

THE DAILY DOSE

UGA APhA-ASP Newsletter



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Welcome Back

UPCOMING DATES

- Meet the Organization - **August 25th**
- IPSF Meet and Greet - **August 26th**
- Organization Hour: Speaker **Patrick Tu** - **September 1st**
- **Operation OTC** Meet and Greet - **September 2nd**
- Membership Week - **September 7th-11th**
- **General Body Meeting** - **September 10th**
- GPhA Georgia Pharmacy **Virtual Convention** - **September 10th-12th**
- First Year Liaison **Application Deadline** - **September 13th**
- IPSF Letter Writing Campaign - **September 13th**



POLICY CORNER

- ➔ Several wins for both Georgia pharmacists and patients
- ➔ In early August, Georgia's Governor signed several pieces of legislation into law that strengthen anti-steering prohibitions, implement patient protections, bring more transparency to the drug market and save patients money.
- ➔ HB946/SB313: Changes to strengthen oversight and enforcement as well as innovative first in the nation changes designed to increase transparency, level the playing field and protect patients.
- ➔ HB918: Strengthens anti-steering provisions which prohibit pharmacies affiliated with PBMs from filling and billing for prescriptions illegally referred and also remove certain exemptions and loopholes. In addition, this bill makes significant improvements to the Pharmacy Audit Bill of Rights

August Recap

by Caitlin Williams

Welcome back to school everyone! I hope you all made the most of your summer and are continuing to stay safe and healthy in our new COVID-19 reality. From everything that I have seen, it looks like many of you have found ways to stay busy and do some amazing things regardless! During these first few weeks of school, we have held our first ever virtual Meet the Organization event over Zoom where we introduced our new 2020-2021 executive board and gave you the inside scoop on all things APhA-ASP. We also got the chance to meet the new Class of 2024 that has joined us here in Athens! It's still not too late to join an Operation, so be sure to sign up with one of our fantastic co-chairs if you're interested. There is so much in store for this year! As you read this month's newsletter, take some time to mark down our events in your calendar and read all of the awesome articles put together by some members and faculty involved with APhA-ASP. Enjoy the FIRST edition of The Daily Dose for this school year and my FIRST edition of The Daily Dose as the new APhA-ASP Secretary. See you next month!

Advice of the Month *From Dr. Lindsey Welch*



Can't Stop the Feeling

Welcome back APhA-ASP! We are excited to have our “lifeblood” pulsing back through the College; you have been missed!

As you come back, we all know this semester will look different from those we’ve grown accustomed to... Signs are posted. Chairs are spaced. People are distanced. Smiles are hidden.

We know it will look different, but does it have to feel different? How can we keep that Pharmdawg spirit alive despite the “different?” How do we maintain our sense of community in the “different?”

I’ve got some advice for this semester using RX DAWGS as my framework:

- R** - Remember why you’re here. Don’t forgot those patients on the other side!
- X** - EXceed Expectations. No need to change this one! Push to do your best in everything you do this semester.
- D** - Depend on one another. We are all trying to adjust to the “different” and the subsequent feelings that brings along. You are not alone. Confide in one another and share in walking through the “different” together.
- A** - Adapt with us. Faculty have been planning all summer to deliver their courses in a way which meet current policies and guidance. There will be hiccups along the way despite planning efforts. Realize that this “different” also extends to faculty and show a little extra grace and understanding; faculty will be doing the same for you.
- W** - Welcome the new students to the Pharmdawg family. Think of safe, creative ways to make this group feel extra welcome despite the circumstances. Introduce yourself to someone new (from six feet away of course). Send them notes of encouragement. Plan events which place extra focus on making 1st years feel like part of our community.
- G** - Get involved. Our student orgs are working hard to find safe ways to interact. Open your mind to the virtual possibilities of staying connected and roll with the temporary limitations we may have on some of our flagship events.
- S** - Smile with your eyes. Even a mask can’t hide it.

With these tips, some resilience, and a dose of optimism, we can work through this semester together. Despite the look, let’s make it where you can’t stop the feeling of being a part of the Pharmdawg nation.

Membership Week 2020!

QUESTIONS?
ASK ALEX PALMER
OUR VP OF
MEMBERSHIP!
954-253-7459

SEPTEMBER 7 - 11

MEDIA MONDAY

Check out our Instagram story to see a breakdown of our 3-in-1 membership! - @uga.apha.asp

THANKFUL TUESDAY

Stop by our table in the PS lobby to receive a special treat as a thank you to our current and future members!

WHY'D YOU JOIN WEDNESDAY

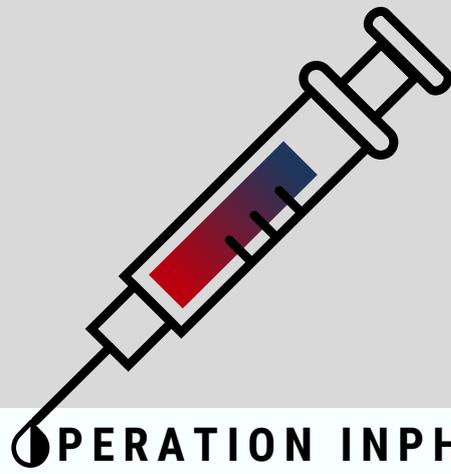
Social media campaign consisting of video testimonials from our current members telling us why they joined.

TACTICAL THURSDAY

General Body Meeting - stop by our first GBM during org hour via Zoom!

FUN FRIDAY

TBA: Keep an eye out for a way for us to all get to know each other!



OPERATION INPHARMATION

An Update on the COVID-19 Vaccine Development

By Tyler Haskins and David Yi

APhA-ASP Operation Immunization Co-Chairs

Creating a vaccine is a long and tedious process that can take years to test and approve for the market. The COVID-19 vaccine is no exception. To understand why a vaccine can take so long to be put on the market for safe use, a basic understanding of the vaccine process is needed. The first step to creating a new vaccine is the exploratory stage, where specific antigens of the infectious disease are identified to create a proper immune response. The development then goes into pre-clinical studies, where the candidate vaccine undergoes proper testing on tissue-culture systems and animals in a controlled laboratory setting. From there, the candidate vaccine enters the clinical stage, where human experimentation is performed. This is the most critical stage for a vaccine because after all, the ultimate design of the vaccine is for human use.

If the candidate vaccine can make it through clinical trials, the vaccine must pass regulatory review and approval before manufacturing and use can be achieved. Currently, most vaccine trials are in pre-clinical or early clinical studies. Even after mass production and use, vaccines are still studied to determine if there are any long-term effects. A few vaccine candidates, however, are further into the development process. One such vaccine trial being performed by Sinovac Life Sciences Co., Ltd. is already in stage III of the clinical trial, meaning that it is already being performed on a larger number of human participants. Sinovac is using an inactivated, or killed, version of SARS-CoV-2 to elicit an immune response. While studies are still ongoing, the candidate vaccine has developed neutralizing antibodies in over 90% of inoculated participants within 2 weeks following inoculation. Sinovac is one of a few other research groups that have achieved success this late into the development process; however, much more is still to be done before the vaccine comes to market. Sinovac is hoping to complete its study in September 2021 and put the vaccine on the market by October. For now, all we can do is maintain social distancing protocols and do our part to keep everyone else safe.

Baranski, A. "Stages of Vaccine Development", Profolus, 4 June 2020, <https://www.profolus.com/topics/stages-of-vaccine-development/>.

Chen, S. and Lyu, D. "Sinovac's Vaccine Trial Data Suggest Potential in Virus Defense", Bloomberg News, 13 June 2020.

"Clinical Trial of Efficacy and Safety of Sinovac's Adsorbed COVID-19 (Inactivated) Vaccine in Healthcare Professionals (PROFISCOV)", ClinicalTrials.gov, 4 August 2020, <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04456595?term=vaccine&cond=covid-19&draw=2>.

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FIND A GOOD SHOW

- "Selling Sunset"
- Allison Dean and Aliya Abdulla
- "How to Get Away with Murder"
- Claudia Ong
- "Money Heist!!! - so good and addicting!" - Laura Beth Nalley
- "Yellowstone - seriously SO GOOD 10/10" - Logan Johnson
- "Finally watched The Office for the first time!" - Gabby Bachner

GET A HOBBY

- "Skateboarding"
- Maddie Marsh
- "Painting!!" - Aliya Abdulla
- "At-home barre classes"
- Kara Phillips
- "Baking!" - Kristine Nguyen

LISTEN TO SOME TUNES

- "folklore by Taylor Swift"
- Emily Plauche and Kristine Nguyen
- "Honeymoon" or "Won't Ever Say Goodbye" by the Shadowboxers"
- Kendall Hunt
- "Spotify best of 2010 hits (awesome throwbacks)"
- Aliya Abdulla

EAT GOOD FOOD

- "Wendy's 4 for 4" - Emily Plauche
- "Homemade Butterbeer"
- Gabby Bachner
- "Anything you can make in an air fryer" - Kristin DiSalle
- "An astronomical amount of queso" - Kendall Hunt

REFLECT ON WHAT YOU MISS

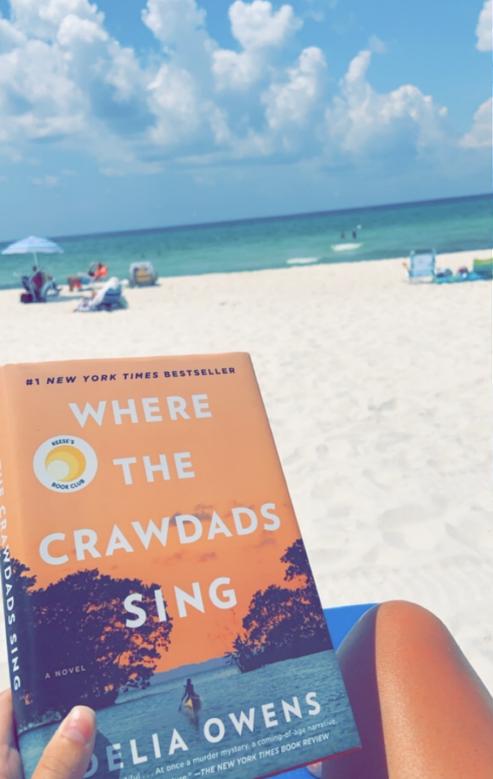
- "Interacting with faculty and classmates!" - Logan Smith
- "Seeing Dr. Do" - Maddie Marsh
- "Late-night studying sessions at KLC" - Kristine Nguyen

FIND SOMEWHERE TO GO

- "I was able to spend the summer at the FDA's headquarters in Silver Spring, MD" - Logan Smith
- "I spent my summer living in Austin, TX!" - Kristin DiSalle

CELEBRATE EVERYTHING

- "My sister is having a baby and my childhood best friend got married this summer!"
- Bri Beldon
- "My boyfriend's family got a new puppy!" - Gabby Bachner
- "I got a job at CVS!"
- Allison Dean



(ABOVE) LOGAN JOHNSON DID SOME READING ON THE BEACH OVER THE SUMMER



(ABOVE) P1 KELLY ADAMS HIKES TO RAVEN CLIFF FALLS



(RIGHT) APHA-ASP PRESIDENT, ALIYA ABDULLA, PAINTS DURING QUARANTINE TO RELAX AND "ENJOY TODAY"



(LEFT) APHA-ASP FACULTY ADVISOR DR. WELCH GETS A ZOOM VISIT FROM MISS AMERICA AND STUDENT PHARMACIST, CAMILLE SCHRIER

(BELOW) P3 MEMBER GABBY BACHNER VISITS DISNEYWORLD WITH HER BOYFRIEND



(BELOW) APHA-ASP SECRETARY, CAITLIN WILLIAMS, ENJOYS A STACK OF PANCAKES



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"JUST MOVED TO AUGUSTA!"

- Kristine Nguyen

"I MOVED TO THE AUGUSTA CAMPUS AND IT'S SO AWESOME! THERE'S A LOT OF NEW THINGS TO TRY OUT INCLUDING KAYAKING, WALKING ALONG THE AUGUSTA CANAL, NEW RESTAURANTS, ETC."

- Logan Johnson

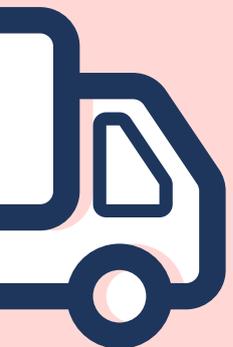
"STARTED ROTATIONS IN SAVANNAH!"

- Emily Plauche

"MOVED TO SAVANNAH FOR P3 AND P4 YEAR!"

- Laura Beth Nalley

SEVERAL APHA FRIENDS RELOCATED TO OUR ALBANY CAMPUS AS WELL





Save the Dates

FIRST YEAR LIAISONS

Application released:
Monday, August 31st
Submit to Dr. Welch
(lhwelch@uga.edu)
by September 13th

interviews will be on Tuesday,
September 22nd 5 - 8 PM



SEPTEMBER 2ND, 6 PM

OTC MEET & GREET

Join Operation OTC for their first ever virtual Meet and Greet. Bring your Jeopardy knowledge and get to know more about the operation! The Zoom link will be emailed to you before the event and attached to the Daily Dose email. Can't wait to see y'all there!

IPSF LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN

When: September 13th

Join IPSF to write letters of encouragement to the caretakers at Arbor Terrace. We will be delivering the cards for Grandparents Day!



GPFA VIRTUAL CONVENTION

SEPTEMBER 10TH-12TH

Pay or renew your state dues for GPFA BEFORE SEPTEMBER 10th and receive STUDENT PRICING (only \$14.95) for the 2020 Georgia Pharmacy Convention! Keynote speaker includes Camille Schrier, Miss America 2020, Student Pharmacist, from the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy. The link to register is included below the Daily Dose.

