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Dr. Teresa Conner Dean of Health and Human Sciences

Greetings from the Dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences (CHHS)

Dean Teresa Conner, PT, PhD, MBA

I hope that you are enjoying the new academic year and North Dakota State University (NDSU). You are part of a historic Pharmacy program that has been in existence for over 100 years. Since joining the College of Health and Human Sciences in late June, I have had the pleasure of meeting dedicated and engaged NDSU Pharmacy faculty, staff, students, alumni, and clinical partners. I have also had the opportunity to meet with the executive director of the North Dakota Board of Pharmacy and the executive vice president of the North Dakota Pharmacists Association. Both of these individuals were present at the North Dakota Pharmacists Opportunities Night along with alumni and clinical partners.

Many of you were recently recognized during our scholarship recognition ceremony. The CHHS awarded over \$900,000 in scholarships. We also recognized our legacy donors with one School of Pharmacy donor, North Dakota Rexall Club, providing support for 30 continuous years. Two other donors have provided over twenty years of continuous support. Congratulations again to all of our awardees.

We just held our Pharmacy National Advisory Board meeting. Contemporary issues in the Pharmacy profession were discussed including the shortage of pharmacists and the increased number of applications submitted in the PharmCAS system. Applications are up 18% this year in PharmCAS.

Your faculty are busy serving on professional boards. Dr. Amy Werremeyer is serving as the 2024-2025 president of the North Dakota Pharmacists Association. Pharmaceutical Sciences faculty members, Drs. Kristine Steffen and Buddhadev Layek, were recognized as being among the top 2% of scientists in the world in their fields. The School of Pharmacy is also ranked #20 nationally in total NIH funding per funded investigator and number 33 in total NIH funding awarded (\$7.5 million). Please join me in congratulating your faculty.

Congruent with our land grant mission, we will be engaged in service to North Dakotans through a "Day of Service with the Dean". The CHHS ambassadors are coordinating these opportunities and others. Please join us in service to our community. The ambassadors are led by your own, Rylie Johnson, who serves as the president of the CHHS ambassadors.

In closing, we are excited about the future. The faculty are working hard to deliver a world class educational experience for you and our alumni and clinical partners are providing strong support to the program. All of us wish you a successful year and I invite you to stop by and to introduce yourself.

In service,

Dean Conner



North Dakota Society of Health-System Pharmacists (NDSHP-SSHP) By: Rylie Johnson, Historian

NDSHP is a professional pharmacy organization that focuses on careers within health systems including clinics, hospitals, long-term care facilities, and more. The organization aims to educate pre-pharmacy and pharmacy students interested in careers within health systems about what roles a pharmacist plays in these settings and what students can do throughout school to prepare for residency. For the upcoming semester, we have multiple events and opportunities taking place. These opportunities include hosting the Goods for the Herd Food Pantry at NDSU, the RAPP project, NDSHP Summit and Expo, NDSHP Residency Showcase, Clinical Skills Competition, and sweatshirt fundraiser, all of which are happening this fall! These opportunities allow students to practice and apply pharmacy-based knowledge, learn more about residencies, and network with pharmacists and residency programs. Please attend one of our upcoming meetings this semester if you have any interest in a career within a health system or completing a residency.

All meetings are 12-1pm in Aldevron Tower room 350, the meeting dates for the Fall 2024 semester are 9/25, 10/23 and 11/20. For questions, please contact Rylie.johnson@ndsu.edu (historian).



Phi Lambda Sigma – Pharmacy Leadership Society (PLS) By: Tori Kuper, Historian

Phi Lambda Sigma (PLS), also known as Pharmacy Leadership Society, is a professional pharmacy organization with the goal of encouraging, promoting, and recognizing the development of leadership skills among our members. Students are invited into the organization each fall based on involvement, leadership experiences, and scholarship. Our organization promotes several activities to foster leadership skills.



The application to join Phi Lambda Sigma will be going out September 13th and will close October 13th, please make sure that if you are interested in joining that you sign-up during this time! We would love to have some new members and NDSU students with a GPA of 2.5+ on a 4.0 scale are eligible to join! There are many benefits to joining PLS such as: holding leadership positions, volunteering opportunities, earn scholarships/recognition/awards, and wear the PLS Gold Cords at graduation!

This fall PLS hosted all P1 -P3 students to study for Top Drug Trivia night with free pizza in Sudro. We encouraged all Pharmacy Students to join us and study with Kahoot and Jeopardy-style quizzes! It was a ton of fun and a way for the classes to interact and study together!

PLS is partnering up again this year with Rho Chi to host the Pharmacy Olympics to fundraise for the National Breast Cancer Foundation in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month on Thursday, November 7th. This year we have some very fun events planned such as speed counting, garbing relay, compounding race, and many more! Pharmacy students are encouraged to sign-up during this time with their teams! Each fall we participate in the Charles Thomas Leadership Challenge. The purpose of this challenge is to develop a series of events that will further leadership in the profession of pharmacy.

Keep an eye out in the Script Spring 2024 edition or your NDSU emails for more information about our annual spring etiquette dinner, as we will be hosting that again this year! We have some new and exciting details regarding that as we continue working to improve it each year! If you are interested to learn more about our organization or to hear in on all our future events, please feel free to reach out to our President allyson.waletski@ndsu.edu. We are also active on social media Instagram [@pls_ndsu](https://www.instagram.com/pls_ndsu) or check out our board in Sudro!

The American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) By: Cori Bonik, President

The American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) is a professional pharmacy organization meant to be a collective of student pharmacists' voices and talents with the shared purpose of creating a positive impact for our students, in our community, and to advance the future of pharmacy. Our organization gives students the opportunity to learn about many different areas of the pharmacy world.

Many of our members attended the APhA Annual this past March, in Orlando, Florida. This was an awesome learning experience to dive into many different areas of pharmacy! Our Advisor, Dr. Elizabeth Skoy, was honored as an APhA fellow, and Dr. Mark Strand was selected to receive an honorary APhA membership. Our club was also recognized with a regional award for Operation Substance Use for our work with the Be the One project. This upcoming November we will have a virtual Midyear Regional Meeting where students are able to network with students from other pharmacy schools and pharmacists. Students are also able to propose different policies if desired.

This upcoming semester, our executive team is planning a year of new projects and outreach events. So far, we have been continuing our work with the Be the One project and have hosted a steps competition to raise awareness for cardiac health. We are looking forward to a year full of projects to promote student pharmacist involvement in patient care throughout the community.

As we look ahead to this year, we are excited to welcome new members! Our meetings are once a month on Wednesdays 12-1 PM. You may also email taryn.whisler@ndsu.edu (VP of Membership) or cori.bonik@ndsu.edu (President) with any questions. We look forward to seeing you at APhA-ASP!



CHHS Ambassadors By: Taylor Garrett, Public Relations Chair

The College of Health and Human Science Ambassadors is a selective student organization which represents each of the departments within the college such as nursing, pharmacy, allied science, public health, sports management, nutrition science, exercise science, social work, and human development and family sciences. The members of this organization serve an essential role in promoting the college through involvement in a variety of events for prospective student, current students, and alumni by assisting in the recruitment, application, and enrollment process by sharing positive, personal experiences.

We started the year off strong by helping with Welcome Week by participating in a variety of events. There are also many events coming up that we are excited to participate in. This includes scholarship, white coat, hooding and pinning ceremonies, Cookies for Kids Cancer, Homecoming Meet and Greet, and Health Professions Learning Community nights. Next semester, we will be organizing Battle of the Cents-es, a penny war against the Engineering Ambassadors, to raise money for a local family in need. The College of Health and Human Sciences Ambassadors will also interact with groups of all ages throughout the year to help them learn about the healthcare field, through HOPE Programs, Discovery NDSU Days, and much more! If you are interested in joining the College of Health and Human Sciences Ambassadors or have any questions, feel free to contact Rylie Johnson, President RYLIE.JOHNSON@NDSU.EDU



Public Health Association (PHA) By: Kelly Corr, Secretary

The Public Health Association has a purpose of striving to meet the public health needs of the community through multidisciplinary collaboration of NDSU students, faculty and staff with the goals of promoting health, preventing disease, and improving the quality of life of everyone. This is accomplished by hosting meetings, investigating opportunities at sites in our local area, practicing what we learn, and coming together for fun events.

This year we have a variety of opportunities to become involved in our local community, both on and off campus. We will be taking a fieldtrip to our local public health unit (LPHU) at the end of September to learn more about communication and collaboration. We will be presented with information about HIV and testing at our meeting on October 16, 2024 from 5-6 pm in Aldevron tower room 150. On October 31, 2024, we will be hosting a speaker engagement from Alfredo Morabia. We hope to see you in the Memorial Union for a booth about various health topics.

We are looking forward to the American Public Health Association (APHA) national convention at the end of October and hope to share some interesting and innovative happenings from across the nation. We are also looking forward to National Public Health week in the spring and hope to again have some very insightful speakers who inspire greatness within us.

Last spring, we had a visit from Dineo Dowd and she inspired members of PHA to get out there and explore our own Fargo-Moorhead area with a hike at the end of August (pictured below).



Our meetings and events are open to anyone, but please log into myNDSU and join the Public Health Association to receive further detailed information. If you have any questions about events or ideas, please reach out to myself Kelly.gietzen@ndus.edu, Payton (President) payton.drent@ndsu.edu, Edwin (Vice President) Edwin.akomaning@ndsu.edu or Prince (treasurer) Samuel.p.osei@ndsu.edu

Human Development and Family Sciences Club (HDFS) By: Barbara Augustino,

HDFS Club President

Over the years, the Human Development and Family Sciences Club (HDFS) has flourished, benefiting its members progress both academically and professionally. In Fall 2023 students attended a professional event hosted by the Human Development and Family Science Department. The speaker Dr. Ted G. Futris discussed "Promoting Relational Health". He concentrated on enhancing communities' capacity to support happy marriages and relationships. Stressing the significance of a child's positive early experiences on their general wellbeing, which includes their ability to engage in educational activities and form a sense of belonging.



The club organized a Valentine's Day craft in February 2023. Members designed cards which were donated to the geriatric center, where they console elders suffering from Alzheimer's disease. Recently, the club successfully arranged a partnership walk in support of the Alzheimer's Associations of Minnesota and North Dakota in order to raise funds to eradicate the illness. This action provided members with the opportunity to offer compassion, empathy, guidance, practical leadership and support to others in our community who are in crucial need.

In earlier initiatives, members created tie blankets that were given to Sanford Health Roger Maris Cancer Center, with the goal of raising optimism for a cancer-free world while enhancing survival and quality of life. To enhance literacy, promote early childhood education, and boost confidence and self-esteem, members visited a regional Montessori school and read aloud to the children and allowed them to discuss their favorite books. To combat the stigma associated with menstruation and women's health, the club started a menstrual hygiene campaign. The sanitary pads that were gathered were all donated to local organizations that empowers women, girls, and all menstruating people. In Spring of 2024, the club was granted the Bison Leader Award for Diversity.

To sum up, the HDFS club has shown remarkable progress throughout the years in terms of community service, organizational growth, and effective leadership. This year and in the upcoming academic years, the club is keen to advance its mission of advancing education and social transformations for the benefit of all people.

Pediatric Pharmacy Association & SCCP By: Jenna Gorder

PPA and SCCP are joining forces for another great year! Throughout this semester we will have a number of opportunities available for members to participate in fundraising and volunteer activities. There will be a Mega Muffin fundraiser on Thursday 10/17 to help raise money for both organizations. We are also planning to continue our tradition of volunteering at the Arthritis Foundation's "Jingle Bell Run". Looking forward to the spring semester we plan to sell SCCP Pocket Guides that will be useful for pharmacy students on rotations and will also have our annual MAPP project in April.

Student College of Clinical Pharmacy's mission is to familiarize students with clinical pharmacy by providing information about careers and opportunities in the pharmacy world. We meet once a month and often host guest speakers from a variety of clinical pharmacy disciplines to provide students with information on their fields.

Pediatric Pharmacy Association is an organization aimed to educate on the safety and effects of medication for children to not only members of the organization but also the ever-growing community. This growing organization not only wants to prepare professional students that are soon to be serving patients, but to also open the doors to endless possibilities in the world of Pharmacy to our pre-professional students. Learning about the safety and effects that medications can have between adults and pediatrics will prepare you for all encounters in any pharmacy setting you decide to work in.

Our meetings this semester are 10/16, and 11/13 at noon in Aldevron 350 and are open to anyone interested. If you have any questions, or would like to join SCCP or PPA, please reach out to either president at callahan.mechelke@ndsu.edu or jenna.gorder@ndsu.edu



Pre-Pharmacy Club

The NDSU Pre-Pharmacy club gives students who are just beginning their education in pharmacy a chance to make connections with their fellow students, learn more about what this major can offer, and overall feel better prepared to begin their pharmacy experience here at NDSU. It is run solely by pre-pharmacy students who are all working together to form a community early on, so you can build a support system early! Our executive team is made up of five P.5 students who are dedicated to our mission of helping students feel welcome and included.

While the club will only meet once a month, the goal is to make every meeting as informative and helpful as possible, so every student leaves feeling more prepared than when they started. A few of the central themes of each meeting will be learning good study habits, finding an internship you love, and preparing for interview day. Some meetings will feature speakers from staff members within the department, while others will showcase different points-of-view from current students. The club will also offer a few philanthropy opportunities and provide some small-scale leadership roles for those who are interested.

The first meeting will be held on October 14th in Sudro 27 at 5:00. The first meeting's theme is focused on building connections and forming a community and will be a great introductory meeting for freshman and sophomore pharmacy students who are looking to get involved within their major!



Kappa Psi By: Natalie Schuh, Historian

Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity is a professional fraternity within Greek life consisting of pre-pharmacy students and professional pharmacy students. Brothers of Kappa Psi root our ideals in brotherhood, philanthropy, and developments in pharmacy. In Kappa Psi, a balance between school, social life, and interfraternity life can all be found! As a fraternity, we participate in many philanthropy and brotherhood events together.

Over the spring, our philanthropy events included participation in Project Linus, Reach out and Read, and Feed My Starving Children, as well as supporting other fraternities and sororities on campus with their events. Some of our brotherhood events included Bachelor nights, camping, a Super Bowl party, and swimming. We hope to continue events like these in the future while also growing together in our brotherhood.

Last spring, we welcomed 10 new members into our fraternity, and we are excited to start our pledging process with our 19 new PNMs! Looking forward, we are enthusiastic to continue our philanthropy project of Fries with Kappa Psi that is held annually in fall to raise money for Reach Out and Read. Reach Out and Read is a non-profit organization dedicated to supplying books to children and educating families on the importance of reading at a young age. We will also be attending the Northern Plains Province assembly in Omaha, Nebraska in November. At the province assembly, we will have the opportunity to meet with all of the Kappa Psi chapters, as well as many of our alumni, from the Midwest to discuss new ways to advance the organization and profession of pharmacy. Our members can network with colleagues and build lasting connections. Kappa Psi helps pharmacy students grow professionally and socially with students at NDSU and across the country!

If you are interested in joining Kappa Psi, feel free to reach out to any of our members for more information!



Rho Chi

Rho Chi is a pharmacy honor society that seeks to advance pharmacy through sustained intellectual leadership. Members consist of the top 20% of the P3 class, who are selected for membership during the spring of their P2 year based on their academic and professional achievements. Our mission is to encourage and recognize intellectual achievement, contribute to the development of intellectual leaders, promote the highest ethical standards, and foster collaboration. We as a chapter strive to uphold these values through offering academic assistance, serving as mentors to younger students, and by hosting events that promote pharmaceutical research and advocacy in the field of pharmacy.

This year's chapter consists of 13 members from the Class of 2026, who were inducted into Rho Chi in April 2024. We are excited to start this year off with different events aimed at influencing younger pharmacy students/incoming students and inspiring professional development of members. These include our newly revamped Mentorship Program, philanthropy events, fundraising, and more!

Touching on our Mentorship Program specifically, Rho Chi organizes this program to help develop a relationship between older and younger pharmacy students. Members are matched with first-year pharmacy students and P.5's based on professional goals to act as a resource who can answer questions and give advice for a smoother adjustment to pharmacy school. We will be having monthly mentor meetings and activities, which will both provide insight to first-year pharmacy students from an experienced perspective and foster the mentee-mentor relationship.

Through these events, we hope to make a positive impact on younger students and the NDSU/FMcommunity. Our chapter is excited for this upcoming semester, and we look forward to helping inspire leadership and development of pharmacy students!



National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) By: Sean Fuchs, President

The NDSU National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) is made up of both pre-professional and professional pharmacy students. Our organization is dedicated to independent community pharmacy, pharmacy ownership, and serving the local community. We strive to provide meaningful volunteer opportunities and educational experiences for our members.

As an organization, NCPA helps to serve within the Fargo Moorhead community by participating in various outreach events and volunteer opportunities. This year, we donated over 100 books as part of our spring book drive, and we will be selecting our fall volunteer event during our October meeting.

In addition to our volunteer work, we have an exciting lineup of speakers planned. In an upcoming meeting, we will host a Dr. Kristyn Hamm (who serves as a preceptor for rotations) from the Minneapolis Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy, who will share insights on specialty pharmacy practice. Our meetings are scheduled for October 14th, November 18th, and December 9th.

Finally, the NCPA National Convention will be held this year from October 26th to the 29th in Columbus, OH. This event is an excellent opportunity for students to network with professionals and fellow students, while learning more about independent pharmacy practices. We encourage members to attend and make the most of this valuable experience.

If you're interested in joining us, please attend our monthly meetings. We look forward to a successful fall semester with new volunteer events, guest speakers, and opportunities to connect with the wider pharmacy community.

Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International (CPFI) By: Alexa Agin, Historian

Serving Christ and the World Through Pharmacy

Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International (CPFI) is a Christian fellowship organization for pharmacy students of all years (pre-pharm included). We gather once a month on Wednesday at noon in Aldevron 350 for a meeting (pizza included!). These meetings involve challenging each other to share and grow in faith and learn more about integrating faith into practice. We share in devotion, prayer, struggles and successes in addition to having a guest speaker at most meetings.

We have a very exciting fall semester planned with opportunities to serve our community. In October, we will be helping the event, "Boo at NDSU" which is a family-friendly Halloween trunk-or-treating event in Cater Hall. At this event, we will host a carnival game and pass out candy to kids. Also in October, we will be having our muffin fundraiser, so watch out for us selling a variety of muffins in Aldevron! In November, we will be having our volunteering event, Operation Christmas Child. This is where we will pack boxes filled with toys and personal hygiene items to be sent to children all over the world. We are also planning to host our annual pharmacy faculty appreciation breakfast this fall for the amazing staff in the School of Pharmacy. In the spring, our volunteering opportunity is partnering with "Sole Hope" to make shoes for children in Uganda. These shoes protect children's feet from jiggers that burrow into feet. We use templates to cut denim jeans so they can be sent to Sole Hope to be turned into these shoes.

Our meetings and events are open to anyone interested. Check out our board in Sudro and scan the QR-code to get more information! You can also follow us on Instagram @ndsu_CPFI. If you have any questions, or would like to join CPFI, please reach out to madison.shreffler@ndsu.edu.



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