



American Pharmacist Association–Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP)

History

APhA-ASP was founded in 1969 and serves as the oldest student academy within a national pharmacy association. Currently, there are over 34,000 student members in the country. APhA-ASP has played a key role to help students navigate through pharmacy school, explore careers in pharmacy, and connect with others in the profession. At UMKC, APhA-ASP not only serves as a student chapter of a national organization but has served for close to three decades as the governing body for all student pharmacists enrolled at UMKC. To that end, representatives elected to hold office in UMKC APhA-ASP have seats on the board of the Student Government Association on campus to ensure our students' voices are represented across our three locations.

Our Mission

The UMKC APhA-ASP will promote the growth of both student pharmacists and our organization, and advocate for our profession and those we serve through collaboration, awareness, communication, professional development, and innovation in order to achieve our vision.

Relationship to National Organization

APhA-ASP is one of three official branches of the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) which represents over 62,000 pharmacists, student pharmacists, scientists, and technicians in all practice settings. By becoming a member of APhA-ASP, you are automatically a member of other pharmacy organizations such as the Missouri Pharmacy Association (MPA) on the state level and the International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF) on the global level. Involvement in APhA-ASP also offers students a chance to travel to one regional meeting, one national meeting, and several state meetings each year. During these meetings, students have the opportunity to advance the profession of pharmacy through legislation and policy.

Advocacy, Leadership, and Community Activities

Our chapter is very active in several national and local patient care projects along with advocacy events:

- **Falls Prevention** – A collaborative and interprofessional effort to screen and educate individuals to reduce the risk of falls and fall-related injuries.
- **Operation Substance Use Disorders** – Educational program that increases public awareness of prescription medication abuse, break the stigma of substance use disorders (SUD), support patients in recovery, and advocate for the profession.
- **OTC Literacy** – This new national initiative focuses on educating 5th and 6th grade students on how to read medication labels and select appropriate self-care measures for themselves.
- **Operation Diabetes** – Student pharmacists conduct blood glucose screenings and increase awareness of diabetes and the dangers associated with the disease.
- **Operation Immunization** – Student pharmacists increase community immunization rates and education on the importance of vaccinations, while increasing the public's awareness of the services and resources pharmacists and student pharmacists can provide.
- **Operation Heart** – Student pharmacists encourage lifestyle modifications, monitor associated risk factors, and provide education about medications for heart disease.
- **ROOT for Health** – Program unique to the KC campus that reaches out to local elementary schools to teach the importance of a healthy diet and plenty of exercise in order to live a healthier life.
- **Support Our Troops** – Student pharmacists on the Columbia campus raise funds with class competitions to send cards and care packages to our troops overseas.
- **Pharmacy Legislative Day** – Travel to Jefferson City once a year to learn about the current policy changes affecting our profession and then have the chance to talk to legislators to promote the practice of pharmacy.

Awards and Accomplishments

- Out of more than 130 APhA-ASP Chapters in the United States, the UMKC chapter of the APhA-ASP was selected as first runner-up for the National Chapter Achievement Award for the 2017-18 reporting period.
- Forty-three students attended the 2019 APhA Annual Meeting and Exposition in Seattle, Washington, gaining the opportunity to collaborate with pharmacists and student pharmacists from all over the nation.
- Seventy-two students attended the 2018 Midyear Regional Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, gaining the opportunity to collaborate with student pharmacists from six different states..
- The chapter was awarded Patient Care Project Awards for four APhA-ASP operations: Operation Diabetes, Operation Heart, OTC Medicine Safety, and Generation Rx at the 2018 Midyear Regional Meeting and 2019 APhA Annual Meeting and Exposition
- Student Pharmacist, Jordyn Williams, was selected as the winner of the APhA-ASP National Patient Counseling Competition, making history as the first student to win at the national level from our chapter.
- For Region VI at the Midyear Regional Meeting, the chapter was the winner of Operation Diabetes, Operation Immunizations, and Over-The-Counter Medicine Safety awards for the 2018-2019 reporting period
- Thirty-three students attended the 2019 Midyear Regional Meeting in Dallas, Texas.
- The UMKC APhA-ASP chapter for 2018-2019 reporting period was awarded Generation Rx second runner-up and Chapter of the Year!
- For Region VI at the Midyear Regional Meeting, the chapter was the winner of Over-The-Counter Medicine Safety, Operation Diabetes and Operation Heart awards for the 2019-2020 reporting period.
- UMKC's APhA-ASP Chapter was the Division A Winner of the Chapter Achievement Award for the 2019-2020 reporting period.
- Thirty-five chapter members attended the APhA-ASP 2021 Annual Conference online.

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How to Become a Member

- APhA-ASP hosts a membership drive every fall where incoming students can join for the first time or renew their memberships. This fall, the membership drive will be on September 20th over the noon hour.
- Be on the lookout for Lunch on the Lawn in KC and the Fall Kick-Off in Columbia to learn more about membership.
- For incoming P1s be sure to see us at our booth at the Organization Fair during orientation.
- Contact the Membership VP or a class representative at your campus for more information.
- Dues are \$65 for the 2021-2022 school year