RX for Success: Student Edition

The best way to learn to be a professional is to find someone that is regarded as a professional and follow suit. This month we are featuring faculty and staff whom all are previous winners of the yearly Professionalism Award. We asked them to offer what they felt is key to being a professional as well as advice/words of wisdom on professionalism. Hopefully, you can incorporate their advice into your professional development process.

Dr. Monika Daftary, Pharm.D
“Conduct yourself and behave as if the patient you are treating is someone from your family. Keep expectations high”

“Emulate positive role models, be prepared, dress professionally, and speak with confidence”

Mr. Rajan Ninan
“Maintain commitment to your job and the organization”

“Be honest, offer assistance to others, and maintain good professional relationships”

Dr. Amol Kulkarni, Ph.D., Pharm.D
“A blend of courtesy, responsibility, reliability, honesty, and a strong drive for excellence is key to being a professional”

“Be respectful, polite, helpful, honest, and culturally sensitive”

In an effort to increase professional awareness and excitement, policy and legislative chairs within the college of pharmacy have joined together. They will now be providing monthly columns in the Professionalism Newsletter to keep our student body informed of pharmacy practice.

TIP CORNER!

Drug prices in America are among the highest in the world. In 2014, estimates show that prices for common brand name drugs in the U.S. have increased at a rate six times that of inflation. For example, Harvoni, a combination treatment for hepatitis costs a staggering $94,500 for a full course of treatment.

Recently, pharmaceutical companies have been inflating their price for medications at an extraordinary rate. Lack of regulatory oversight is one of major causes of surging prices. In an effort to make up for increasing expenditures, customers are forced by retailers to absorb the majority of these rising costs.

Typical solutions to the dilemma of high prices include a single payer system. In addition, price regulation will allow the U.S. government to prohibit unnecessary price inflation by pharmaceutical companies. This is one of many policy/regulatory issues in which students can become involved.

Written by: Obi Okafor, P3

Join DIA or NCPA to make a change!
DISEASE OF THE MONTH: HIV/AIDS

December 1st is World AIDS Day. World AIDS day is a global initiative to increase awareness, combat prejudice, teach prevention, and educate the general public about HIV.

- About 34 million people are living with HIV worldwide.
- In the United States about 50,000 people are infected with HIV every year.
- 1 in 8 people living with HIV are unaware that they are infected. Get tested!
- 2.5% HIV infection rate in Washington, D.C.
- Get tested!
- Find more information by clicking here.

Professional Students of the Month for October 2015

Mary Nwokem, P1

Here you will find individuals who have been deemed model professionals by their peers at the college of pharmacy. These individuals exhibit the demeanor, reliability, accountability and competence of excellent professionals.

If you would like to nominate a fellow student, notify your class professional chair.

Vincent Lainjo-Banen, P1

Trivia Question
Humira is not indicated for which of the following?

A. Rheumatoid arthritis  
B. Psoriatic arthritis  
C. Ankylosing spondylitis  
D. Crohn’s disease  
E. Irritable Bowel Syndrome

November Answer: All of the above

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