

APhA-ASP October Newsletter



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Operation Diabetes Soon to Kick-Off!!!

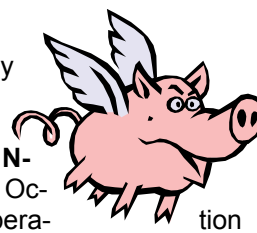
November is American Diabetes Month and to celebrate APhA-ASP will be doing diabetes education, Blood Sugar BINGO, and question and answer sessions at area assisted living facilities. The event kicks off with our first annual Kiss the Pig contest and ice cream sundaes on October 30th. We will have a diabetes education session at noon on November 8th to get all members up to speed before we go out into the community. The first scheduled site is Meridian Village in Glen Carbon on November 13th at 7:30. We will also be visiting Rosewood in Edwardsville on November 28th at 7:00. Anyone interested in these talks should email Mary Janet Stunson at mastuns@siue.edu and plan on attending the education session on November 8th in room 1103.



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Who Would You Like to See Kiss a Pig?

Dig in your pockets, clean under your couch cushions and vote by placing money in the corresponding piggy banks set up in the break room! Then, come watch the winning (or losing) professor lay a big smooch on a pig while enjoying **FREE ICE CREAM SUNDAES!!!!!!!!!!** Contest ends October 29th, with pig kissing held on October 30th at Noon. All proceeds go to help fund APhA-ASP's Operation Diabetes Project.



Student Political Information Network (SPIN)

A few exciting things have happened this month in the world of legislation and overall it's looking like a successful month for APhA and pharmacists everywhere. First, congress passed legislation to delay the implementation of the tamper-resistant prescription pad requirement for Medicaid prescriptions for an additional 6 months. The new date of implementation is April 1, 2008. This delay will give pharmacists more time to educate patients and prescribers to ensure that nobody is turned away from the pharmacy for an invalid prescription when the new rules go into effect.

Secondly, the FDA is holding a public meeting in Washington DC on November 14, 2007 to get feedback on the creation of a "behind the counter" (BTC) class of drugs. Medications that qualify for this BTC classification would be available to patients without a prescription but would require pharmacist intervention before the sale would be allowed. If you would like to give feedback to APhA they are accepting comments at <http://fs7.formsite.com/mbough/APhA5/index.html> until October 26th. I will keep you updated as I learn more about this exciting new opportunity for the profession.

American Pharmacists Months kicks off with HPV Education

Several members of APHA-ASP are educating students living in the SIUE dorms about the human papilloma virus (HPV), its diseases, and vaccination information. Jen Lurk has really been spearheading this effort by putting together the slide show and promotional flyer. The first session was a great success at Bluff Hall on 10/25 at 8 pm. There were over 20 students in

attendance, and a mix of both males and females. After the PowerPoint presentation, there was a question and answer period where students asked a lot of good questions. The next HPV education session will be presented at Prairie Hall on November 6 at 730pm. We also are hoping to reschedule at Evergreen Hall. There was a miscommunication with the

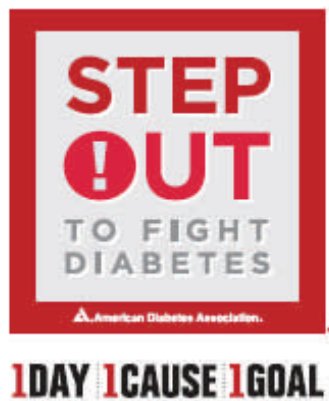
advertising and promotion the 1st time. Apparently, condom bingo was scheduled for the same time! It is required for a pharmacist to attend, so thanks to Dr. Kerr and Dr. Lynch for making this effort possible. If you are interested in presenting, volunteering at, or attending a presentation, please contact Emily Collins (ecollin@siue.edu).

Edwardsville Halloween Parade

Halloween is just around the corner, and we are almost ready to go. Our Float is themed Penguins, and thanks to everyone who helped build the float, especially to Kelly Perez for allowing us to use her dad's trailer. Special thanks also to Dr. Lynch for a generous donation of 120 dozen (that's 1440!) throw beads, and almost 100 penguin squirt toys. Everyone is welcome to attend the parade, including faculty, staff, and family. Just dress up as your best penguin (or white coat or SIUE shirts), and come to Edwardsville Middle School at 6 p.m. on October 31. We are asking everyone to bring at least 1-2 bags of candy to pass out.

Step Out to Fight Diabetes

We had eleven walkers at the Alton, IL event on September 29th. Thus far, the event has raised just over \$33,000 for the American Diabetes Association. Our team, 17 members strong, raised a total of \$715, just shy of our goal of \$1,000. We would like to thank all of our walkers and teammates for volunteering their time and efforts (and money), with a special thanks to Kelly Perez for setting up the website for us and getting our team started!!!



Step Out to Fight Diabetes SIUE APHA-ASP Team:

Kelly Perez, Katie Bartels, Brian Dorsey, Julie Endsley, Ben Erwin, Margo Hanerhoff, Tara Hosselton, Ashley Jarrett, Diana Jason, Jessica Kerr, Ashley Lawton, Brandi Myers, Corinne Peshek, Gregory Saplin, Michael Schneider, Jason Scott, Mary Janet Stunson



Member of the Month

Name: Jenna Hart

Pharmacy Year: 2nd Year

Congratulations to Jenna Hart, the Member of the Month. We would like to thank Jenna for all her hard work. She should be recognized for always taking on extra responsibilities. Jenna helped out with Trivia Night Silent Auction prizes. She enthusiastically volunteers to help out when needed. She takes an active role as an APhA-ASP member aside from her many responsibilities to other student organizations. She is our IPhA liaison and recently headed the committee for the pandemic flu kit competition at the IPhA annual meeting. We received an A+++ on the poster! Jenna deserves recognition for her enthusiasm and dedication.

Have you noticed someone working hard to help out this semester with APhA-ASP? Nominate them! A nomination should include the nominee's full name, the nominee's pharmacy year, and one or more reasons for your nomination. Any other information would be appreciated but not necessary. Note: Executive Board members may not be elected for member of the month. Send all nominations to bgrover@siue.edu, and that person will be recognized for all their efforts.

Midyear Regional Meeting (MRM)

Midyear Regional Meeting (MRM) for Region 4 is at Purdue U in West Lafayette, IN this year, November 2-4. SIUE SOP is co-hosting the event, and Dean Medon will be giving the opening speech. MRM is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow students, network with other student pharmacists, and get leadership training. Seminars this year will include a patient counseling workshop (a great way to get ready for the Patient Counseling Competition), media training, a health literacy workshop, and information on navigating the residency process. MRM is also where the policy process gets started. When our national member-at-large, Angela Rosenblatt, was here, she talked about APhA being the One Voice of pharmacists. The policy process is the way that we, as student pharmacists, can say with One Voice that we want to make change happen. If you have anything at all that you want to change in pharmacy or pharmacy school, this is the forum to voice your opinion. If you have any ideas for policy proposals, let one of the Exec officers know so we can bring it to MRM. If you haven't already signed up, it's not too late! You can register online at www.pharmacist.com. Costs for hotel and the conference is \$130/person but our organization plans on donating up to \$1000 for student reimbursement. We will be carpooling there, and hotel rooms have already been reserved. Hope to see you there! Contact Emily Collins (ecollin@siue.edu) if you have any questions.

IPhA Annual Conference

The Illinois Pharmacists Associate held their general conference in St. Charles, IL from Oct 4th-Oct 7th, 2007. IPhA provides free registration for student pharmacists. While this meeting is more geared for health professionals, there is much that a student can gain by attending. There was a session about the Asheville project

where an actual patient came in to talk about how much she benefited and how grateful she was. There was a pandemic flu kit poster competition which we are still waiting for the final results. There were breakout sessions on the metabolic syndrome, improving medication adherence, hyperlipidemia update, pandemic flu kit

awareness, and an extremely informative session on Herbals and Dietary supplements provided by Nicholas Popovich of UIC. There was also the house of delegates and pharmacy exhibits, including an SIUE booth.

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APHA_ASP.SHTML](http://www.siue.edu/pharmacy/apha_asp.shtml)

Special Thanks to....

- ✦ Jeremy Hannon: Formatted the Showplace Ad which is currently at the Kerasotee theatres through the month of October.
- ✦ Jenna Hart and committee: They created a poster for the Pandemic Flu poster competition. The poster can be seen on the bulletin board in the SOP outside of the classrooms
- ✦ Kelly Perez: For initiating the Showplace Ad and ordering the American Pharmacists month calendars.
- ✦ Jessica Laubscher: Ordering the American Pharmacists Month T-shirts
- ✦ Travis Willeford: Getting the pizzas for our membership outreach visit with Angela Rosenblatt and giving her a tour of SIUE SOP.
- ✦ Dean Medon: Contributed \$1000 to MRM since SIUE is co-hosting along with Purdue and Butler this year.

IPhA Board of Directors

BY: Jenna Hart

IPhA stands for the Illinois Pharmacists Association and is "the Voice For Pharmacy in Illinois." SIUE was invited to have a student position on the board last spring. I must say that it is a great experience to be a part of this board. The student director holds full voting power on the IPhA board which is a remarkable opportunity for student pharmacists. Being able to sit in on board meetings, which are bi-monthly, and learn pressing issues related to pharmacy in Illinois is an

opening not given to students in many cases. There are many opportunities to get involved with the board which seats pharmacists from around the state. Many of these pharmacists have projects that provide student positions for involvement. I encourage you, if interested, to run for this position or to become involved in other aspects of APHA-ASP. If you are interested in taking on this position, please e-mail djason@siue.edu. This is especially a great way for P1's to start getting involved!

Up-coming Events

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- October 26 MRM Online Registration Ends
- October 29 Deadline to vote for who should "Kiss the Pig"
- October 30 Official Kiss the Pig Ceremony (Room 1102 at 12 p.m.) and ice cream social
- October 31 Edwardsville Halloween Parade
- November 2 thru 4: Mid-Year Regional Meeting (West Lafayette, IN)
- November 6: HPV Education in Prairie Hall, 730pm
- November 8: Diabetes Training. Noon in room 1102 with Dr. Kerr.
- November 13: Nursing Home Diabetes Education Visit (Meridian Village at 7:30 p.m.)
- November 27: Nursing Home Diabetes Education Visit (Rosewood at 7pm)
- November 29: Chapter Meeting, noon, room 1102