Organization’s Philosophy/Mission:
The purpose of the Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists of the University of Missouri-Kansas City is to provide students in the school of pharmacy with an understanding of career opportunities in health-systems pharmacy; provide knowledge of the preferred credentials for a career in health-systems pharmacy; encourage participation in local, state, and national societies as a student and upon graduation; and serve as the primary resource for developing a student’s professional credentials in preparation for applying for post-graduate residencies.

Relationship to National Organization:
UMKC SSHP is an ASHP recognized SSHP chapter

Major Advocacy, Leadership or Community Service Activities within past two years:
SSHP is highly involved with the Vial of Life initiative that works to provide all citizens, especially senior citizens, with a current medical information form and encourage them to carry this information around for safety purposes in case of medical emergencies. We work with Midwest Transplant Network to increase organ donation awareness and put on events to encourage people to sign up to become donors. SSHP also participates in the ASHP Student Leadership Workshop that equips students with the opportunity for involvement in leadership roles within the national organization.

Professional Development Events:
The UMKC-SSHP holds an annual “Residency Roundtable” in the Fall Semester of the school year to provide students with tips for success related to residencies, which facilitates their understanding of what is required to obtain a residency and what is required of a resident. In previous years, we have had residents and/or residency directors from up to 15 residency programs. In addition, SSHP organizes their local Clinical Skills Competition (CSC) each year. This competition allows students the opportunity to apply their clinical knowledge and resources to a patient case. Our organization has also started holding a Residency Prep Day where School of Pharmacy faculty members give presentations regarding Midyear, PHORCAS, and interview tips and tricks. Furthermore, our organization hosts a guest speaker in an area of health-system pharmacy at our monthly general meetings.

Advisor(s) and Officers:
Advisors: Dr. Jeremy Hampton, Dr. Dominick Salvatore, Dr. Barbara Kasper, Dr. Elizabeth Englin, Dr. Diane McClaskey
Officers: (Kansas City and Columbia Respectively) President- Anna Parker and Jordyn Williams; President-Elect- Hope Bronn and Madison McLaughlin; Treasurer- Mylene Thong and Borden Edgar; Secretary- Matthew Rusgis; Membership Chair-Maria Nguyen; Project Chairs- Eric Wang and Katie Luetkenhaus
Springfield Liaison: Jacob Norris

How to Join: Sign up for e-mails from SSHP and pick up membership forms at Lunch on the Lawn (KC) or Fall Kick-Off (Columbia) in August or in the SSHP organization folder in the Student Services office. Contact Anna Parker at aeh8b9@mail.umkc.edu in Kansas City or Jordyn Williams at jewrnd@mail.umkc.edu in Columbia for more information on membership in SSHP, MSHP, GKCSHP, MMSHP and ASHP as well as questions about dues.