Dear Colleagues,

I cannot believe that my term as president will be coming to an end next month, as the adage goes “time flies when you’re having fun”. As in life there have been ups and downs and some sideways but overall the last year has been a great experience. I have been able to visit over half of the chapters and will continue until I have had the opportunity to visit all of the chapters. I have been amazed with the chapters I have visited and their leadership teams; if these chapters and their leaders are a glimpse at the future of the NYSCHP then I know that our future is bright.

An interesting legislative topic came front and center during the latter part of February to mid-March where CMM (Comprehensive Medication Management) was included as part of the Governor’s budget proposal. For those of you who may not be familiar with CMM, it is more or less CDTM, but in a community pharmacy setting. There is no doubt that this proposed expanded scope of service would be great for the progression of the profession but the board had some reservations with how it was proposed. This proposed version of CMM did not provide for any specific advanced training of the pharmacists that would be permitted to enter into an agreement with the provider unlike CDTM where there are very specific criteria. Secondly, since this was being introduced as part of the Governor’s budget, oversight of this scope of practice did not fall under the purview of the Board of Pharmacy or State Education Department, but rather the Health Department. As a board and organization we were 100% in support of expanding the scope of practice, but asked that there be specific criteria of advanced training qualifying the pharmacists that participate, and that the scope of practice remains under the purview of the Board of Pharmacy and State Education Department. Ultimately, this budget proposal did not get approved by either the Assembly or Senate. We will continue to endorse the expansion of the pharmacist’s scope of practice through CMM and CDTM provided that the aforementioned recommendations are addressed.

The language for the pharmacy technician bill has been approved by all of the professional pharmacy organizations in New York, and will be presented to the respective legislative sponsors in mid-March. We are confident that this proposed bill will be presented to the Higher Education Committee of both the Assembly and Senate and ultimately passed; it has been a long time coming. That said, we still need all of our members to speak with their local legislators to help get this bill passed. It would be great to see everyone at Lobby Day on April 25th.

If you have not done so already, get on your computer and register for the 56th NYSCHP Annual Assembly. If you have never attended, you owe it to yourself to be part of this great experience and program. You will not have a better opportunity to meet and network with this many health-system pharmacists in New York State at any other time, not to mention the great educational programs that are offered. If you have attended in the past then you know what I am writing about so tell a colleague and come together. The Annual Assembly is truly the best run pharmacy conference in New York State, come join the fun.

Joseph Pinto
President
D'Youville School of Pharmacy Spotlight 2017

Student Membership - August
In an effort to bridge the gap beyond our SSHP chapter, we’ve offered free membership to those students willing to join our local NYSCHP/WNYSHP organization. Our hope is to increase involvement in our community for many years to come. Also as part of this initiative, we have worked on developing a WNYSHP contact board within our SSHP chapter creating a more active and defined role for our student WNYSHP members.

Mentorship Program - September
The DYCSoP SSHP chapter has continued our mentorship program. The objective of the program is to pair an incoming first-year professional pharmacy student with a second-, third-, or fourth-year professional pharmacy student. The goal of the program is to assist and inspire first-year professional pharmacy students in their career goals and acclimating to the pharmacy school environment. Guidelines for mentors include: mentors meeting with their mentees a minimum of at least once per semester, and assisting their mentee in professional activities including but not limited to school course work, organizational involvement, research opportunities, career questions, residency preparation, and employment opportunities. The D’Youville College SSHP executive board paired incoming students in their first professional year with upperclassman who shared similar professional interests based on a short questionnaire. An introduction and training session was held to provide mentors in the programs with guidelines for advisement and leadership throughout the year. Mixers and social events were held to acclimate the students to their mentors/mentees early into the semester, and mentors are encouraged to bring students to professional development and service events throughout the year. The first mixer was a huge hit, with over 60 students participating in the event. Mentor pairs were able to enjoy food and drink while networking with classmates. This program has eased the transition for students into their career as student pharmacists and encouraged involvement in organizations and leadership early on. This program was particularly successful in increasing membership in the student society and other local and state societies of health system pharmacists, as well as attendance at society events. The program has not only paired students but also created a network that students can turn to for peer advisement and referral.

Light the Night Walk - September
On September 23th D’Youville Students and Faculty attended the Light the Night Walk in Delaware Park in support of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in finding better treatments and cures for blood cancers. The chapter raised over $200 for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s Light the Night Walk.

Additional Events - October
The chapter also participated in a Medication Myths for Children as part of a community Halloween event and organized a midyear prep session and residency informational round table session for its members. The chapter
also partnered with the D’Youville SCCP chapter to provide an interview lecture and mock interview practice session for members of both organizations.

Clinical Skills Competition – October/December
Ashley Lopez and John Nespeca (P3’s) came in first place in the 2016 Local Clinical Skills Competition held on 10/18/16. Ashley and John represented D’Youville College SOP at the national competition in Las Vegas, Nevada in December 2016 during the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting. This was DYCSOP’s fifth annual Local Clinical Skills Competition and eight teams competed.

SSHP Speaker Series
In an effort to educate the members of our chapter and other students in the School of Pharmacy, we have brought in monthly speakers to discuss various areas of pharmacy. In November, Joel Constanzo, PGY1 resident at Niagara Falls Memorial, spoke with the chapter about being a Critical Care pharmacist. In January, in collaboration with ASCP (American Society of Consultant Pharmacists), our chapter brought in a Geriatric Pharmacist, Dr. Kristen Butterfoss. In February, Dr. Stephanie Brian spoke with the chapter about the pharmacist’s role in Ambulatory Care.

SSHP Trivia/Jeopardy Night - April
DYC SoP SSHP chapter has partnered with the UB SoP SSHP chapter in developing an interactive networking night. On April 13th teams of students/residents/pharmacists will compete at a trivia/jeopardy night. This event will help P4 students prepare for their boards and enhance their clinical skills for residency/careers, help P3s for their APPEs and P1/P2 for their IPPEs. Social hour is meant to be a networking event to connect with other students/faculty from the other school as well as local residents.

SSHP Patient Care Committee Projects
DYC SoP SSHP chapter has been active in the community during this school year. In August members of our chapter participated in Feds Get Fit a health fair held for government held in Buffalo, NY. Members presented information on vaccinations including Prevnar 13, Pneumovax 23, Zostavax and the yearly influenza vaccine. In October members participated in a Halloween event for children through D’Youville College. Members presented information on medication safety to parents. Children were shown a poster and game that explained the difference between candy and medicine. February patient care committee projects included two bingo nights at the Lake Erie Italian Club where members spoke to bingo patrons on vaccinations, and Feds Get Fit in Buffalo, NY. During this event members presented information on smoking cessation to attendees. In April, members will be attending Babies and Bumps in Buffalo, NY. Members will present information on childhood vaccinations to new or expecting mothers.

Chloe G. Nickel
D’Youville College School of Pharmacy, PharmD Candidate
SSHP President

Ashley Gluszek
D’Youville College School of Pharmacy, PharmD Candidate
SSHP President-Elect
Long Island Chapter (LISHP) Spotlight

This past year has been a year of change and a refocusing of priorities. At our last Installation Dinner, we created an engagement survey for our members, to judge what their location preferences and educational objectives were in the upcoming year.

We expanded outside of our normal paradigm and staged some of our first non-educational networking events – we took LISHP to the bowling alley! Great fun was had by all and some great networking connections made for future opportunities. In addition, we engaged Pharmacy residents with the Nassau County Medical Reserve Corps to educate the public on the proper storage and disposal of medications. Our efforts were commended by the Nassau County Commission of Health and we received very encouraging responses from the folks we educated. Finally, knowing that the job of a resident can be tough, we held a Residency Networking event to bring residents together from different hospitals all throughout Long Island to share, commiserate and build the critical contacts and support structure to help plan for their future. We also have a Resident Research Symposium as a means by which the Residents can present their research projects.

We had a chance to partner with some excellent organizations to exercise our member’s charitable desires. We partnered with Long Island Cares - the first food bank on Long Island - to have members donate non-perishable goods; all told for one meeting, our members brought in 450lbs of food and $150 in grocery gift cards! We got feedback that organ management is a difficult subject for some Long Island hospitals. We brought in two speakers in the two domains – Critical Care for organ donor support, and Transplant Pharmacotherapy for the organ recipient. In addition, we partnered with LiveOnNY – one of the largest organ procurement organizations in the country. They were able to bring in two very special speakers – James Mateiko, whose mother’s donated organs saved FIVE lives; and Skip Schumeyer, who received a heart in 2016. Their emotional stories provided the crucial personal context to our Pharmacists about how our critically important our work is!

Some of our bookkeeping items were also updated in the last year – we revamped our website, where you can find information about our events and blog posts about our meetings. We engaged a member to be Chair for our Communication Committee to create and run our Facebook Page. We updated our Constitution and Bylaws for our members to review. After a rough financial year, we are tracking our expenses and laid the groundwork to completing a formal budgeting process. We created a Dropbox to share documents, policies, and procedures longitudinally. We started the process on becoming a non-profit organization through use of Council resources. And we will be opening our Board Meetings to general membership to better engage them. Another exciting year – and more excitement to come!

Andrew Kaplan, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCGP
President, Long Island Chapter
Long Island Chapter (LISHP) Spotlight

Nassau County Executive Edward P. Mangano, Long Island Jewish Medical Center PGY1 Pharmacy Resident Caitlyn Cummings, Pharm.D., Plainview Hospital PGY1 Pharmacy Resident Kimberly Pough, Pharm.D., LISHP President Andrew Kaplan, Pharm.D., BCPS, CGP, Nassau County Commissioner of Health Lawrence Eisenstein, MD, FACP

Organ Recipient Skip Schumeyer with our CE speakers from New York Presbyterian (Karen Berger and Demetra Tsapepas)

LISHP Networking at a bowling alley

President-Elect Allison Raich leads a Pharmacy Jeopardy event
## NYSCHP House of Delegate Timeline

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## Virtual House of Delegate

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REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

**NYSCHP 2017**
**ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**
**April 28-30, 2017**
The Sagamore Resort in Bolton Landing, NY

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NYSCHP and Local Chapter Upcoming Events

March
- March 29th: Royal Counties CE on Pharmacists Role with LVAD Patients, at Gargiulo’s, Brooklyn, NY
- March 29th: LISHP Residency Research Symposium

April 2017
- April 11th: NYCSHP Student Round Table event
- April 12th: NYCSHP New Practitioners CE Program
- April 18th: WNYSHP CE Program
- April 19th: QUAD Chapter CE Program (Hosted by NYCSHP)
- April 20th: NYCSHP Mentoring Program at Stuyvesant High School
- April 25th: Lobby Day
- April 28th: NYSCHP 56th Annual Assembly

May 2017
- May 11th: NYCSHP CE Program
- May 17th: LISHP CE Program
- May 17th: Royal Counties CE Program
- May 21st: NYCSHP AIDS Walk
- May 24th: NYCSHP New Practitioners Networking Dinner

June 2017
- June 20th: Royal Counties Installation Dinner
- June 21st: NYCSHP Installation Dinner Program
- June 27th: LISHP Installation Dinner and CE Program
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