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THAT'S WHY I'M HERE!

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There is a great line in a James Taylor song when a friend approaches James and asks: "Brother, can I borrow your truck?" And the response that James provides: "That's why I'm here." It is a great refrain. It takes the request and turns it around into a sort of "I'm glad you ask me that question" or "it's about time someone asked me" answer. It is a feel good line for both sides of the conversation.

Growing up in a household of constant activity there was always something going on at our house. I had many brothers and sisters involved in a variety of adventures and we were home base for the neighborhood. Kids of all ages from up and down the street gathered there, ate meals there and had sleepovers there. You could be a participant or a spectator but either way you were part of the gang. And although I consider myself a relatively introverted, patient sort of person, this is where I honed my leadership skills.

In such an environment you couldn't be too shy or you might get left in the dust. You certainly did not want to be late to the dinner table. You couldn't be outrageously aggressive either or the masses would squash you like a bug with their own form of metered justice which might include embarrassment, humiliation or worst of all – go to the end of the line. You had to find the right balance, make difficult judgments and express your opinions, all in a very public forum, in front of family and friends.

Ah, but what an opportunity for everyone involved! This is where we learned that sympathizing with a problem makes friends and dealing with emotional issues makes close friends. It is where we discovered that power is best used in a positive and supportive way and serving others wins respect. We have to thank JT for emphasizing that perspective - serving others has served us well. It is a lesson that has taken us from those humble roots to where we are today. It has shaped our decision making and influenced our actions and allowed us to grow into new and interesting experiences. This ultimately, as Mr. Taylor points out, helps to define us.

I have felt very fortunate to be able to participate with PLS as a member, chapter advisor, regional officer and now as a national office holder. It has given me the opportunity to continue to participate and give in a most meaningful way. I encourage you to reflect on your own journey and to consider a more prominent role in PLS – as a chapter officer, a regional liaison or national office holder. Talk with your local chapter, attend a mid-year regional and/or national meeting and visit our national web site for specifics. Or feel free to contact me directly at www.philambdasigma.org. After all, that's why I'm here.

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To see if you are
featured in the
spot-light!

ANNUAL MEETING—MARCH 14-17, 2008

The American Pharmacists Association Annual Meeting and Exposition will be held March 14 through 17 in San Diego, California. We hope you have made plans to attend!

A few important things to remember:

- Thank you to everyone who submitted awards this year! Winners will be announced at the PLS Awards Dinner
- All PLS members are encouraged to wear their pins at all events

during the APhA Meeting.

PLS Annual Meeting Events:

House of Delegates—

Saturday, March 15th, 7:00 to 8:30 AM at the Hyatt

Randle A. Delegate check-in begins at 6:15 AM. Breakfast will be provided.

PLS Member Reception—

Saturday, March 15th, 6:00 to 7:15 PM at the Hyatt Elizabeth F. All members are welcome to attend this social event. Appetizers and beverages will be served.

PLS Awards Dinner—

Saturday, March 15th, 7:30 to 9:00 PM at the Hyatt Elizabeth G. All members are invited to attend. Ticket required (\$50). Purchase through APhA meeting registration.

Running for Office: It is not too late to run for a PLS National Office. Nominations are being accepted up to 24 hours prior to the House proceedings. Elections take place during the House of Delegates session. Feel free to contact the National Office or any current officers if you have any questions about a position.

Recognize a PLS Collegiate Member

PLS MEMBER SPOT-LIGHTS



Casandra Johnson has been a member of the University of Rhode Island APhA-ASP chapter since 2003 and has attended 3 MRMs and Annual Meetings. Additionally, she has served as President-Elect, President, and Operation Immunization Chair. Her most memorable moment in APhA-ASP was speaking to the RI House Committee in favor of allowing RI pharmacists to immunize (with subsequent passage of legislation in fall of 2007). Casey is also an active member and leader in Rho Chi, the Mu PLS Chapter, Lambda Kappa Sigma, the URI-College of Pharmacy Student Leadership Committee, and ASHP. Outside of school, Casey works at both Walgreens Pharmacy and Women and Infants' Hospital in addition to volunteering for community outreach programs such as Poison Prevention programs, Kick Butts Day, Nutrition/Diabetes Awareness programs, and Operation Immunization Awareness booths.

Matthew Sapko is a P3 student who is the one of the most involved students in The University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy. He has gained respect from his peers and the pharmacy faculty for his outstanding leadership abilities. Matt is president of the P3 class, president of PLS, and student representative for many national organizations. Matt has also served as treasurer of Kappa Psi and business manager of the University of Pittsburgh's APhA-ASP chapter. Matt was instrumental in planning and executing the P1 orientation activities, PLS fall leadership retreat, and the PLS charity auction. Matt also organized students to assist in the interviewing process of prospective pharmacy students. He also participated in a Latino Health fair doing a presentation on osteoporosis and scanning the bone densities of the patients who attended the health fair. These are just a few examples of the numerous projects that Matt is involved with. Matt was recently honored in the December 2007 issue of *Pharmacy Times*. Matt's commitment to service earned him the RESPy (Respect, Excellence, and Service in Pharmacy) Award, which is sponsored by *Pharmacy Times* and Wal*Mart Pharmacy. He is an outstanding leader in the school of pharmacy.

Does a collegiate member in your PLS chapter deserve recognition for their outstanding leadership this year? If so, please submit a short description of their accomplishments to dunnb@muscc.edu. Pictures are also welcomed.

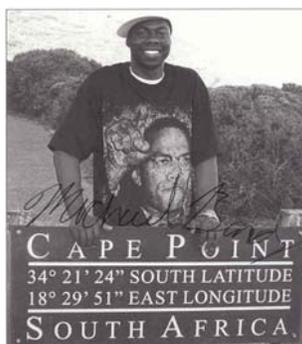
PLS MEMBER SPOT-LIGHTS (CONTINUED)



Jeff Fu is a third year professional student who was recently inducted into PLS because of his continued outstanding role in the APhA-ASP organization. Mr. Fu has served for two years as Chapter Delegate at regional and national meetings and continues this year in the position. He does an amazing job at upholding the excellence of not only the organization but also for the school of pharmacy and fellow student pharmacists. Most recently, Mr. Fu was nominated and elected to serve as the 2008-2009 APhA-ASP National Policy Committee Member at the upcoming APhA-ASP meeting to be held in San Diego, CA. Mr. Fu was recognized by the Kappa Epsilon Chapter at Bernard J. Dunn School of Pharmacy (Shenandoah University) for not only for his continued leadership as Chapter Delegate for APhA-ASP but also for his perseverance and dedication.

Lam Nguyen is not only the current PLS president but also the Student Council and P3 Class president. He is very involved in many of the other student organizations at the University of Colorado School of Pharmacy including CSSHP, APhA, and SNPhA; where he previously held the position of Vice-President. Lam is a born leader and an inspiration to everyone he comes in contact with.

Michael Bandy is a 3rd Professional Year Student and member of the Beta Sigma PLS Chapter at Florida A&M University. This summer, Michael went to South Africa as a member of the International Scholar Laureate Program's Delegation in Medicine – emphasis on HIV/AIDS issues in the country. While there, he was exposed to an in-depth view into the South African health care system. Upon his returned, not only did he share his experiences with his colleagues at the Florida A&M University College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, but he also presented his experience at the 30th International Conference for Golden Key International Honour Society with other students from around the world. Michael feels this experience was a life-changing experience for him. The Beta Sigma Chapter is very proud of Michael!!!



Julie Lauffenburger is a P2 student at The University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy. Julie is a leader not only in the school of pharmacy, but also in the community. She represents our school as a Swiezer Fellow, JHF Jonas Salk Fellow, and has organized and ran numerous “Brown Bag” sessions at a local assisted living facility. She also serves as LKS projects co-chair where she planning an HPV/Gardasil Vaccine Informational Session in March for the pharmacy community. She also served as promotion co-chair for the smoking cessation project, where she helped to advocate smoking cessation in the freshman dorms. Julie is an extremely active member of PLS and played an integral part in planning and running the annual PLS charity auction. Julie is a person who is always able to see where there is a need and takes care of meeting the need without being asked.



Jeanette Kao is a third year professional student who devotes not only her valuable time to her studies but also to many organizations which she is an active member of. Ms. Kao actively participates as Organizational Leaders President, PLS President, AMCP Vice-President and NCPA Business Plan Co-Chair. Additionally, she is an active member of Rho Chi, Kappa Psi, APhA-ASP and ASHP in addition to pursuing an MBA while in Pharmacy School. Because of her accomplishments and continued leadership responsibilities, the Kappa Epsilon Chapter at Bernard J. Dunn School of Pharmacy (Shenandoah University) wanted to take the opportunity to recognize Ms. Kao.

If you have any pictures of PLS members from APhA-ASP Mid-year Meetings, please send them to dunnb@muscd.edu so they can be added to the PLS website and included in upcoming issues of The Laurel.

Wear your pin
and
encourage
others to be
leaders!

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PLS Executive Committee at the 2007 HOD



Pictured from left to right: Janelle Sabo, Joey Mattingly, Brie Dunn, Keith Christensen, John Denio

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