

leaders, parents, teens, and college students to actively work to prevent abuse. This year, 1267 Generation Rx presentations were conducted, and 224 medication take-back events took place.

Overall, 122 of our 139 chapters participated in patient care projects, completed more than 35,000 hours of planning, and spent more than 56,000 hours hosting events.

Public and political advocacy

Student pharmacists continued to advocate for provider status and other relevant policy topics this year. The APhA–ASP SLI began with chapter leaders conducting Capitol Hill visits: 205 students visited 140 offices to advocate for the profession to legislators. The annual APhA–PAC fundraiser that takes place at SLI raised \$2300 for the APhA–PAC (more than twofold increase from SLI2016): another success.

Student pharmacists across the nation continued to celebrate American Pharmacists Month (APhM) in October and to emphasize the pharmacist's role in patient care by continuing to use the logo and slogan "Know Your Pharmacist, Know Your Medicine." Chapter members took this celebration to their communities and beyond by means of social media campaigns. Students changed their Facebook profile pictures and cover photos to the APhM logo, used Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram on October 4 with #aphmselfieday to generate community awareness, posted pharmacy facts daily, and used radio and television to reach even more people. The social media efforts during APhM engaged 299,031 users and reached a total of 554,969 people on Facebook alone.

In January 2017, the APhA–ASP Resolutions Committee reviewed 87 proposed resolutions that passed at the MRMs and finalized 3 key resolutions to be discussed at APhA2018. These focused on increasing education on the care of patients from lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and other communities, direct and indirect remuneration fees, and protocols for prescription refills during states of emergency.

External relationships

APhA–ASP continued to collaborate with other organizations and professions.

Support and increased student pharmacist awareness of the work that the APhA Foundation continues to do for the profession and public were main goals this past year. The APhA Foundation has continued to demonstrate their support of student pharmacists through the Ton Hoek Scholarship, Innovations in Immunization Practices Incentive Grants, and the APhA Foundation Student Scholarship program. The scholarship program recognizes student pharmacists whose outstanding leadership and involvement in their chapter and APhA have made their communities better. These award recipients will be recognized and presented with their scholarship at the APhA2018 Annual Meeting and Exposition. Students continued to support the APhA Foundation through the Student 1953 Society.

This year the APhA Institute on Alcoholism and Drug Dependencies carried on its mission and had its highest attendance ever. This program provides pharmacists and student pharmacists an opportunity to learn about addiction from all aspects—historical, social, pathophysiologic, and personal experiences—ultimately breaking down barriers and stigmas surrounding the chronic condition of substance use disorder. Two student pharmacists were selected to receive a scholarship through the Ronald L. Williams Memorial Fund to attend. All attendees participated in Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and Al-Anon meetings in addition to other group sessions.

For first-time attendees as well as those returning for their 30th year, this meeting will continue to transform and eradicate the stigma around substance use disorder for years to come.

Looking to the future

With 139 chapters and more than 34,000 student pharmacist members, the presidential theme "Begin Your Legacy" allowed our community to dream about where they will take the future of pharmacy. It allowed chapters to envision how they will grow year after year to continue to expand the experience of student pharmacists. These events led chapters to realize that the impact they make every day on their patients and communities builds the legacy of their organization and advocates for the advancement of pharmacy.

The Academy's hope is that student pharmacists will continue to reach for the stars, personally and professionally, keeping in mind that through their collective actions they can continue to enhance the possibilities for pharmacy. As we near the 50th year of APhA–ASP, we reflect on where we have come from and how we stand taller because of those that have come before us. It is my dream that APhA–ASP will continue this legacy of advancement so that when we near our 100th anniversary, students will look back and know that they can provide more for their patients because of what we did today.

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APhA–APRS

Supporting patient-centered pharmacy care through discovery and expert opinion

The APhA–APRS mission is to stimulate the discovery, dissemination, and application of research to improve patient health and serve pharmacists and those APhA members who are involved in the pharmaceutical sciences. With the support of the Association staff, an outstanding leadership team, and talented postgraduates over the past year, members of the Academy have continued to support the mission, vision, and goals of the Association through discovery and expert opinion in the clinical, basic, economic, social, and administrative sciences. The role of the Academy is especially important as the profession evolves to a team-based patient-centered care model that integrates the latest advances in pharmacy practice



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and the foundational sciences, as well as new discoveries in the application of pharmacogenomics and precision medicine to help people to live longer and healthier lives.

Regardless of your practice or the role you play in supporting our profession, APhA–APRS will continue to provide you with opportunities for continuous professional development, advocacy, networking, and leadership that support interprofessional patient-centered pharmacy care.

Academy structure

The Academy is structured so that each APhA–APRS Section offers a unique opportunity to enhance your career. As a member of APhA, you can belong to a primary Section as well as any other Sections that meet your career needs and interests. To help members determine which Section serves them best, the Academy lists the following descriptions on [www.pharmacist.com/APhA–APRS-sections](http://www.pharmacist.com/APhA-APRS-sections):

- **Basic Sciences Section:** “This Section serves academic and industrial scientists with wide-ranging basic science research programs. The research interests of section members span chemical Structure, biologic activity and chemical structure, physicochemical property relationships, concepts in pharmaceutical technology and drug delivery, and the basic physical chemistry on which these are based.”
- **Clinical Sciences Section:** “This Section provides unique multidisciplinary interaction between clinical scientists and practitioners committed to expanding knowledge of the safe and effective use of drug products. A particular interest of members is how the application of pharmaceutical sciences in organized health care settings and controlled research environments relates to the evaluation and development of drugs and drug delivery systems.”
- **Economic, Social, and Administrative Sciences Section (ESAS):** “This Section is home to those interested in health services research, outcomes, policy, and administration with application to pharmaceutical treatments and pharmaceutical care. Membership is multidisciplinary, including the fields of public health, epidemiology, economics, health services research, biostatistics, medical sociology, law, health care administration and management, operations

research, pharmaceutical marketing, marketing research, technology assessment and applications, and public and private reimbursement programs. Membership affords the opportunity for interaction among scientists, educators, practitioners, government managers, and other health care system representatives.”

In addition to meeting the needs of graduates who have already launched their careers, the APhA–APRS Postgraduate Initiative offers graduate students, residents, fellows, and postdoctoral scholars resources developed specifically for future Academy leaders. Postgraduate members receive benefits including reduced membership dues and discounted APhA Annual Meeting fees. Members also receive opportunities for networking and social events, leadership positions, committee involvement, research presentation at the APhA Annual Meeting, competition for the Postgraduate Best Paper Award, and speaking opportunities concerning the role of science and research in the pharmacy profession. The goals of the Postgraduate Initiative are to “promote scientific research among peers, to increase communication and interaction among postgraduate members, and to establish collaborative relationships between members and leaders.” As the line of communication between the Academy and its postgraduate members, the Postgraduate Advisory Committee provides leadership and mentorship to postgraduate initiatives.

In addition to its dedicated leaders and volunteers, APhA–APRS is supported by an APhA Science Officer, Patrick Clay, whose responsibilities include prioritizing and coordinating the Association's response to current and emerging scientific issues as well as assisting in the development of official positions on scientific, regulatory, and pharmacy practice matters.

Supporting the APhA strategic goals

Last April during the Academy Leadership Meeting, the Executive Council and Association staff began developing a work plan to support the new charges of APhA President Nancy Alvarez and the following APhA strategic goals:

1. Transforming the role of the pharmacist by supporting pharmacists as providers of evidence-based patient-centered care.
2. Empowering members by providing them with opportunities to engage with others to advance the profession.
3. Advocating for the profession by supporting and contributing to the initiative to recognize the value of pharmacist-provided patient care services and achieve provider status.
4. Developing leaders and engaging leadership and members in work that advances the strategic plan of the Association and contributes to the advancement of the profession.

The following Sections highlight the progress the Academy has made supporting each strategic goal since last spring.

Transforming the role of the pharmacist

APhA Science Officer Patrick Clay continued to work with members of the Evidence for Pharmacist Services Expert Advisory Panel (formerly known as the MTM Advisory Panel) to identify and summarize evidence that supports the value of pharmacist-provided services. A task force was also created as a subgroup of the panel to develop a Pharmacist pAtient Care Intervention Reporting (PACIR) checklist. PACIR is primarily a manuscript checklist for researchers to use when reporting pharmacists' patient care service interventions. Both groups plan to continue to their work in the new year.

The APhA–APRS Postgraduate Advisory Committee held monthly calls and worked on several postgraduate initiatives throughout the year. The Committee reviewed and provided feedback on postgraduate-related web pages on [pharmacist.com](http://www.pharmacist.com) to ensure that content is current and relevant. Members also attended a select number of Midyear Regional Meetings (MRMs) and created an e-newsletter and flyer to help increase awareness of postgraduate opportunities and resources.

In addition, the Committee dedicated time to plan for the APhA2018 Postgraduate Forum and contributed to the Professional Development Luncheon. The forum will feature panelists from all 3 APhA–APRS Sections and will provide attendees with unique perspectives and pearls on how to write a biographical sketch for grant proposals. Recipients of the 2018 APhA–APRS Postgraduate Best

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