



## APhA-ASP CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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# ASP Committees

There is a lot more going on within ASP than can be seen from the outside. This month's newsletter provides a description of the committees within ASP explaining what they are and what each contributes to ASP overall.

Members of the **Fundraising Committee** use creative thinking skills to organize and run various fundraisers throughout the year. The money raised is then used to provide funds for lunch meetings, projects, and presentations.

**IPSF (International Pharmaceutical Student's Federation)** focuses on a variety of global health issues including Tobacco Awareness. The rest of this semester, IPSF will be making smoking cessation posters to use at future health fairs. A general poster geared toward children/teens to prevent them from smoking is also in the works. The goal for Fall semester is to begin smoking preventative talks to 10-12 year olds. IPSF needs your help! If you are interested in IPSF or have any questions or suggestions talk to Lucas or send him an e-mail. [LucasSwingley@Creighton.edu](mailto:LucasSwingley@Creighton.edu).

**Membership Committee:** Our committee signs up students who wish to return to ASP, so we are the face of ASP. We need to be go getters and sociable. The rest of our job consists of data entry for the members into a fancy Excel spreadsheet, so committee members should also have some capabilities in Excel. There are only a few busy times of the year, so it is optimal for those who want to be involved without a huge time commitment.

The **Pharmaceutical Care** committee is in charge of planning events related to improving the health of the underserved population of Omaha and the surrounding areas. This committee is broken down into three sub-committees: 1. **Operation Immunization**, 2. **Operation Diabetes**, and 3. **Heartburn Awareness Challenge**. Every fall Operation Immunization sets up flu clinics where students help vaccinate the underserved. In the Spring, Operation Immunization goes to area health fairs to educate people about vaccines they may need, and answers any questions they have about the new vaccines available. Operation Diabetes works closely with the Omaha chapter of the American Diabetes Association to help raise money for diabetes education and research. Throughout the year Operation Diabetes also participates in health fairs to educate the public about the risk factors associated with diabetes. The Heartburn Awareness Challenge participates in health fairs throughout Omaha to educate the public on risk factors associated with heartburn and lifestyle changes that may prevent it from occurring. The Pharmaceutical Care Committee also coordinates many other projects like the Walgreen's Wellness Tour, educating high school students about pharmacy as a career, and hypertension screening and education.

The **Katy's Kids Committee** is in charge of organizing all of Katy the Kangaroo's visits with area students in grades K-2. During a presentation, our recruited volunteers tell the students about medication safety through the use of a video, fun handouts, and – of course – Katy. Over the past year, our committee also completed a successful fundraising effort that resulted in the purchase of a new costume for Katy, as well as a DVD version of the presentation to accompany the student volunteers. We are always looking to add members to our committee, so feel free to e-mail Kelly Schneider ([kjs63461@creighton.edu](mailto:kjs63461@creighton.edu)) or Emily Kathol ([eak39816@creighton.edu](mailto:eak39816@creighton.edu)) if you're interested!

For more committee information, check out the ASP website at [www.pharmacy.creighton.edu/asp](http://www.pharmacy.creighton.edu/asp)

### Member of the Month

Jocelyn Frey and Anthony Allee are February's Members of the Month for their outstanding work with Operation Immunization.

### Upcoming Events

- March 14 till March 17: National Meeting in San Diego
- March 21-24: Easter Break
- March 27: NPA Meeting in Lincoln
- April 4 and 18: PharmCare health fairs
- April 19: Operation Diabetes Gala Event

