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

History at UMKC
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.

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 Service 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.
- **GenerationRx** – Educational program that increases public awareness of prescription medication abuse and encourages everyone to actively work to prevent abuse and unsafe medication disposal.
- **OTC Medicine Safety** – This 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.
- **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.
- **Operation Self-Care** – Student pharmacists reach out to the general public to raise awareness about mental health and educate those in the community about resources and techniques to handle situations involving mental health.

Awards and Accomplishments
- Of the 350+ student organizations on campus, UMKC's Student Government Association awarded APhA-ASP with the *Outstanding Service Program of the Year Award* for the 2016-2017 school year.
Thirty-eight students attended the 2017 APhA Annual Meeting and Exposition in San Francisco, California, gaining the opportunity to collaborate with pharmacists and student pharmacists from all over the nation.

Of the pharmacy schools with 350-500 students (Division AA), UMKC was awarded the 1st Runner Up National Chapter Achievement Award for the 2015-2016 school year, putting us among the top seven chapters in the nation.

The chapter was awarded the 2nd Runner up in the Nation for OTC Medication Safety for the 2015-2016 reporting period. This award recognized UMKC APhA-ASP as one of best in the nation for our work educating young patients on how to identify and safely use over-the-counter medications.

### 2017-2018 Executive Officers and Advisors

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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.
- 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 $60 for the 2017-2018 school year.