It was on an International Pharmaceutical Students’ Federation (IPSF) exchange to Ghana I realized the opportunities presented by our profession outside of the US and I couldn’t wait to get more involved.

Last fall, I eagerly applied to serve on the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP)’s International Standing Committee. The National Executive Committee of APhA-ASP has recently appointed me and I started my term as Contact Person on March 1. I am honored and thrilled about this opportunity to represent ISU College of Pharmacy and APhA at an international level.

As the Contact Person for ISU College of Pharmacy I am now the liaison between APhA-ASP and IPSF. I notify all APhA-ASP members about IPSF events and news, informing IPSF about the activities of APhA-ASP chapters, facilitate open communication with contact persons from the other 83 member-nations. I will also run the IPSF workshop at the 2014 APhA annual meeting and serve as APhA-ASP’s Official Delegate at the 2013 World Congress in the Netherlands.

I want to collaborate with students from other countries and help the US develop and sustain strong relationships with other IPSF member-nations to globally promote the value of our profession.

As members of APhA-ASP, all ISU student pharmacists are members of IPSF, an international advocacy organization representing student pharmacist from 83 different countries.

Through IPSF, pharmacy students have access to many public health projects, professional leadership development at World Congress and exchanges to other member-nations through the Student Exchange Program.

As a smaller university, ISU has a disadvantage compared to other APhA-ASP chapters around the country. Despite this, ISU College of Pharmacy student pharmacists have consistently risen to out-com-
pete larger schools. We recently won the National Operation Diabetes Award, Regional Operation Immunization Award and placed members on multiple national standing committees.

In this position I will encourage members of APhA-ASP to seek out opportunities to practice abroad, as this will strengthen their abilities to practice pharmacy in the US. I will continue advancing the profession of pharmacy in the US and abroad, both by learning from other member-nations and by teaching them what APhA-ASP members have to offer our profession. Most of all, I’m excited to serve APhA-ASP members and represent ISU at a national and international level.

My fellow students here at ISU are some of the most motivated leaders in the country, pushing each other to accomplish much for our profession. I can’t wait to see what my colleagues do for the profession when we are all pharmacists.

ISU College of Pharmacy Recognized by APhA at Spring Meeting

Receiving 2nd runner-up for its division, the APhA-ASP chapter of ISU College of Pharmacy was recognized at the spring meeting of APhA in Los Angeles. The College was also given first place in Region 7 for Generation Rx.

While the College often receives awards for its separate outreach activities, this award encompasses them all. The chapter not only includes Operation Immunization, Operation Diabetes, Operation Heart and Generation Rx as its patient care programs, it also has Meth Awareness and Poison Prevention.

These programs give the students hands-on experience educating and serving the healthcare needs of the public. They also give students leadership opportunities as the students organize all of the events.

A highlight of the chapters’ involvement is their fundraising efforts. Meridian hosts an annual 5k Run for the Health of It and Pocatello hosts the annual Spaghetti Feed Raffle and Auction. The Spaghetti Feed alone raised $17,600 in 2012. Part of the proceeds from both events goes to help fund the wish of a Make-A-Wish child.

The Regional award for Generation Rx is the first time APhA has given regional awards for that program.

According to Jamie Williams who accepted the award for Generation Rx, “We were really surprised and excited when they called our name. I was happy to accept the award but...”

Anthony Nelson, Carli McKee and Liz Thompson played such a big role in making Gen Rx successful. It’s exciting that such a small school in Idaho can win such an award,” she said.

According to the GenRx report submitted to APhA, “The foundational goal of Generation Rx at Idaho State University is to own prescription drug abuse and to combat it effectively in our state.” Students do this by primarily targeting school age children and educating them with fifty-minute presentations. While the presentations are mostly live events in local schools, the students have expanded it this year by reaching out to partner with Idaho Digital Learning Academy. This state funded online school allowed College of Pharmacy students to present to students in a home-school setting.

The presentations were live audio feeds to the students who were able to contribute to the discussions via chat access.

Teachers in both settings have given excellent feedback and plan to use the COP students in the future for further education.
Celebrating 20 years of the Spaghetti Feed Raffle and Auction, the College of Pharmacy student organization (PPSA) organized this year’s event with the goal of raising $20,000. The unofficial total raised is $21,000. A portion of the proceeds will help fulfill the Make-A-Wish of Jaxon, a young boy with Duchene’s muscular dystrophy whose wish it is to travel to Hawaii with his family this spring. Look for more regarding the history of the Spaghetti Feed in the Spring/Graduation edition of the Bulletin.
Changes are coming to the College of Pharmacy. A renovation project for the student lounge and Reed B. Peterson Memorial Practice of Pharmacy compounding lab has been under way since January and is scheduled to finish in July. Do you remember the last renovation in 2002? There was also an upgrade in 1990. Prior to that the lab remained the same since the 1960’s.

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