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There’s no better way to kick off the home stretch of the fall semester than with Kappa Epsilon's 7th annual Bowling for a Cure. This event supports the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer foundation and Kappa Epsilon's philanthropy project. Tuesday, November 27th, 98 College of Pharmacy students and professors came out to Alley Katz Bowling Alley to show support and showcase their bowling skills.
Kappa Epsilon sold shirts for the event, and all proceeds from the evening were donated. The night was a great success! In total, over 2,000 dollars were raised, proving that whether you split, spare, or strike, even gutter balls won that night.
Every 10 minutes, a baby in Florida is born too soon. To help bring awareness to premature births, the College of Pharmacy participated in the Gator’s March for Babies walk on November 4th. The March of Dimes mission is to raise funds to help prevent premature births.

Team captains Amy Lynn Safaty, Rachel Manno, and Amy Lynn Kiskaddon (2PD’s) lead the College of Pharmacy in several unique fundraisers to support the cause; including collecting spare change in baby bottles,
selling purple hair bows and by holding a bake sale. Dr Peris supported the team’s fundraising efforts by dying her hair purple! Overall, the College of Pharmacy raised over 2,300 dollars! This was a phenomenal turn out considering it was the first time that the College of Pharmacy participated! We are all hoping for another inspirational walk next year full of baby saving love and support. By: Karina Criscio 1PD
Would you consider yourself to be an entrepreneur? Do you value the loyal and trustworthy, face-to-face relationship that pharmacists have with their patients? Does defending your interests and the interests of your patients matter to you? If you’ve answered yes to any of these, you may be interested in knowing what a membership with the National Community Pharmacist Association (NCPA) has to offer you! Independent pharmacy owners have a unique opportunity to practice pharmacy the way that they envision. They are the “Mom & Pop” stores that have been the backbone of our profession for so long, offering free home-delivery, custom compounding, durable medical equipment, and exceptional quality in caring for their patients. In a society full of cookie-cutter pharmacies on seemingly every corner, it’s a necessity to find your niche!

The University of Florida Gainesville chapter of NCPA offers a variety of unique opportunities, or “niches” as we refer to them, which allow our organization to stand out amongst the others. The most popular event we offer is our Compounding Workshop held once each semester. We allow students to prepare formulations such as troches, lollipops, capsules, gels, ointments and suppositories to name a few. This is a valuable opportunity since most students won’t try their hands at compounding until their 3PD year. Since spots are limited and fill very quickly, members receive preference.

Another event we offer is a national Student Business Plan Competition, in which chapters from every school compete on developing business plans for fully operating real-world pharmacies. This incredibly prized event helps students appreciate how to develop and operate a pharmacy, and in doing so, is also a great talking point at job interviews. At our monthly meetings, we provide guest speakers who are either affiliated with independent community pharmacies or are themselves owners and pharmacists at their pharmacy and in some cases, multiple pharmacies.

Furthermore, our organization is deeply involved with political and legislative advocacy that protects the freedoms and rights, which we as pharmacists are governed by, and is vital to being a successful business owner. In spring semesters we attend Legislative Days in Tallahassee. Beyond that, we also offer a community health screening at a local independent pharmacy every semester. We have only been around for a short period of time and envision a great deal of growth in the chapter. If you’d like to become involved as an officer or learn about even more of what NCPA offers, please contact Joe Bratsch: jbratsch@ufl.edu.

If you’ve ever pondered working for yourself and making your own hours, we encourage you to get involved by attending our next meeting and interacting with our speakers and officers. Be on the lookout for details!
This semester has proven to be my favorite thus far! I have really enjoyed classes and the material we are learning; they are so interesting to me and I feel so privileged to have the opportunity to learn. This semester has been busy, but mostly rewarding. In addition to classes, I have been doing my IPPE III Data Collection Project at Eastside Clinic, where I am learning how to help manage chronic disease states such as dyslipidemia, hypertension, diabetes, and monitor INR. It is encouraging when patients come back a few weeks later and you can observe first-hand how the pharmacists’ counseling, medication adjustment, or adherence has benefited the individual.

When I am not watching lectures or studying, I enjoy my involvement in student organizations and relaxing with family and friends. Through serving as chapter President Elect for APhA-ASP, I have been able to become better acquainted and learn from so many outstanding individuals here at UF and across the country. I also recently developed a local patient care project called Pediatric Awareness, which focuses on serving the needs of our pediatric population. We accomplish this through craft days in Shands, nutrition, and wellness education, and various other activities such as “Be a Pharmacist for the Day” at local preschools or partnering with the Shands Bone Marrow Drive. The children are precious and serving them has truly been a highlight of my semester. We are also excited for upcoming opportunities and successfully implementing the patient care project at the satellite campuses.

I also enjoy participating in other advocacy and patient care projects through APhA-ASP. My greatest joy comes when I see children’s frowns turned to smiles, when I go with fellow students to our State or National Capitol to advocate for our profession, and when I see thousands of lives touched through our patient care projects. I am also involved with AMCP and Gator Pharmacy Wellness, and love the opportunities to provided through these organizations to spend time with fellow classmates - working together to better the lives of others, or simply just playing games.

At APhA-ASP Region III MRM this past year, I ran for Region III Member-at-large. There are over thirty chapters in region III of APHA –ASP that I help with at member at large. It was a phenomenal experience, and ended up being elected for the position. I am very excited for the opportunity this year to represent and serve the chapters that comprise the southeast region of APhA-ASP. In 2013 I hope to facilitate increased communication between chapters, promote the New Practitioner Network, work with others to strengthen patient care projects, and enthusiastically inspire others. I must say that I thoroughly enjoyed the experiences I have had thus far, and found the opportunities to be most rewarding and satisfying. Also, I love seeing my family, hanging out with friends and meeting new people. Whether heading home for a long weekend of fun and outdoor activity, getting together with my friends for our weekly dinner and Bible study, or going out with friends for a “night on the town,” I must say, without a doubt, life is good!
Welcome to the Great Gator Health Fest 2012!
By Jessica Yung (1PD)

It was a November morning, with the smell of a victorious, predicted Gator football win against the Jacksonville State Gamecocks wafting in the wind. As cold as it was, this weather created the perfect conditions for the annual Great Gator Health Fest (GGHF), held on Saturday November 17, 2012.

When talking with Sheena Mathew (2PD), she mentioned that there were a lot of optimistic expectations of how GGHF would be helpful to the Gainesville community. She, alongside fellow GGHF co-chairs Lensa Zeng (3PD) and Ruti Dwivedi (3PD), had a new vision for this year’s APhA-ASP event: an orange ‘passport’ that would serve both as a guide to the fair and motivation factor for attendees to visit less-frequented booths – an observation made from last year’s GGHF. A journey around the great conglomerate of health issues and advocacies started with introductions, registration, and the provision of the passport. The gold balloon VIP stations were reserved for Operation Heart cholesterol screenings and Operation Diabetes screening (symbolized by a gold balloon). Orange balloons symbolized a health awareness issue booth – visitation to such booths would be documented in one of six ‘prescription forms’ and signed off by a student pharmacist. In exchange for visiting six of these orange booths, each participant would be entered in a raffle for a chance to win some amazing prizes.

Even though the intended guests were a community composed of elderly grandparents, alumni, families with children, and UF students (approximately 300 in attendance!), everyone present had a great time learning and teaching. 1PDs through 3PDs were able to practice their skills.
Participants had the chance to talk to students and share questions and stories about asthma, medications, and other health topics. They were also able to have their blood sugar and cholesterol levels tested. Fun activities for children were provided to help the young community also learn about health and pharmacy!

As time for kick-off approached, the Colonnade was still very full—exemplifying the importance of and impacting role pharmacist play in society.

(GGHF lasted from 8-12)

While the College of Pharmacy was the main spotlight of the health fest, there were other health professions also spread throughout the Reitz Colonnade. There was great representation by the College of Dentistry, who excitedly provided free dental tips, brushes, and floss for everyone. The College of Physical Therapy came prepared with exercise mats and core balance tests to provide an interactive, physical experience. In addition, the College of Veterinary Medicine was present, even adding furry, four-legged companions to the list of attendees.

Final remarks and evaluations about GGHF 2012? Hear from the direct perspective of our future health providers!

“I really enjoyed my experience working in GGHF—especially at the Operation Heart Booth, where I did cholesterol testing. It gave me insight on how to interact with adults of various ages while remaining professional, which is something I can relate to in the future.”
- Tina Wang (1PD)

“It was a great opportunity to interact with the community about health issues that are most common today. I really enjoyed interacting with the upperclassman because we don’t really get to spend a lot of time with them. In a sense, it was a learning experience for the 1PD’s just as much as it was for anyone.”
- Lance Springfield (1PD)

Some of the booths present:

- Alcohol Awareness
- Geriatric Awareness
- Generation Rx
- Operation Heart & Operation Diabetes
- Women’s Health & Men’s Health
- Medication Therapy Management (AMCP)
- Asthma/COPD (FSHP)
- HIV/AIDS Awareness (FSHP)
- Arthritis/Pain Management
- American Pharmacist Month
- Allergies (ACCP)
- Self-Care/First Aid (ASCP)

A special thanks to Michelle Chung (1PD) for allowing me to include some of her photography to my collection.
Kappa Epsilon (KE) is a professional pharmacy fraternity that strives to empower its members with the confidence, interpersonal skills and leadership abilities that will enable them to become successful future pharmacists. KE was founded in 1921, and since then has grown to thirty-seven collegiate chapters and 10 alumni chapters across the United States. The Gainesville chapter began in 1939 and was formally known as Kappa Chapter of Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, Inc.

It has been an exciting and busy semester for the Gainesville chapter. The semester started with Rush week, which included events like “Kappaccino,” a scavenger hunt, field day, and game night. Potential new members mingled and met with big KE members all while learning about KE. Those who attended at least two of the four events were invited to join KE and participate in the traditional pinning ceremony. This year, KE was excited to welcome one of its largest pledge classes of forty-two members.

One of the most exciting socials of the semester was “Big-Little Week.” During this week, new members known as “Littles” were matched to older members known as “Bigs.” The Bigs purchased gifts for their Littles for one week while remaining anonymous. Littles were kept in suspense until the end of the week during the Big-Little reveal.
KE prides itself on participating in service projects and giving back to the community. October is known as Breast Cancer Awareness month, which happens to be one of KE’s national service projects. In honor of this, new members painted the 34th Street wall with the message, “Don’t let breast cancer steal second base.” In addition, KE organized the annual Bowling for a Cure, with all proceeds benefiting the Susan G. Komen foundation. In November, KE members teamed up to raise money and participate in the March of Dime’s Gators March for Babies, a charity that promotes healthy and full term births. Other service events included baking for the Ronald McDonald house, a charity that houses sick children and showing support for military families by participating in the Fisher House 5K.
On November 13–14, 2012, thirty UF College of Pharmacy students from UF APhA–ASP Pediatric Awareness participated in the third annual SWAB2SAVE Bone Marrow Donor Registration Drive, run by Shands at UF’s Footprints Buddy and Support Program. The drive was from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the Plaza of the Americas, the Reitz Union Colonnade, and at Shands Atrium. It is part of a greater effort by the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation to add bone marrow donors to an international registry.

Throughout the day, volunteers helped register individuals to become potential bone marrow donors, should they match with a patient. "Volunteers for the drive, about 150 come from a variety of UF organizations, perform a mouth swab test on potential donors to collect their DNA," she said. They sent those swabs to be tested in laboratories, and matches were contacted for further testing to ensure the donor was a perfect match.

This year, Footprints planned to match last year’s registrations, which totaled about 1,000 registrations on UF’s campus. Throughout the last three years, drives at UF have added more than 2,600 potential donors to the registry. Of those, 19 have matched people suffering from a variety of blood cancers. The chance of being a match was 1 in 1,000, which was how the numerical goal of the drive is determined.

Participation in this event helped us as students realize that it is actually a lot easier to save a life than we might think!

– Amy Kiskaddon
I hope you’ve enjoyed reading our last issue of the semester! When I took on the role of creating a campus newsletter last year, I was unaware of how successful it would become. The Script has grown from a “one man show” to a full staff of student leaders. It has been such a rewarding experience to watch the quality of The Script grow with each issue. When Joseph Ladd joined our team as my co-editor in chief, we began to make changes to the format and design of our newer issues. This semester we created a brand new committee and you can see the different creative styles of each student as you progress through the pages of this newsletter.

As 2013 is on the horizon, so is a new Editor in Chief. I am pleased to say that Joseph Ladd will continue the progress we have made with The Script for the upcoming year. It has been such an honor to be part of this publication and I hope you enjoy reading the issues just as much as I’ve enjoyed creating them! I want to thank our committee members for doing such a fantastic job this semester and I look forward to watching The Script grow with every new issue.

As this semester comes to an end, I want to wish you all a very relaxing winter break and a happy new year!

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