

THE DAILY DOSE

UGA APhA-ASP Newsletter



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- Operation Heart: Blood Pressure Screenings - **February 14th**
- Pinewoods- **February 15th**
- UGA Miracle Dance Marathon- **February 22nd - 23rd**
- General Body Meeting- **February 25th**
- Hawthorne Point of Care Testing- **February 26th**
- GenRx: AMSA Naloxone Presentation- **February 27th**
- Organization Hour: Publix Speaker- **March 3rd**
- General Body Meeting- **March 17th**
- APhA Annual- **March 19th - 22nd**
- LKS Girl Scout Day- **March 28th**
- Elections- **March 31st**



POLICY CORNER

- ➔ **Rutledge v. PCMA - State's Rights to Regulate PBM Reimbursement Rates**
- ➔ In 2015, Arkansas passed an act that required PBM's to raise reimbursement rates for drugs if they fell below the pharmacy's wholesale costs, and created an appeal process for pharmacies to challenge PBM reimbursement rates. This effectively prohibited PBM's from reimbursing pharmacies below the pharmacies' cost of acquisition for drugs.
- ➔ PCMA brought litigation against Arkansas and the case is being heard again in the Supreme Court in April.
- ➔ The ruling on this case will have statewide national consequences. If Arkansas wins, other states will see the opportunity to finally reign in unfair reimbursement practices by PBM's.
- ➔ It is speculated that we may have a decision as early as the end of June of this year.

January Recap

by Laura Wade

Welcome back to our monthly newsletter! It's been a while since the last issue of the Daily Dose, so we have some great material in this edition! First, we want to give a shoutout to Alfred Awuah who was the winner of the Patient Counseling Competition and has been recognized as our member of the month. Congrats Alfred-- we wish you luck representing our chapter at Annual! Included in this newsletter are some highlights from our past events including the MEDISCA Compounding Competition, Semi-Formal, Organization Hour with Bob Coleman from GPhA, UGA Miracle Week, Day at the Dome, and Pharmal. We have loved seeing our members involved during these events, and we hope you'll continue to keep up the hard work throughout the remainder of this semester! A few more special recognitions go out to our Pharmal King and Queen, Jay Dayton and Morgan Easterling! Also, to our chapter president, Rebecca Bruning who has been selected for the National APhA-ASP Awards Standing Committee! She has done so much for our chapter, and we can't wait to see the impact she has on a national level!

ALFRED AWUAH

Where are you from? **Riverdale, GA**

What year are you? **P3**

How are you involved in APhA? **Member**

What is your favorite part about APhA? **My favorite part is being able to attend professional conferences and meet new people**

What are your plans after pharmacy school? **I plan to pursue PGY1 residency training**

Please share any other information about yourself. **I enjoy attending Atlanta Hawks games in my free time!**



Advice of the Month



From Dr. Larry Aull

"A couple of things come to mind when I look back over my career and think about opportunities I have had to grow and change paths when I wanted to. The first thing is how important relationships are to your happiness and success. It takes some effort to build and maintain relationships. I think one principle to practice is to treat others as you would want to be treated. That includes the patients that you serve (even if it's closing time), the technicians you supervise, and the multitude of other professionals that you will interact with on a daily basis. Secondly, it helps to be seen as providing value to your organization and to the people with whom you are working. For this to happen, you'll need to understand the organization's goals and what would make your coworkers' lives better. Can you save someone time, save them money, improve their health, provide them with important information, or connect them with someone who would provide them with a needed service or product? These are some things that bring value to others. That's a key concept to me; always bring value. Lastly, I suggest keeping a positive attitude about your career and allowing yourself to explore different options if you end up in a situation that you don't look forward to going to each day. I have known pharmacists that really do not like their job, but they feel stuck. That's a shame. Your interests and passion might change over time, and I think you will be happier if you pursue your passion (that was definitely the case for me). The relationships you have built over time can be invaluable in your exploration. Your career, as your life, is a journey that should be enjoyed and pursued with passion and a desire to be as fulfilling as it can because life is too short to not pursue your dreams."

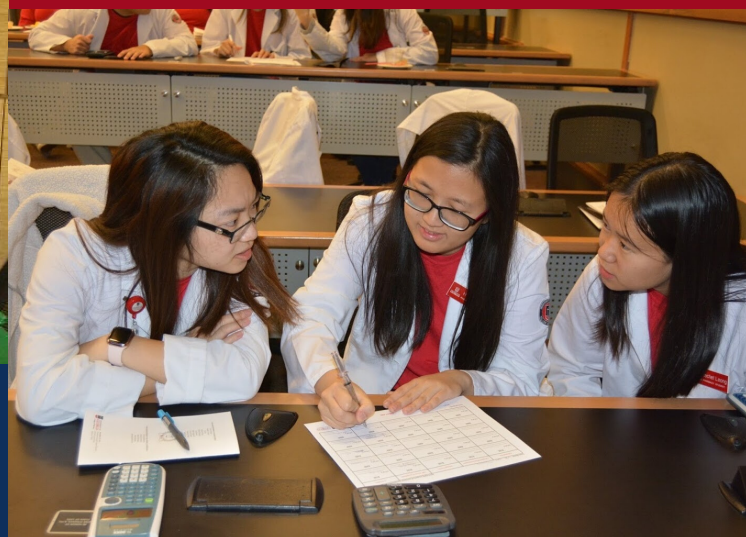


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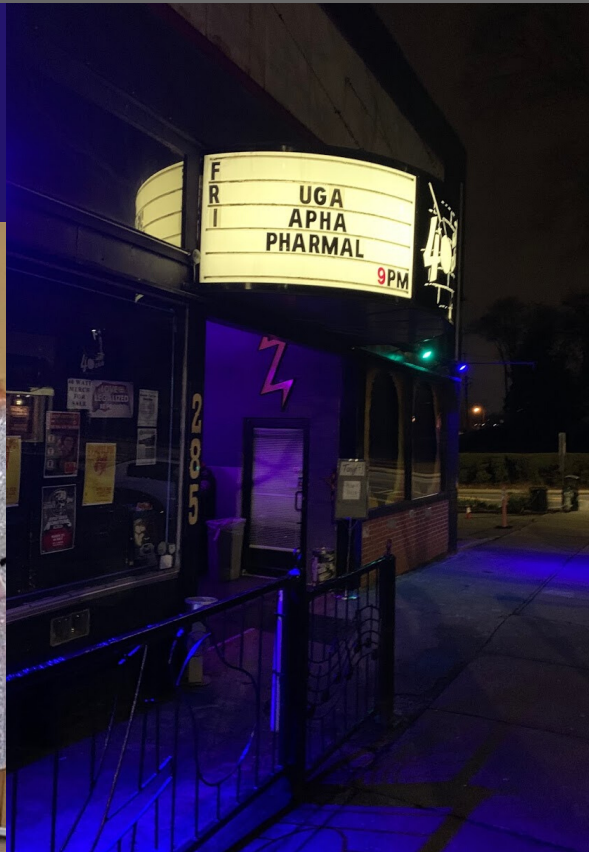
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UGA MIRACLE WEEK

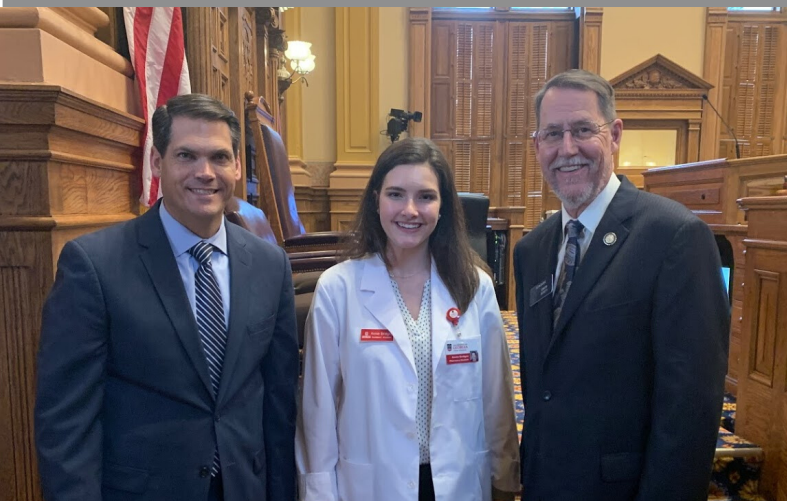


Pharmal





GPhA Day at the Dome





See You Next
Month!

Happy
Valentine's
Day!

BLOOD IS RED
CYANOSIS IS BLUE



♥ Fabulous RN
**I GET DIAPHORETIC
WHEN I THINK OF YOU**

