Student College of Clinical Pharmacy (SCCP)

History at UMKC

Student College of Clinical Pharmacy (SCCP) Organization was started on the UMKC School of Pharmacy Kansas City and Columbia campuses during the Spring 2011 semester. Our first executive board was elected and started leading the organization the following fall semester. We have since tripled our membership, gained a fourth faculty advisor, and have representation on all 3 UMKC school of pharmacy campuses.

Organization’s Philosophy/Mission

The American College of Clinical Pharmacy’s purpose is to advance human health by extending the frontiers of clinical pharmacy. Through strategic initiatives, partnerships, collaborations, and alliances, ACCP:

- Provides leadership, professional development, advocacy, and resources that enable clinical pharmacists to achieve excellence in practice, research, and education.

- Advances clinical pharmacy and pharmacotherapy through support and promotion of research, training, and education.

- Promotes innovative science, develops successful models of practice, and disseminates new knowledge to advance pharmacotherapy and patient care.

Relationship to National Organization

The Student College of Clinical Pharmacy (SCCP) is the student branch of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) national organization. The direct relationship between the two groups allows students to obtain the necessary resources to experience the clinical pharmacy setting. The national organizational resources includes career development, national meetings & programs, practice and research networks, informational journals, and advocate programs.

Major Advocacy, Leadership or Community Service Activities

Local SCCP organizations host the ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge every year at their local institutions. The challenge brings numerous groups of pharmacy students together to compete in a “quiz bowl”-type format. Teams will start the competition locally and as teams advance they begin to compete against teams from schools of pharmacy all over the United States. The final teams travel to the ACCP Annual Meeting and compete in the final rounds of the competition. All pharmacy students from all institutions are eligible to participate. Beginning Spring of 2014, SCCP members and UMKC faculty created Clinical Case Presentations based off areas of interest in clinical pharmacy. This tradition plans on being carried out in the years to come to give all pharmacy students the chance to experience clinical pharmacy in different practice settings. Disseminating monthly newsletters written by students from clinical pharmacists
and other health care providers and students, promoting a White Coat Clipboard fundraiser, hosting a clinical career roundtable and Spring networking events, and a Top Drugs Competition are activities that SCCP plans to advocate and coordinate.

Awards and Accomplishments

Nationally Recognized as a National Student Organization in October 2013

Advisor and Officers Faculty Advisor(s)

Andrew Smith, Pharm.D., BCPS
AQ Cardiology Jamie Koerner, Pharm.D., BCPS
Elizabeth Englin, Pharm.D., BCPS
Sarah Billings, Pharm.D., BCACP, CDE

Current Officers

Chapter President: Jennifer Tran
President-elect: Andi Ray
Treasurer: Nathan Chan
Secretary: Kirby Pedersen
Event Coordinator: Amelia Godfrey
Kansas City Liaison: Afaq Alabassi
Columbia Liaison: Amelia Gooch
Springfield Liaison: Emily Humphrey

Advisors: Dr. Andrew Smith, Dr. Jamie Koerner, Dr. Elizabeth Englin, & Dr. Sarah Billings

How to Join

All students can join by visiting www.accp.org. Membership includes ACCP membership, local SCCP organization membership, two practice & research network (PRN) memberships, Pharmacotherapy: The Journal of Human Pharmacology and Drug Therapy subscription, and numerous resources.