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## Matthew Bowman Receives Bowl of Hygeia Pharmacy Award

The Montana Pharmacy Association is pleased to announce that Matthew Bowman of Barrett Hospital in Dillon has received the prestigious Bowl of Hygeia Award.

Matt was recognized during the association's annual award banquet by Tony King who said, "Matt is very community minded and he has a passion for improving health care access and, in doing so, bettering the health of Dillon and surrounding Beaverhead County where he lives. Providing healthcare in rural Montana has its own set of challenges, and Matt is determined to do what he can to make services available for his community. Fortunately, his position at Barrett Hospital and HealthCare has put him in the right place to develop several programs which directly serve community members and their health and health care needs."

Tony noted that in addition to being a top-notch pharmacist, Matt Bowman is an active and dedicated member of his community. He said, "Matt takes time from his busy schedule to help others. He serves on the Dillon Volunteer Fire Department, the Southwest



Montana YMCA board and as a 4-H Leader. Matt also supports Relay for Life, the Arts Council, the Dillon Concert Association and many other sports, music and academic programs in his community. In addition, Matt somehow finds time to support state and national pharmacy associations."

## Pharmacist of the Year

Carla Cobb of Riverstone Health in Billings was recognized as this year's Fitzgerald Pharmacist of the Year.

Recalling Carla's work in the last year Tony King stated, "Carla is a leader and trail blazer in establishing forward looking pharmacy policy in Montana. Through her efforts this last year she has been instrumental in championing payment for pharmacist services in Montana and leading the charge for the introduction of a key bill at the Montana Legislature this session."

King added, "Carla's efforts have moved us closer to being recognized by Montana Medicaid for what we do for our patients. She has done this by putting together many meetings, seminars, and CE events in the past year and has been a driving force in bringing all interested parties together for a common goal - recognizing pharmacists as providers."



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## Pharmacy Technician of the Year

Angela Jensen of Alpine Apothecary Pharmacy in Whitefish has won the association's Pharmacy Technician of the Year Award.

MPA award presenters had this to say about Angela when issuing her award, "Angela is known as a relentless advocate for doing the right thing at the highest possible level of her profession in every situation. Her enthusiasm for helping patients and her ability to talk to patients all the way up to the providers in a clear and professional manner is



one of the many reasons she was selected for this award." They added, "Angela's employers confirm that she is always willing to stay a little later, work a little harder and dig just a little deeper if she knows its going to help the patients she serves."

It was noted that Angela recently completed a two year term on the MPA board where she was an active participant and leader on the PR/Publications Committee.

## Derrick Schoeben, Pharmacy Student, Wins Generation Rx Champions Award

The Montana Pharmacy Association (MPA) Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Derrick Schoeben, a P-4 student at the Skaggs School of Pharmacy at the University of Montana, has won the Generation Rx Champions Award.

Derrick's award was announced at the recent MPA awards banquet in Big Sky. At the ceremony Derrick was honored by Kevin Coffman of Cardinal Health who explained Derrick served as Chair of a community pharmacy service organization under the American Pharmacy Association & Academy of Students of Pharmacy. Coffman said, "As leader of a this organization one of Derrick's goals was to visit Montana high schools and present



on the topic of prescription drug abuse. As a result, Derrick has done over 65 presentations at high schools across Montana and Idaho." Coffman added, "As a student, Derrick has been passionate about spreading the word about addiction from prescription drug abuse to alcoholism. He attended the APhA Institute on Alcoholism and Drug Dependencies in Utah as a second year pharmacy student and served as a counselor on subsequent years."

Coffman concluded, "Derrick is truly an advocate in bringing about awareness of drug addiction to those in his peer group. For his efforts we thank him and are pleased he is this year's Generation Rx Award Winner for Montana."

## Knowing What to Do: Improve Health Literacy

By M. Jill Odom, PharmD

By now we've all heard the staggering statistics on the consequences of medication non-adherence: 125,000 deaths per year and roughly \$300 billion annually in direct and indirect health care costs. It has been reported that patients with chronic diseases are, at best, only adherent to their medications about half the time. In the midst of all those facts and figures, it can become easy to tune them out. But a surprising figure, something you probably don't think about too often, should cause you to pause: according to the most recent national literacy surveys,

11 million Americans are illiterate, possibly due to language barriers or lack of education. Seeing this literacy deficit, it is easy to understand that a quick conversation educating the patient about diabetes or how metformin works is not as straightforward as pharmacists may think.

Many of our patients can follow a direct instruction, such as "take one tablet twice daily," but their understanding of these words may not be what the pharmacist assumes. Being in health care,

## Logan Tinsen of Great Falls wins Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award

Logan Tinsen, a pharmacist with Benefis Hospitals in Great Falls, was selected as MPA's Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award winner. This award is presented annually to a pharmacist who exemplifies professionalism, leadership and is a role model to their peers.

Logan was commended for his many accomplishments by MPA Board Member Tony King who said, "At Benefis, Logan is a major contributor on the stroke team. Through his efforts on the stroke team administration times have gone down and they have greatly improved patient care. Logan is also active in teaching, serving as



a preceptor for the residency program and IPPE/APPE students. He has presented numerous professional presentations on a wide variety of clinical topics related to pharmacotherapy."

Tony explained Logan is actively involved as an at-large member of the MPA Health-Systems Academy. He is also a member of ACCP and has participated in the clinical round-table event for The University of Montana student chapter. In addition, Logan actively participates in IPHARM, Aging Services, Pharmacist Awareness Month, Take Control of Your Diabetes, and community vaccination programs.

## Mike Bertagnolli of Bozeman Health Chosen Winner of Excellence in Innovative Award

The Montana Pharmacy Association (MPA) is pleased to announce that Mike Bertagnolli of Bozeman Health was chosen as the winner of the Excellence in Innovative Award, which is given annually to a pharmacist who demonstrates and provides innovative pharmacy services in their practice setting that results in improved patient care.

Award presenters explained, "Mike was nominated for his work and leadership on the Transition of Care Project at Bozeman Health. This program started two years ago as a residency project. In the project, pharmacists reviewed correct medication reconciliation, drug interactions, allergies,



medications received while hospitalized and appropriateness of medication for disease state. The pharmacist then corrected any discrepancies with physician approval and educated patients on all discharge medications." They added, "Due to this pilot project, Mike was able to get one FTE approved to start a new Transitions of Care program in April of 2016. To date this program has completed over 1500 interventions, 163 which had potential to cause serious patient harm. Also, over 600 patients have received discharge counseling. The plan will now be for Mike to add a second Transitions of Care pharmacist in January of 2017. This is truly an innovative practice that has had a positive impact on patient care."

it is easy to forget that not everyone knows what "sublingual" or "glucose" means. The solution comes from finding out the best way to communicate with patients in the short amount of time available for counseling. Before you engage in those conversations with patients, it might be helpful to know what information patients are most interested in, and therefore likely to remember, include drug name, indication, potential benefits followed by potential risks, or adverse effects. Keeping in mind that the current national reading level is that of an eighth grader, pharmacists should be conscious of the terms they use. Additionally, it may be beneficial to have picture representations of common drug or disease mechanisms available for counseling purposes.

Maintain patient preference and privacy at all times, but whenever possible, attempt to include family members or caregivers during counseling. This creates a system of support extending beyond the counseling booth. After counseling a patient, ask them to repeat back to you specific information that you covered to see how they interpreted your instructions. An essential component of empowering our patients to take charge of their personal health care is meeting them on their level. These are some simple steps pharmacists may take to achieve this goal and prevent medication non adherence.

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## MPA 2017 LEGISLATIVE BILL TRACKING LIST

(As of 02/02/17)

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M = Monitor      O = Oppose      S = Support      SA = Support with Amendments

### Total Number of Introduced Bills -- 26

Bill #	LC Number	Primary Sponsor	Status	Status Date	Short Title	Position
<a href="#">HB 36</a>	LC0279	Gordon Pierson (D) HD 78	(H) Hearing -- (H) Human Services	02/06/2017; 3:00 PM, Rm 152	Fund Alzheimers related services provided by area agencies on aging	M
<a href="#">HB 45</a>	LC0181	Kimberly Dudik (D) HD 94	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary	01/31/2017; 9:00 AM, Rm 303	Generally revise state medical examiner laws	M
<a href="#">HB 71</a>	LC1029	Wendy McKamey (R) HD 19	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading	02/02/2017	Require certain licensed health professionals be trained in suicide prevention	M
<a href="#">HB 126</a>	LC0381	Ray L Shaw (R) HD 71	(H) Hearing -- (H) Agriculture	01/05/2017; 3:00 PM, Rm 137	Generally revise the Montana pesticides act	S
<a href="#">HB 141</a>	LC0392	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76	(S) Committee Report--Bill Concurred as Amended -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	02/01/2017	Provide licensing boards with active supervision in antitrust liability cases	S
<a href="#">HB 163</a>	LC0857	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	(H) Committee Executive Action--Bill Passed as Amended -- (H) Human Services	02/01/2017	Provide for a Montana caregiver act	M
<a href="#">HB 177</a>	LC0488	Janet Ellis (D) HD 81	(S) Hearing -- (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety	02/06/2017; 3:00 PM, Rm 317	Revise administration of immunization laws	SA
<a href="#">HB 195</a>	LC1019	Kenneth L Holmlund (R) HD 38	(H) Hearing -- (H) Human Services	01/16/2017; 3:00 PM, Rm 152	Revise laws related to pharmacies and prescription drugs	M
<a href="#">HB 208</a>	LC0544	Kirk Wagoner (R) HD 75	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary	02/09/2017; 9:00 AM, Rm 303	Provide that it is unlawful to retaliate against public whistleblowers	M
<a href="#">HB 233</a>	LC0568	Ron Ehli (R) HD 86	(H) Transmitted to Senate	02/01/2017	Establish the Montana drug product selection act	M
<a href="#">HB 235</a>	LC0420	Donald W Jones (R) HD 46	(H) Hearing -- (H) Human Services	01/27/2017; 3:00 PM, Rm 152	Provide licensing, regulation of anesthesiologist assistants	M
<a href="#">HB 268</a>	LC0223	James O'Hara (R) HD 27	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Judiciary	02/01/2017	Create offense related to assault on healthcare and emergency providers	M
<a href="#">HB 276</a>	LC0760	Edward Greef (R) HD 88	(H) Hearing -- (H) Business and Labor	02/02/2017; Passes committee as amended -- 18 to 1	Revise reimbursement for pharmacies	SA

<a href="#">HB 293</a>	LC1737	Kathy Kelker (D) HD 47	(H) Hearing -- (H) Human Services	02/01/2017; 3:00 PM, Rm 152	Revise requirements related to release of patient immunization information	S
<a href="#">HB 326</a>	LC1363	Jessica Karjala (D) HD 48	(H) Hearing -- (H) Business and Labor	02/03/2017; 8:30 AM, Rm 172	Require reporting of pricing factors for certain prescription drugs	M
<a href="#">SB 31</a>	LC0170	Albert Olszewski (R) SD 6	(S) Tabled; concept to be established by Administrative Rule	01/18/2017	Require medicaid reimbursement for drug therapy management	S
<a href="#">SB 45</a>	LC0188	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) SD 26	(S) Scheduled for 3rd Reading	02/02/2017	Revise drug and mental health treatment court laws	M
<a href="#">SB 56</a>	LC0395	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) SD 26	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading	02/02/2017	Revise sunset dates related to funding of prescription drug registry	S
<a href="#">SB 68</a>	LC0396	Dick Barrett (D) SD 45	(H) Hearing -- (H) Business and Labor	02/02/2017; 8:30 AM, Rm 172	Revise wholesale drug distribution license through Board of Pharmacy	S
<a href="#">SB 96</a>	LC0059	Cary Smith (R) SD 27	(S) Committee Report--Bill Passed as Amended -- (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety	01/31/2017	Right to shop act for health care services	M
<a href="#">SB 100</a>	LC0087	Cary Smith (R) SD 27	(H) Referred to Committee - - (H) Human Services	02/01/2017	Authorize direct primary care provider plans	M
<a href="#">SB 107</a>	LC2235	Douglas (Doug) Kary (R) SD 22	(H) Referred to Committee - - (H) Judiciary	02/01/2017	Provide liability limits for emergency care by volunteer emergency responders	M
<a href="#">SB 166</a>	LC0234	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11	(S) Hearing -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	02/09/2017; 8:00 AM, Rm 422	Adopt enhanced nurse licensure compact	M
<a href="#">SR 13</a>	LC2571	David Howard (R) SD 29	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety	01/23/2017	Confirm Governor's appointee to health-related boards	S

### Total Number of Unintroduced Bills – 64

LC #	Request Date	Requestor	Status	Status Date	Short Title	Position
<a href="#">LC0001</a>	09/08/2015	Chas Vincent (R) SD 1	(C) Draft Taken Off Hold	01/30/2017	Generally revise tax laws	M
<a href="#">LC0013</a>	12/01/2015	Bob Keenan (R) SD 5	(C) Draft On Hold	10/12/2016	Repeal Montana Health and Economic Livelihood Partnership Act	M
<a href="#">LC0024</a>	02/11/2016	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11	(C) Draft Taken Off Hold	01/18/2017	Generally revise healthcare laws	M
<a href="#">LC0025</a>	02/11/2016	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11	(C) Draft Taken Off Hold	01/18/2017	Generally revise healthcare laws	M
<a href="#">LC0034</a>	03/14/2016	Diane Sands (D) SD 49	(C) Draft On Hold	12/09/2016	Remove marijuana as a schedule 1 dangerous drug from state law	M
<a href="#">LC0044</a>	03/15/2016	Pat Connell (R) SD 43	(C) Draft On Hold	04/29/2016	Generally revise profession and occupation laws	M
<a href="#">LC0078</a>	05/04/2016	Mary Caferro (D) SD 41	(C) Draft On Hold	10/18/2016	Generally revise licensing laws	M
<a href="#">LC0091</a>	05/23/2016	Mary Caferro (D) SD 41	(C) Draft On Hold	01/05/2017	Require DPHHS to certify mental health peer support specialists	M
<a href="#">LC0133</a>	06/20/2016	Jim Keane (D) HD 73	(C) Draft On Hold	10/25/2016	Revise laws related to health and human services	M
<a href="#">LC0159</a>	06/22/2016	Tom Jacobson (D) HD 21	(C) Draft On Hold	09/14/2016	Increase legal age for purchase of tobacco products/e-cigarettes to 21	M

<a href="#">LC0358</a>	08/11/2016	Llew Jones (R) SD 9	(C) Draft On Hold	10/25/2016	Authorize a Montana physician incentive program	M
<a href="#">LC0364</a>	08/11/2016	Llew Jones (R) SD 9	(C) Draft On Hold	01/24/2017	Generally revise WAMI/WICHIE medical school training programs	M
<a href="#">LC0451</a>	09/15/2016	Llew Jones (R) SD 9	(C) Draft On Hold	01/21/2017	Provide for Montana rural physician incentives	M
<a href="#">LC0452</a>	09/15/2016	Llew Jones (R) SD 9	(C) Draft On Hold	01/21/2017	Provide for Montana resident physician investment package	M
<a href="#">LC0497</a>	10/04/2016	Duane Ankney (R) SD 20	(C) Draft Delivered to Requester	01/05/2017	Exempting needle and syringe exchange providers from drug paraphernalia laws	S
<a href="#">LC0528</a>	10/12/2016	Mary Caferro (D) SD 41	(C) Draft On Hold	01/21/2017	Provide anesthesia coverage for children and adults with disabilities	M
<a href="#">LC0534</a>	10/14/2016	Llew Jones (R) SD 9	(C) Draft On Hold	01/21/2017	Increase medical price transparency	M
<a href="#">LC0602</a>	10/30/2016	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11	(C) Draft On Hold	01/19/2017	Revise laws related to defensive medicine	M
<a href="#">LC0610</a>	10/30/2016	David Howard (R) SD 29	(C) Draft On Hold	12/29/2016	Generally revise laws affirming that schedule 1 drugs are illegal in Montana	M
<a href="#">LC0616</a>	11/01/2016	Mary Caferro (D) SD 41	(C) Draft On Hold	12/30/2016	Generally revise youth access to tobacco	M
<a href="#">LC0665</a>	11/07/2016	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87	(C) Draft On Hold	01/17/2017	Generally revise medicaid laws	M
<a href="#">LC0684</a>	11/07/2016	Jeffrey W Welborn (R) SD 36	(C) Draft On Hold	11/15/2016	Revise laws relating to prescription drug use	M
<a href="#">LC0693</a>	11/09/2016	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76	(C) Draft On Hold	01/17/2017	Generally revise laws related to drug overdose	M
<a href="#">LC0694</a>	11/09/2016	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76	(C) Draft On Hold	12/19/2016	Generally revise laws related to the prescription drug registry	M
<a href="#">LC0700</a>	11/09/2016	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76	(C) Draft On Hold	11/10/2016	Generals revise laws related to emergency medical care	M
<a href="#">LC0784</a>	11/12/2016	Kimberly Dudik (D) HD 94	(C) Draft Taken Off Hold	12/01/2016	Create task force to combat opioid, heroin, and meth abuse in MT	M
<a href="#">LC0821</a>	11/15/2016	Denise Hayman (D) HD 66	(C) Draft On Hold	12/29/2016	Emergency medical services task force	M
<a href="#">LC0830</a>	11/15/2016	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(C) Draft On Hold	12/02/2016	Revise laws related to anesthesiologists	M
<a href="#">LC0840</a>	11/15/2016	Keith Regier (R) SD 3	(C) Draft On Hold	12/28/2016	Revise laws related to death penalty	M
<a href="#">LC0920</a>	11/16/2016	Frank Smith (D) SD 16	(C) Draft On Hold	01/17/2017	Revise laws related to electronic or mechanical cigarettes used for vaping	M
<a href="#">LC0936</a>	11/16/2016	Ray L Shaw (R) HD 71	(C) Draft On Hold	01/17/2017	Revise laws related to assisted living facilities	M
<a href="#">LC0968</a>	11/16/2016	Jim Hamilton (D) HD 61	(C) Draft On Hold	12/30/2016	Revise laws relating to emergency responders	M
<a href="#">LC1061</a>	11/20/2016	Ellie Hill Smith (D) HD 90	(C) Draft Ready for Delivery	12/22/2016	Prohibit use of tanning devices for person under 18 years old absent consent	M
<a href="#">LC1076</a>	11/21/2016	Mary Caferro (D) SD 41	(C) Draft On Hold	01/10/2017	Generally revise patient-centered medical home laws	M
<a href="#">LC1154</a>	11/25/2016	Kelly McCarthy (D) HD 49	(C) Draft On Hold	01/27/2017	Revise board of medical examiners physician licensing laws	M
<a href="#">LC1246</a>	12/01/2016	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44	(C) Draft Request Received	12/01/2016	Revise pharmacy laws	M
<a href="#">LC1289</a>	12/01/2016	Dennis R Lenz (R) HD 53	(C) Draft Request Received	12/01/2016	Generally revise evidence based reimbursement	M

<a href="#">LC1327</a>	12/01/2016	Andrea Olsen (D) HD 100	(C) Draft Request Received	12/01/2016	Authorize access to medical information, records, and bills by certain persons	M
<a href="#">LC1334</a>	12/01/2016	Andrea Olsen (D) HD 100	(C) Draft On Hold	12/08/2016	Ban advertising of professional products	M
<a href="#">LC1336</a>	12/01/2016	Andrea Olsen (D) HD 100	(C) Draft On Hold	12/02/2016	Interim study on healthcare and health insurance costs	M
<a href="#">LC1362</a>	12/01/2016	Jessica Karjala (D) HD 48	(C) Draft On Hold	12/31/2016	Coverage of prescription medications upon release from correctional facilities	M
<a href="#">LC1411</a>	12/02/2016	Laurie Bishop (D) HD 60	(C) Draft On Hold	12/08/2016	Generally revise insurance laws for mental health	M
<a href="#">LC1461</a>	12/02/2016	Vince Ricci (R) HD 55	(C) Draft On Hold	01/06/2017	Require parity in Medicaid reimbursements for optometrists	M
<a href="#">LC1463</a>	12/02/2016	Mary Caferro (D) SD 41	(C) Draft Ready for Delivery	01/11/2017	Establish certification for peer support specialists	M
<a href="#">LC1464</a>	12/02/2016	Vince Ricci (R) HD 55	(C) Draft On Hold	01/21/2017	Provide reimbursement parity for healthcare providers	M
<a href="#">LC1486</a>	12/03/2016	Frank Garner (R) HD 7	(C) Draft On Hold	12/05/2016	Generally revise prescription drug laws	M
<a href="#">LC1593</a>	12/03/2016	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54	(C) Draft On Hold	12/05/2016	Constitutional referendum revising control of Montana University System	M
<a href="#">LC1697</a>	12/05/2016	Ross H Fitzgerald (R) HD 17	(C) Draft On Hold	12/09/2016	Generally revise drug laws	M
<a href="#">LC1721</a>	12/05/2016	Virginia Court (D) HD 50	(C) Draft On Hold	12/27/2016	Interim study on structure of university system	M
<a href="#">LC1732</a>	12/05/2016	Casey Knudsen (R) HD 33	(C) Draft Request Received	12/05/2016	Generally revise laws on occupations and professions	M
<a href="#">LC1733</a>	12/05/2016	Casey Knudsen (R) HD 33	(C) Draft Request Received	12/05/2016	Generally revise laws on occupations and professions	M
<a href="#">LC1768</a>	12/05/2016	Tom Burnett (R) HD 67	(C) Draft Ready for Delivery	01/12/2017	Eliminate the workforce and TPA wellness provisions of the HELP Act	M
<a href="#">LC1891</a>	12/05/2016	Zach Brown (D) HD 63	(C) Draft Delivered to Requester	02/02/2017	Restrict opioid prescriptions	M
<a href="#">LC1929</a>	12/05/2016	Jim Keane (D) HD 73	(C) Draft On Hold	12/06/2016	Revise health and human service provider laws	M
<a href="#">LC1962</a>	12/05/2016	Frederick (Eric) Moore (R) SD 19	(C) Draft On Hold	12/08/2016	Generally revise Medicaid laws	M
<a href="#">LC1967</a>	12/05/2016	Frederick (Eric) Moore (R) SD 19	(C) Draft On Hold	12/08/2016	Generally revise laws concerning transparency of health care costs	M
<a href="#">LC2327</a>	01/01/2017	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(C) Draft Ready for Delivery	01/27/2017	Revise laws related to schedule II drugs	M
<a href="#">LC2427</a>	01/13/2017	Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R) HD 22	(C) Draft Request Received	01/13/2017	Revise laws related to choice of practitioners	M
<a href="#">LC2432</a>	01/11/2017	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44	(C) Draft Request Received	01/11/2017	Generally revise healthcare laws	M
<a href="#">LC2463</a>	01/17/2017	Tom Woods (D) HD 62	(C) Draft On Hold	01/18/2017	Generally revise health care laws	M
<a href="#">LC2468</a>	01/17/2017	Kim Abbott (D) HD 83	(C) Draft On Hold	01/18/2017	Generally revise health care laws	M
<a href="#">LC2493</a>	01/17/2017	Kathy Kelker (D) HD 47	(C) Draft On Hold	01/18/2017	Generally revise prescription drug laws	M
<a href="#">LC2514</a>	01/17/2017	Jessica Karjala (D) HD 48	(C) Draft Request Received	01/17/2017	Generally revise laws on the prescription drug registry	M



# MONTANA PHARMACY TODAY



## MPA Health-Systems Academy Updates

### Mission, Vision, Values, and Purpose

The MPA Health-Systems (HS) Academy has been busy revising its purpose and mission statements as well as developing vision statements and core values. These provide direction for HS Academy activities and are intended to complement the MPA mission and vision. The following statements can also be found on the HS Academy page of the MPA website (<http://www.rxmt.org/hs-academy>).

#### HS Academy Purpose

Provide a mechanism for pharmacists, residents, students, and pharmacy technicians practicing in hospitals and health systems to establish standards of best practice through policy development in association with the Montana Pharmacy Association (MPA) Board of Directors.

#### HS Academy Mission

To serve and represent Montana health-system pharmacy through our affiliation with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP).

#### HS Academy Vision

Continue to advance the profession of health-system pharmacy in Montana while promoting leadership, development, and education.

#### HS Academy Values

- Advocacy
- Education
- Leadership
- Collaboration
- Innovation
- Professional Development

### New Resident Representation on the HS Academy Executive Committee

The HS Academy established a new role on its Executive Committee for a resident pharmacist.

Residents interested in the position are nominated by their residency program directors and then selected by current members of the MPA HS Academy Executive Committee. The resident representative serves a one-year term, and his/her main responsibilities include:

- Serving as a liaison between resident pharmacists and the HS Academy
- Assisting with HS Academy and MPA initiatives, particularly the Spring Seminar

The first resident representative to the MPA HS Academy Executive Committee is Alyssa Canady, PharmD. Alyssa is a postgraduate year one (PGY1) pharmacy resident at Benefis Health System in Great Falls. Alyssa is a 2016 graduate of the University of Montana Skaggs School of Pharmacy and has participated in past MPA events. Alyssa wants to collaborate with other resident pharmacists throughout Montana to help plan the Spring Seminar and foster resident involvement in MPA. As the inaugural resident representative, her leadership and input will be important to the HS Academy in refining the role of the resident representative. Alyssa's term will be from January – July 2017.

### Questions, Comments, or Concerns about the MPA Health-Systems Academy

Please contact Stuart Doggett, MPA Executive Director ([stuart@montana.com](mailto:stuart@montana.com)) or Melanie Townsend, MPA Health-Systems Academy Chair ([mtownsend@billingsclinic.org](mailto:mtownsend@billingsclinic.org)).





## Students Corner.....

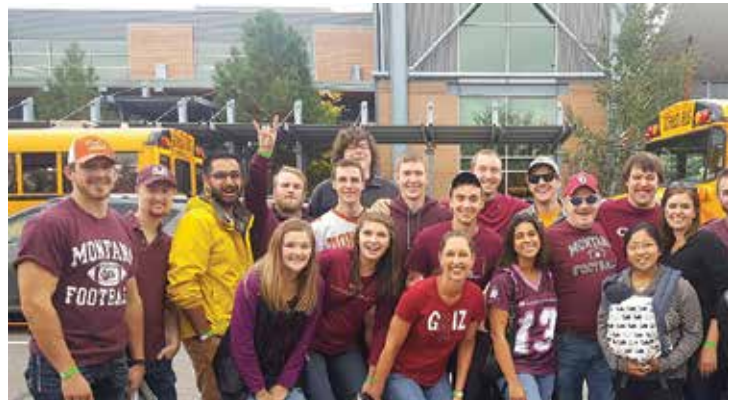
### Kappa Epsilon



Kappa Epsilon - Delta Chapter (KE) had many community service projects in fall 2016. A large amount of our time focused on advocating for breast and ovarian cancer awareness. Activities included both Teal Week and Pink Week at the UM College of Health Professionals. We also managed a table at the American Pharmacist Month Community Health Fair at Missoula's Southgate Mall. KE helped educate the public about breast and ovarian cancers as well as signs and symptoms of each. Funds were raised at each of these events to help purchase educational materials and the remaining proceeds will be distributed to a local organization that helps patients suffering from breast and/or ovarian cancer. In the spring, our group will be hosting our annual brunch focusing on breast and ovarian cancer awareness and education. Kappa Epsilon Fraternity also partnered with Bright Pink and our chapter will be hosting a Brighten Up Workshop in the spring. These workshops are designed to educate and empower young women to be proactive advocates for their health and to ground participants in the basics of breast and ovarian health, introduce them to early detection techniques, and equip them with life-saving knowledge. KE also volunteers each month at the Ronald McDonald House, where we make dinners for families in need of lodging, meals, and support while dealing with healthcare complications.

### Kappa Psi

Kappa Psi Gamma Eta chapter was able to add 19 new members to our club this year thanks to the fantastic rush chairs and their events. While Kappa Psi loves holding social events for members, philanthropic projects allow us to make a difference in our community. This semester our club has played bingo with the residents at the Senior Life Center multiple times, played dodgeball at the City Life Center through the YMCA, helped out with concessions at every home football game, and organized a Halloween food drive for a donation to the Poverello Center.



We have a number of other community events planned for this semester including a highway clean-up, a breakfast for the professors, and a student lounge clean up. Our social events have included a Rush party, football tailgates, an ice cream social, costume bowling and karaoke on Halloween, and Kappa Psi Olympics. As always, we are looking to expand our philanthropic events in order to keep giving back to the wonderful Missoula community that has always supported our club and school. Going forward, Kappa Psi looks to instill the ideals in its members that pharmacy school, and the practice of pharmacy, is more than filling prescriptions. Pharmacy is about being an accessible and active member in both the health profession and community. Adopting



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this attitude will allow all of us to better serve a population that relies on the knowledge and abilities we have been blessed with.

## Rho Chi

The University of Montana chapter of Rho Chi has had an excellent year in 2016. Our group has focused on being more involved with our student body and finding ways to help students succeed in their courses. To accomplish our goal, we established a free tutoring service in which Rho Chi members are available for a total of 8 hours each week. In addition to the tutoring service, Rho Chi has held exam review sessions prior to difficult exams. The group continues to acknowledge the excellent faculty in the School of Pharmacy by hosting a "Professor of the Month." Each month pharmacy students vote for one professor to be chosen for a free lunch. At the end of the academic year in April, students select a "Professor of the Year."

Community involvement remains a priority of Rho Chi. In November, we had an impressive 28 donors at our annual blood drive in collaboration with the American Red Cross. To help fund many of our group projects the group has continued our "Rent a Student" fundraiser where faculty at the University hire Rho Chi students to complete a variety of tasks around the house and in the yard. We intend to continue these activities and find more ways to be involved as we head into 2017.

## APhA

The University of Montana APhA-ASP chapter has picked up where it left off last year. As usual, the fall semester jumps right into the action for ASP. The chapter held its biennial Welcome Back BBQ fundraiser in September. The event was a success and had some great auction items. Operation Immunization has given over 300 influenza shots this semester, far surpassing last year and their goal that they set. The relationship ASP has with the Montana Urban Indian Health Center (MUIHC) has continued this semester; different operations within ASP go to the Payne Center on the UM

campus each week to help out with the weekly series known as Restoring our Spirit. This series includes a chance for many of the different operations to come and give shots, take blood pressures, and provide education to the American Indian/Alaskan Native population here in Missoula.

The Annual Health Fair, held in October, was a great success this year. ASP worked hard to include other student groups on the UM campus, including nursing, communications science, and physical therapy groups. This interdisciplinary aspect that was added to the health fair was a great way to expand the fair and was a good way for the students from different programs to interact. Generation Rx and Poison Prevention have continued to give presentations to schools throughout the region regarding using medications safely.

The chapter president wrote an article about the UM APhA-ASP chapter that was published in the November/December edition of the Student Pharmacist magazine. This article was requested by editors of the magazine to give insight into the UM ASP patient care activities—in which the chapter received the APhA National Patient Care Award just last year.



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## Calendar of Events

**March 3:** Board nomination forms due at the MPA office

**April 4:** Ballots mailed to vote for MPA Board of Director

**April 6:** Board of Pharmacy meeting

**April 7:** IPHARM Day at the Capitol

**April 28-29:** MPA Health-Systems Academy Spring Meeting, Billings and Missoula, MT

**May 2:** Board of Director ballots due at MPA Office

**June 1:** MPA Board of Directors meeting, Coeur d'Alene, ID

**June 1-4:** Northwest Pharmacy Conference, Coeur d'Alene, ID

**June 3:** MPA General Membership Meeting

**July 7:** Board of Pharmacy Meeting

**July 10:** Nominations open for MPA annual awards

**October 3:** Nominations close for MPA annual awards

**October 6:** Board of Pharmacy meeting

**January 5-7, 2018:** MPA CE Conference and Annual Awards Banquet, Big Sky, MT