals of the schools at which they plan to present.

The second meeting will be more focused on APhA 2012, which is March 9-12 in New Orleans. We will go over the instructions for reimbursement (\$250 this year from Dean Bradberry). This is an important meeting to attend if you are headed to New Orleans! It will also include a presentation from one of our web masters, Brian Kane. The last two meetings of the semester are still being planned, but one will be led by our new president-elect, Taylor MacKinnon.

I hope everyone had a great semester break and I look forward to seeing you at the first meeting! We have a lot going on, so there will be plenty of chances for you to get involved!

— Leslie

APhA-ASP welcomes new officers from P1 class



Four new officers will join President Leslie Southard on the 2011 Executive Committee.

President-elect **Taylor MacKinnon** is from Salem, Wis., and completed his undergraduate education here at Creighton University. He attended the 2010 APhA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., where he was inspired to become involved in the student branch of the organization. Taylor hopes to one day look back on advancements within the pharmacy profession and know that we, as members of APhA, contributed to those changes. Taylor's vision focuses on collaboration, a willingness to confront controversial issues, and an ongoing commitment to our patients.

Vice president **Charles Doan** came to Creighton after completing his undergraduate education at UCLA. Charles, originally from San Jose, Calif., joined APhA-ASP to advance his commitments to patient care and advocacy. He believes that involvement in student organizations gives us the opportunity to bring about positive change without compromising our academic goals. Charles pledges to increase student involvement with efficient and effective

programming.

Secretary **Kate Sousek** took the long route to pharmacy school with a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She was later inspired to become a pharmacist by her own treatment with biologic anti-rheumatic drugs, and she chose Creighton for its commitment to pharmacy as a service profession. Kate is originally from Kansas but now calls Lincoln, Neb., home. As a nontraditional student and a member of the distance pathway, Kate pledges to make the same commitment expected of a campus-based student while bringing the distance-based perspective to the table.

Treasurer **Jocelyn Calado** is from Watertown, Wis., and completed her undergraduate education at Marquette University. Jocelyn joined APhA-ASP to actively engage in public health issues. Her goals for the chapter include increasing awareness and involvement by demonstrating the importance of using our skills, education and professionalism to serve the community.

Public relations officer **Jian Lei (Ken) Cai** hails from Rapid City, S.D., and attended Creighton for his undergraduate education. Ken joined APhA-ASP to continue to educate and improve himself, and he is eager to serve as a united voice for all Creighton pharmacy students.

Leslie Southard, a P2 from Bellevue, Neb., will lead the executive committee as she transitions from the position of president-elect to that of president.

Misti Spann to represent CU in New Orleans

Congratulations to P2 Misti Spann from Overland Park, Kan., on her win in the Patient Counseling Competition! Thirty campus and distance students took part in the competition last October, and Misti will advance to the national competition this March in New Orleans.

The APhA 2012 Annual Meeting & Exposition is March



9-12 at the New Orleans Convention Center on the edge of the historic French Quarter.

E-mail Leslie Southard if you're going, and attend the February chapter meeting for information. See aphameeting.org and the President's Corner for more details. The deadline for hotel discounts is Feb. 9, so don't delay!



Students at Somerset Academy in Miami hang out with Katy after a medication safety talk. - Photo courtesy of P3 Jessica Alonso

JANUARY

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FEBRUARY

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- JAN**
- 24 Interprofessional Seminar Series: A Rehab Perspective in the Community Health Setting, noon, BIC G09
 - 25 *APhA-ASP Chapter Meeting, noon, HLSB G04, lunch provided
 - 31 Orders due for Class of 2014 Distance scrubs fundraiser (contact Janet Cheng)
- FEB**
- 1 Deadline for newsletter submissions
 - 6 Feb. newsletter issue date
 - 8 NCPA General Meeting, noon, BIC G09
 - 9 Deadline for APhA Annual Meeting housing reservations & early registration discount, aphameeting.org
 - 9 *PHPSG meeting, noon, HLSB G04, lunch available for purchase from OTD Class of 2013
 - 13 P4s: Degree application due; Rotation #6 begins
 - 14 Valentine's Day
 - 15 *APhA-ASP Executive Committee Meeting, noon, HLSB G04
 - 22 *APhA-ASP Chapter Meeting, noon, HLSB G04, lunch provided
 - 23 *PHPSG meeting, noon, BIC G09
 - 28 *Academic Success Seminar: Finding Your MOJO After Winter Break, noon, BIC G11 (RSVP deadline has passed - contact Jeannine Di Pasquale for Wimba access instructions)
 - 29 Leap Day!

* These events are also presented live via Wimba. Other events may or may not be available on Wimba.

Committee reports

Operation Immunization

Working with student health, Operation Immunization gave more than 2100 flue shots to campus students this fall during the "Shoo the Flu" campaign. We also vaccinated more than 280 employees at the Employee Health benefit fair.

We provided free flu shots at the intercultural-senior center on Nov. 18 and at the Holy Family Sandwich Program on Nov. 22.

We are grateful to all our volunteers – we could not have done it without them.

Fundraising

We sold the Drug Binders by Sigler, which are used in the Professional Development Seminar sequence. We sold 87 of

the Prescription drug card binders and 42 updates last year's edition. Students also purchased nine binders of OTC drug cards and one of dietary supplement drug cards.

Community Service

Our fall community service project was the food and diaper drive. We collected food donations for the Open Door Mission pantry and diapers for the Channel 94.1 Diaper Drive for the Lydia House in Omaha. The event was open to all faculty, staff and students, including campus, distance, PT, OT and Pharmacy. Collection boxes were located in Boyne and OASA and we took cash/check donations as well.

We were able to donate 159 food items to the food pantry

along with 423 diapers and \$60 to the Lydia House. The Lydia House will use the funds to make bulk diaper purchases throughout the year.

Thank you to everyone who donated or participated in some way! It may seem small, but has a big impact on our community. Please look watch for upcoming community service projects to get involved and earn those IPPE hours!

You!

Interested in getting involved? Just contact a committee chair!

More information about each committee, along with contact information for committee chairs and officers, is on our web site: www.creightonasp.org.