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Meet Xing Jin

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My name is Xing Jin and I am a fourth-year pharmacy student from the UIC Rockford campus. I was born in China and moved to the United States with my parents when I was thirteen. I lived in North Dakota for five years and after graduating high school I went to the University of Wisconsin – Madison. I graduated in 2013 with a double major in Biology and Communication Arts. I was accepted to the Doctor of Pharmacy program at University of Illinois – Chicago and I have lived in Rockford since then.

ICHP is my fifth rotation for my P4 year and I will have one more rotation after this before graduation in May. I have been a member of the ICHP UIC Student Chapter ever since I started pharmacy school and I served as the ICHP UIC Rockford Treasurer and Fundraising Chair during my third year. I really enjoyed the various opportunities the Student Chapter provided and wanted to know more about the ICHP as an organization.

I did not have a good idea of how ICHP functioned before my rotation. This is my second week here and I have learned a lot about how the organization advocates for the pharmacy profession, and I still have a lot more to learn. In my personal opinion, when we were in the classrooms during pharmacy school, we focused a lot of time on studying how a drug works and did not focus on current legislation. However, focusing on legislation is extremely important because new laws and regulations are frequently introduced and could affect how we practice as pharmacists. During my two weeks here, I have participated in conference calls and staff meetings. I have also helped to review Pharmacy Tech Topics™ and taken on various tasks relating to Legislative Day. I am glad that I picked this rotation because it has offered me an opportunity to look beyond what we learn in the classroom and see different sides of pharmacy practice.

During my free time I enjoy listening to music, watching Korean dramas online, and baking. My husband and relatives are still in China so during break I have gone back to visit them. I am planning to go back to China after graduation in May to visit my family and travel to a couple of cities for sightseeing and food adventures. After I return from China I will get my license and do some extensive job hunting! I am excited for this summer to come and to start my journey as a licensed pharmacist.

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