

THE STUDENT SCRIPT

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Written by students, for students



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Message from Student President

By: Quynh Do, MCPHS

As we are heading into the end of our academic year, I just want to take a moment and thank each and everyone of you for showing interest in SASP and help us grow and expand this past year. I am excited to step into the role of Student President of SASP National Executive Committee. Keep an eye out on updates from us as we will be working on developing new processes and resources over the summer. We are here to help our chapters grow, so feel free to contact the NEC Directors for help anytime.

To help bridge the connections between members from across the country, I highly encourage you to join us at the upcoming NASP 2023 Annual Meeting & Expo on the shores of Lake Grapevine in suburban Dallas, Texas this September. A half-day "Student Programming" track is tailored for SASP Students as well as networking opportunities, scholarship, and poster awards.

I wish everyone an enjoyable summer break. Use this time to relax, recharge, and get ready to kick off another exciting academic year!



REGISTER NOW FOR THE NASP 2023 ANNUAL MEETING & EXPO

Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center
September 18-21, 2023

For more information visit: [HOME - NASP 2023 Annual Meeting & Expo \(cvent.com\)](https://cvent.com)

What is New in 2023?

Quybn Do, Student President



The NEC works together to standardize our procedures to ensure smooth operation throughout the year. I love talking with our chapters, listening to their inputs, and incorporating their ideas to improve the resources we provide to our members. I hope to create more resources for our student members and increase communication between our members for our next academic year. I can't wait to see what we will accomplish together!

Michael Grosshans, Director of Finance

As the Director of Finance, I am the main liaison for our SASP chapters around the country for anything financially related. I assist chapters with fundraising initiatives by utilizing our SASP Fundraiser Cheat Sheet. I am also responsible for regulating financial compliance for SASP chapters which includes the annual Financial Processes form and the quarterly Bank Account Reconciliation form. Finally, I have been working closely with NASP to increase student attendance at next year's NASP Annual Meeting & Expo. We are specifically coming up with solutions regarding funding and travel. We hope to see you at the Gaylord Texan Resort Convention Center in Grapevine, Texas from September 18th to 21st. Thank you all for the great school year and I wish you all the best of luck with your finals!



Lydia Lee, Director of Scholarly Activities



As the Director of Scholarly Activities, my main responsibility is to improve the SASP experience of our chapters via various opportunities. Throughout this past school year, I have developed the NASP-SASP Post-Graduate Opportunities Catalog, as well as worked on bringing it to life by possibly including a Residency/Fellowship Showcase at the upcoming NASP Annual Meeting & Expo! I have also been involved in updating the SASP Annual Report, working to streamline and showcase all the work that each chapter has done. We look forward to hearing about all the great work that your chapter has been doing in this year's Annual Report!

Brianna Bialy, Director of Student Member Relations

As the director of Student Member Relations, I am the liaison between the NEC and student chapters. This year I have been working on ways to communicate with chapters more efficiently. One way I have done this is by switching our main survey platform. Over the past few months, I have been collecting financial documents and collecting feedback regarding our recently implemented student POD program. Questions are always welcome at SASP@NASPnet.org. Be on the lookout for emails regarding deliverables that will be due as the end of the academic year comes to a close. Thank you all for your hard work and never hesitate to reach out to the NEC email with any questions!



Shelby Chan, Director of Social Media and Marketing



As the Director of Social Media and Marketing, my main initiatives are to increase member involvement, share different opportunities and highlight member and student chapter accomplishments. I encourage all to stay connected through our LinkedIn group and Instagram page where we post about specialty pharmacy internships, post-graduate opportunities, webinars invitations, the Student Script and many more! To connect, we have links to join on the last page of the newsletter. We are constantly looking for members that want to be involved by writing an article or want to spotlight their achievements or events. Please reach out if you're interested in sharing what your chapter has done.

LOOK AT HOW WE HAVE GROWN



1. Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
2. College of Pharmacy at NEOMED
3. Ferris State University
4. Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
5. The Ohio State University
6. University at Buffalo, SUNY
7. University of Arizona
8. University of Illinois Chicago
9. University of Kentucky
10. University of North Texas
11. University of Pittsburgh
12. University of Southern California
13. University of Wisconsin-Madison

New chapters activated in 2023 are in gold.

Five Tips and Tricks for a Smooth Chapter Leadership Transition

By: Brianna Bialy, Shelby Chan and Macy Meng University at Buffalo

As the academic year comes to an end, we know that onboarding new executive board members and stepping into a new role can be a difficult and stressful process. It is important that everyone is on the same page during the initial onboarding to make sure that the transition runs smoothly. In order for your organization to be successful, clear expectations and roles need to be set. Here we have provided some tips and tricks to help avoid errors and misunderstandings during this transition period.

1. Welcome New Board Members

Connecting new board members with past officers is crucial. New board members should be formally introduced and welcomed during their first board meeting with both the new and past officers in each position. Taking the time to welcome board members allows them to feel like part of a team from the very beginning and also ensures new members feel comfortable and will be more likely engaged in their roles. It may be a good idea to welcome new board members before the end of the semester or shortly after finals as students may be planning travels during the summer time.

2. Prioritize Communication

Communication is key. Setting an expectation for communication is very important. It allows all student chapter leaders to have a way of communicating with each other and keeping everyone informed. An open communication channel is also useful when issues arise that need a rapid turnaround or multiple parties to resolve. Deciding on a communication channel, such as email or a messaging app, will set the foundations for succeeding in your role.

3. Create a Reference Document

Being elected as a new board member or into a new role can be nerve-wracking. Providing a reference document with information about their roles and expectations can help chapter leaders gain an understanding of the value of their role, and formulate any questions they have about their role. The materials provided should be straightforward and concise, including the responsibilities of the position, and a list of meetings and events to attend. Checklists can also be very



Making slime at Univeristy at Buffalo SASP GBM!

From left to right: Brandon Fajardo, Andres Garcia, Lucas Couto

helpful and useful during the onboarding process, they should highlight the various tasks each position is responsible for throughout the year and be organized chronologically. This will ensure that each chapter leader stays on track with their duties and is aware of what might be coming up in the near future. If you have any questions about developing this document or a checklist, please reach out to the NEC! We would be happy to support you in developing this resource.

4. Learn the Tools at Your Disposal

Within the first month of taking on a new role, it can be difficult to know what tools such as platforms are needed and useful for your position. Therefore, spending the time initially to familiarize yourself with the platforms available, how to use them, and what is available on each platform can be helpful. By taking this time in the beginning, you will be able to have a more efficient process throughout your time in your role. This can also be an additional opportunity to reach out to the past chapter leaders in your role to ask questions and clarify how to use the platforms available.

5. Time Management

Your first responsibility is always being a student. At times, it may become difficult to handle all of your responsibilities. Therefore, blocking specific times to work on SASP projects can help you stay on track. Take the time to determine who are the key players you need to work with, how much time would the event take, and when should the information need to be sent out. After collecting this information, identify how much time it would take you to complete the project and plan for that amount of time. By planning out a certain amount of time to do something, you will give yourself more focus and attention on it to avoid being overwhelmed.

Use these tips and tricks as a guide to help with the upcoming chapter leadership transition! This can help make sure you start your next academic year strong. Reach out to the NEC via sasp@naspnet.org for additional guidance during this transition period!



Ron Bookman Memorial Scholarship Program



There's still time! Scholarship applications accepted until **May 31!**

Each year, NASP awards student scholarships for academic achievement, a commitment to serving others, a strong work ethic, and leadership qualities. The NASP Ron Bookman Memorial scholarship honors the memory of Ron Bookman, a specialty pharmacy industry leader.

For more information and to apply, visit the NASP 2023 Annual Meeting & Expo scholarship [web page](#).

NASP 2023 ANNUAL MEETING & EXPO

REGISTER TODAY!

JOIN NASP FOR OUR HALF DAY

STUDENT PROGRAMMING

This unique, half day program for pharmacy students provides insight into specialty pharmacy with an opportunity to network with specialty pharmacy professionals from the industry.

Monday
September 18, 2023





WALK MS

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Walk MS is an official fundraising event supporting the National MS Society. It is the largest gathering in MS movement and raises funds to change the world for people with MS. On April 22nd, the UK student chapter participated in the National MS Society's walk for the first time at Lexington and raised a total of \$200!

Featuring: Luke Yang, Sissy Spasova, Reese Sikorski, Addison Dumes, Megan Russell, Jacob Johnson, Theresa Kwarcianny, Alexis Brock





Light the Night Walk Fundraiser for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

Top: Patrick Asamoah, Ricky Zheng, Gustavo Gonzalez, Charly Schmitz; Middle: Shirley Huang, Jasmine Yeoh, Callie Hipolito; Bottom: Emily Biu, Raelea Derylak



Showing off the slime they made at their GBM

Austin Grzechowiak and Patrick Asamoah

UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO HIGHLIGHTS



Top image: UB SASP students went on a tour in RelianceRx where they saw behind the scenes and learned the operations of a specialty pharmacy

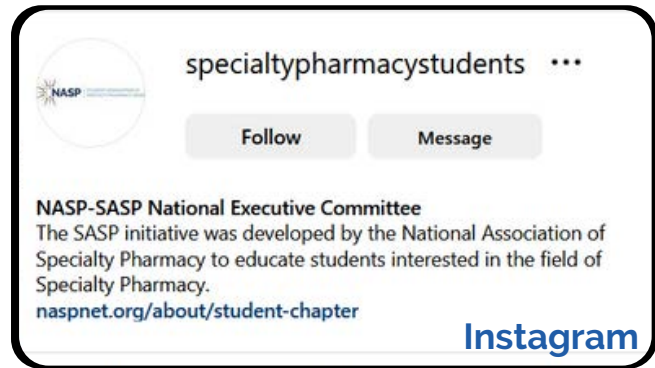
Left image:
Patrick Asamoah, Shirley Huang,
Emily Biu, Jasmine Yeoh

Right image: "Slime time!"
Shirley Huang and Callie Hipolito



Let's Connect and Share

Did you know that NASP-SASP has a LinkedIn and Instagram? We invite you to join the group where we will share updates, scholarship opportunities, webinars, and other things relating to students in specialty pharmacy. This is a great place to learn more about SASP, be up to date on all we offer as a national organization and network with other students from different pharmacy schools!



Get Published in the Script!



Future issues of The Student Script will be almost entirely student-driven and we hope that you will join our efforts! Be sure to take pictures at your events and send them in if you'd like your chapter to be included in this nationally distributed newsletter. Additionally, we would also like to invite you all to contact the National Executive Committee about contributing to the next issue of The Student Script with your own piece of writing! Topics can range anywhere from educational pieces about specialty disease states to recognition of individual chapters or students for the incredible accomplishments they have had in the field of specialty pharmacy. For more information, please email the NASP-SASP NEC Director of Social Media and Marketing at lokhaych@buffalo.edu

Looking for More Information?

Click each icon to join our LinkedIn group, Instagram page or visit our webpage!

