

Black Student Pharmacist Organization

- **Organization philosophy/mission**

- The purpose of the Black Student Pharmacist Organization (BSPO) is to effectively recruit, serve, and retain underrepresented minority students studying pharmacy by enhancing their academic experience through the following systems of support:
- Informational/Education: Organizing events and seminars which cater to the intrinsically unique nature of the Black experience. As many preventable diseases disproportionately affect the Black population, our goal is to create awareness and educate the Black community, from within the community. We aim to enhance the visibility of Black pharmacists within the Health Science District and beyond. We also strive to incorporate programming that pays special consideration to societal barriers that have historically limited access to higher education within this unique population.
- Academic: Provide meaningful learning opportunities to all professional students that reflect on past and present contributions of Blacks within the field of pharmacy. The BSPO will educate individuals outside of the organization with focus groups, discussions, and dialogue about the cultural intricacies associated with the Black experience. Additionally, we aim to increase awareness among high school, undergraduate, and professional students about the significance of positive Black representation within the pharmacy profession.
- Social/Interpersonal: Provide social outlets for interpersonal contact, cultural bonding, and emotional support to aid with the retention of underrepresented minority professional students within predominantly white institutions. The BSPO will serve as one of many learning liaisons between students and the UMKC School of Pharmacy (SOP) with regards to the Black student experience and opportunities to build partnerships that extend beyond the current curriculum.
- Community Service: Provide resources (e.g. intellectual, social, psychoeducational, emotional, financial support and/or assistance) in an effort to give back to predominantly Black communities. Through this endeavor, we recognize our professional responsibility and interconnectedness as we strive to empower others within this shared community.

- **Vision**

- To create a student organization committed to helping the UMKC School of Pharmacy align with metrics and objectives as outlined by the university's Inclusive Excellence Plan
- To dedicate ourselves to multiculturalism, globalism, and inclusion by proudly celebrating the intersectionality of our professional identities
- To enhance the attainment and retention of underrepresented minority students within the PharmD program

- To foster a climate of openness and inclusivity where the experiences of underrepresented minority students are acknowledged, respected, and valued

- **Relationship to parent organization**
 - N/A

- **Major advocacy, leadership or community service activities**
 - N/A

- **Awards and accomplishments**
 - N/A

- **Advisors**
 - Tamica Lige and Dr. Youan

- **Officers**
 - Jasmine Freemon - President
 - Jaea Williams - Vice President
 - Micah Anderson - Secretary, Outreach/Membership Chair
 - Cortni Stevenson - Treasurer, Fundraising/Social Chair
 - Alexis Hudspeth - Historian
 - Darryl Monroe - Columbia Liaison

- **How to join**
 - Any professional student pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy degree (PharmD) at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Pharmacy shall be eligible for membership within the Black Student Pharmacist Organization. BSPO membership shall be comprised of people who are willing to actively commit to its purpose and vision. Membership and activities are open to all currently enrolled students regardless of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, national origin, disability, or veteran status.

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