

## **Roosevelt University College of Pharmacy**

### **Recent Events and Our New E-board**

College Connection

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Our SSHP chapter at Roosevelt University finished the school year by hosting a Residency Roundtable event and by spending an afternoon at a local food pantry in Schaumburg, IL. First and second year pharmacy residents from Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Rush University Medical Center, Mount Sinai Hospital, and NorthShore came to our campus to provide information about their residency and to answer questions second and third year pharmacy students had about applying for a residency and what to expect during their PGY-1 year. Not only did we have a great turnout of pharmacy residents, but many active SSHP members participated as well. It was great to see how interested our students are in applying for a residency in the very near future! Our chapter also hosted a volunteering event at a local food pantry as part of our volunteer outreach. Members spent an afternoon stocking the pantry with food as well as distributing food to those visiting the pantry.

The last event our SSHP held was an election for the new e-board. Interested and motivated SSHP members applied for leadership positions by submitting a brief essay to the secretary and other members of the e-board selected candidates for each leadership position. The president of our chapter is Kimberly Zaleski, the Vice President is Patrick Tednes, the Professional Development Chair is Michael Bolanos, and our Membership Chair and Webmaster is Anna Majerczak. Our goal is to focus on building our chapter and increasing participation among members. We believe this will be a great way to not only help members prepare for a residency but also to help prepare them for APPE rotations and even build upon their CV. We already have two events planned for summer, as the Class of 2020 just began their first term of pharmacy school. We will be selling White Coat Clipboards for students to keep in their white coats as they begin their IPPE rotations in September, lab coats for compounding lab, and drug cards for upcoming Top 300 drug quizzes. We are also going to present, "What to Gain from Your First Term of Pharmacy School" to the new students as well. We are excited to talk to the new students to not only bridge communication between the Class of 2019 and the Class of 2020, but to also give advice on how to adjust to pharmacy school early in the program and to be able to answer any lingering questions the P1s may have.

When we return to campus in September, our SSHP chapter is going to join our APhA chapter for a combined fundraiser called, "Pack the Bus." This fundraiser is going to focus on donating enough school supplies to fill a school bus and provide school supplies to students in need. In addition to working with our APhA chapter, we hope to continue giving back to our community and hosting more volunteering opportunities for students to participate in. Besides focusing on growing our chapter and volunteering, we are already excited for the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in December because two of our e-board members already have plans to present posters from research they performed this summer. We also plan to continue hosting past events, such as membership drives, Residency 101, quarterly journal clubs, CV workshops, and PhORCAS101! We are all very excited to be the new e-board of our SSHP chapter and we are hoping for a very successful year!