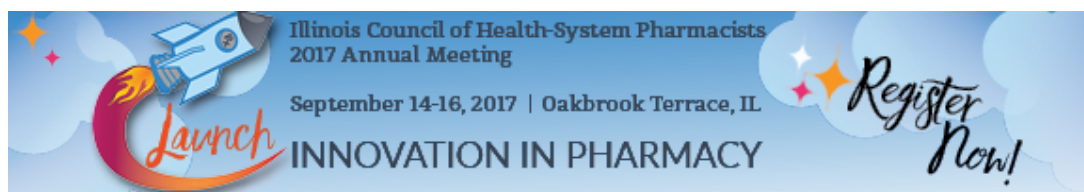




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Student Experience at the ICHP Spring Meeting Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Pharmacy

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I was fortunate enough to have been able to attend the student programming during the ICHP Spring Meeting in Collinsville. ICHP brought in a wonderful speaker to provide a Pharmacy Forecast Student Workshop. The speaker, Lynn E. Eschenbacher, PharmD, MBA, FASHP, and the residents who assisted her with the presentation were engaging, funny, and knowledgeable about the ASHP Pharmacy Forecast. Listening to Dr. Eschenbacher, I never once felt like I was just sitting in a lecture. I enjoyed how interactive her presentation was and thought that the small group session was effective in helping me learn how to apply all of the information that I learned during the presentation. The presentation was extremely relatable for pharmacy students, and I wish more students had been able to attend this programming. As SIUE's SSHP President, I hope to bring a similar presentation to SIUE since I truly believe that the ASHP Pharmacy Forecast is something that all pharmacy students can benefit from learning about.

The ASHP Pharmacy Forecast is put together each year to help guide pharmacy practitioners through the changing healthcare landscape. Each year, a group of panelists respond to a questionnaire to help identify what trends are likely to emerge over the next five years. The trends are then grouped into eight domains. From there, recommendations are made for each domain for pharmacists and health care leaders to use for strategic planning. The domains included in the 2016 Pharmacy Forecast were: healthcare delivery and financing, population health management, drug development and therapeutics, pharmaceutical marketplace, data and technology, pharmacy workforce, patient empowerment, and ethics. These domains change from year-to-year as trends in healthcare evolve. During the student workshop, Dr. Eschenbacher broke each of those domains down and then we formed small groups to discuss the practical implications and applications of the various recommendations.

This was the first ICHP meeting that I have attended, and I was very impressed with the organization of the meeting, the quality of the programming, and the amount of networking opportunities available for students. Aside from the Pharmacy Forecast Student Workshop itself, the highlight of the meeting for me was being able to network with Dr. Eschenbacher, her residents, and the other pharmacists assisting her. I was able to make valuable connections that day that already have and will continue to serve me well in the future. I would highly encourage all of the ICHP student members to attend at least one ICHP meeting before graduation. I will benefit from the information that I learned and the connections that I made long after my time as a student is over. I am already looking forward to ICHP Annual Meeting in September and hope to see many of you reading this there!