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GENERAL MEETING – 9/9/25 – 6:40PM (PH-131)

Guest Speakers	
Dr. Thomas Hsu	• Background:

	○ Education: ■ EMSOP PharmD 2023 ■ Johnson & Johnson - Oncology Brand Marketing Fellowship (RPIF 2023-2025) ■ Rutgers MBA 2025 ○ Currently: Jazz Pharmaceuticals - Senior Product Manager, Oncology Marketing ○ Fun Fact: I started a side business during the pandemic, where I would buy, refurbish, and sell golf clubs ● *Q. What inspired you to pursue your specific second degree, and what factors influenced that decision?* ○ Interested in educating patients and providers, degree would create room for advocacy ○ Marketing allows for creativity, broadens horizon ○ Can meet diverse people from different backgrounds ● *Q. What have you learned while pursuing this degree that you didn't in pharmacy school?* ○ There are multiple ways to solve a problem, not "black and white" ○ Able to challenge current mindset and to learn from other perspectives and fields ● *Q. For those who are graduated: How has your dual degree shaped your career path and benefited your work?* ○ Sharpened up on the business side of pharma, works more with money and commercials ○ Having a MBA allowed more in depth business conversations ○ PharmD and MBA helped differentiate him in current role ○ Having a PharmD gives him more perspective when working with healthcare teams ○ Overall, he has more diverse thoughts and can add double the value to his job ● *Q. Rapid fire question: Describe your pharmacy school experience in one word* ○ Memorable - Lots of fun memories!
Dr. Aaron Samson	● Background: ○ Education: ■ EMSOP PharmD 2023 ■ Bausch Health HEOR Fellowship (RPIF 2023-2025) ■ Rutgers MS-HOPE 2025 ○ Currently: Senior Manager, HEOR at BioNTech ○ Fun Fact: I am a Movie/Sports Lover ● *Q. What inspired you to pursue your specific second degree, and what factors influenced that decision?* ○ Wanted to expand upon technical skills required for role ○ In pharmacy, learned a lot about clinical aspect of field and wanted to use fellowship to brush up on technical skills

	• *Q. What have you learned while pursuing this degree that you didn't in pharmacy school?*
	  ○ Able to gain "hands on" skills through masters program as he was able to create his own model
	• *Q. For those who are graduated: How has your dual degree shaped your career path and benefited your work?*
	  ○ PharmD: Clinical knowledge, MSHOPE: Technical skill
	  ○ Uses technical skills a lot through job
	  ○ Overall, experience through masters program allows for him to do his job better through having more knowledge from both programs collectively
	• *Q. Rapid fire question: Describe your pharmacy school experience in one word*
	  ○ Fruitful - gained a lot of knowledge, good network
	• *Q. How do you combine academic and personal fulfillment?*
	  ○ Find what niche is available for you
	  ○ Get experience and be an open book
	  ○ Once you find passion, stay in it and explore it! "Life long learning"

Dr. Jessica Muth	• Background:
	  ○ Education: EMSOP PharmD 2025
	  ○ Currently: Novo Nordisk HEOR Post-Doctoral Fellow (RPIF 2025-2027)
	  ○ Fun Fact: In my free time I enjoy running and listening to music/attending concerts. I also love exploring different coffee shops.
	• *Q. What inspired you to pursue your specific second degree, and what factors influenced that decision?*
	  ○ Drawn to Rutgers Pharmacy due to research
	  ○ Instead of working directly with patient, wanted to do "behind the scenes work" with an epidemiology background
	  ○ Felt the role was necessary — learned about observational research
	• *Q. What have you learned while pursuing this degree that you didn't in pharmacy school?*
	  ○ Similar to Dr. Samson, able to create own model and gain applicable job experience
	• *Q. For those who are candidates: How are you managing your workload, and how does it compare to pharmacy school?*
	  ○ Lots of projects and assignments
	  ○ exams are more conceptual, not as info heavy as pharmacy school
	  ○ Both programs are different and have their own challenges
	• *Q. Rapid fire question: Describe your pharmacy school experience in one word*
	  ○ Interesting - everything you learn has a purpose, knowledge was

	helpful in deciding path

Dr. Mark Peters	• Background:
	  ◦ Education:
	  ▪ Pharmacy Rutgers BS
	  ▪ Medical University of South Carolina PharmD
	  ▪ Rutgers School of Public Health MPH Candidate
	  ◦ Currently:
	  ▪ Senior Director, Patient and Professional Organization at Genmab
	  ▪ Adjunct, Clinical Associate Professor at EMSOP
	  ▪ Co-chair, Hunterdon County Medication Access Partnership
	  ◦ Fun Fact: I love watching sports, especially Rutgers.
	• *Q. What inspired you to pursue your specific second degree, and what factors influenced that decision?*
	  ◦ Wanted to make a positive contribution to the world through working in public health, specifically through addressing health problems and challenges (ex. insurance)
	  ◦ Side note: you are not too old to pursue something new!
	• *Q. What have you learned while pursuing this degree that you didn't in pharmacy school?*
	  ◦ Learn how to teach course to fellow EMSOP students, how to be a better professor for his students
	  ◦ Found value in networking and other soft skills
	• *Q. For those who are candidates: How are you managing your workload, and how does it compare to pharmacy school?*
	  ◦ All about prioritizing — learn how to say no!
	  ◦ Using calendars very helpful
	  ◦ Take advantage of asking professors questions
	• *Q. Rapid fire question: Describe your pharmacy school experience in one word*
	  ◦ Memorable & Inspiring - everyone is so smart!
	• *Q. How do you combine academic and personal fulfillment?*
	  ◦ Knowing your purpose

Dr. Edward Gu	• Background:
	  ◦ Education:
	  ▪ EMSOP PharmD 2023
	  ▪ Expected RWJ Medical School MD 2027
	  ◦ Currently:
	  ▪ Medical student at RWJMS
	  ▪ Staff Pharmacist at Penn Medicine Princeton Medical Center
	  ◦ Fun Fact: I'm a licensed real estate agent in the state of NJ.
	• *Q. What inspired you to pursue your specific second degree, and what factors*

	influenced that decision? ○ Pharmacy school experience helped build interest (ex. Working in clinics, collaborating with med school students, treating patients, etc.) ○ Realized there was so much to learn — wanted to get involved in diagnosis and have a bigger picture in medicine ● *Q. What have you learned while pursuing this degree that you didn't in pharmacy school?* ○ Gained soft skills by learning how to talk to patients, maintaining body language ● *Q. For those who are candidates: How are you managing your workload, and how does it compare to pharmacy school?* ○ Med school has a heavier workload compared to pharmacy school ○ Lots of self-studying & plenty of resources provided ○ Similar to P4 year ● *Q. Rapid fire question: Describe your pharmacy school experience in one word* ○ Networking - people he met in pharmacy school are still great friends and mentors, bonds can last you for life
Dr. Benjamin Gelfand	● Background: ○ Education: ■ EMSOP PharmD 2025 ■ Expected Joint Graduate Program in Toxicology PhD 2030 ○ Currently: ■ PhD student, Joint Graduate Program in Toxicology (JGPT), Debra Laskin Lab ■ TA, EMSOP P3 Modules ■ Pharmacy Intern, Marlboro Village Pharmacy ○ Fun Fact: My favorite hobbies include playing guitar and hiking. I've gone spelunking in a couple of caves which was really fun. ● *Q. What inspired you to pursue your specific second degree, and what factors influenced that decision?* ○ Through prerequisite classes, felt that physiology and pathways were interesting ○ Led to pursuit of research based on interests ● *Q. What have you learned while pursuing this degree that you didn't in pharmacy school?* ○ While knowledge in pharmacy school is more didactic, work in research based on questioning specific things that have not been thought of before/backing up someone else's work ○ Allowed him to learn skills ● *Q. For those who are candidates: How are you managing your workload, and how does it compare to pharmacy school?* ○ Since a lot of time spent in lab, feels like work is less stressful than pharmacy school

	• *Q. Rapid fire question: Describe your pharmacy school experience in one word* ○ Similar to Dr. Muth - nothing you do in pharmacy school is a waste

PGC Officer Reports

President
Katie Zheng
	• Spirit Week!!
	  ○ Thank you for everyone's participation so far!
	  ○ First Place Class: $300
	  ○ Second Place Class: $100
	  ○ Tomorrow: Anything but a bag Thursday
	  ○ Friday: School Spirit Friday
	• Upcoming PGC Meetings:
	  ○ Tuesday, November 18th, 6:40-8PM @ PH-130
	  ○ Tuesday, December 2nd, 6:40-8PM @ PH-130
	• Upcoming Events:
	  ○ November
	  ■ Kindness Week
	  ■ Alumni Apparel Sale
	  ○ December
	  ■ Wellness Week
	  ○ January
	  ■ EMSOP Pageant and Charity Gala (January 23rd, 2026)
	  ○ And SO MUCH MORE…

President-Elect Alisha Wasim	• Alumni Association apparel is coming along!! • Keep those Spirit Week submissions coming! • Reach out if you have any questions or concerns :)) • Email: (aw702@scarletmail.rutgers.edu)
Vice-President Internal Raj Patel	• No new updates • Best of luck with upcoming exams! • rjp294@scarletmail.rutgers.edu
Vice-President External Doyoun Kim	• No new updates :) • Email: dk104@scarletmail.rutgers.edu

Treasurer Erika Bargfrede	• 2025 ASHP Midyear PGC Reimbursement Guidelines - please read!! • Please feel free to reach out with any questions!! • Email: ekb77@scarletmail.rutgers.edu
Corresponding Secretary Radha Pandya	• Email: rp1320@scarletmail.rutgers.edu • Scan For: PGC Exam & Event Calendar Event Request Guidelines
Recording Secretary Diana Dang	• Please remember to continue filling out the Spirit Week forms! Every submission helps your class win the prize money :)
University Senator Taseen Alam	• No new updates! • Contact: ta534@scarletmail.rutgers.edu
Public Relations Head Chair An Nguyen	• Take pictures of your Spirit Week fits to be featured on our social media!
PR Social Media Management Chair Angela Fermin	N/A
PR Event/Meeting Historian Anneliese Zhu	N/A
Videographer/ Marketing	N/A

Chair Krista Soldevilla	
Webmaster Brandon Chang	• Check out PGC Website! • Now updated with exam calendar and class schedules

PGC Rep Reports

AAPP
 	
American Association of Psychiatric Pharmacists
 	
PGC Rep: Sriya Anumolu
	• Upcoming Events:
	  ○ T2L Get INvolved 10/27
	  ○ Snack and study 11/4
	  ○ Wellness and Networking mixer 11/12
	  ○ Compound a resume /cv 11/13
	  ○ Stress free craft night 11/24
	  ○ trivia + trail mix 12/3

ACCP
 	
American College of Clinical Pharmacy
 	
PGC Rep: Aiden Renu
	• Org Highlights
	  ○ Thank you to everyone who came out to our GIM
	  ○ The internship panel was a success
	  ○ Naplex November/residency spotlight
	  ○ Anyone who is interested in joining our committee, please scan the QR code below
	• Membership Form:

AMCP Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy PGC Rep: Hakeem Azam	• Breast Cancer Awareness Apparel Sale ○ Ends 10/26 @ 11:59 PM • Upcoming Events:

	○ Beyond the Symptoms: Understanding Her Health ■ Monday, 11/10 from 6PM-7PM @ PH-249 ○ Patient Counseling ■ Thursday, 11/13 from 6:30PM-7PM
APhA-ASP American Pharmacists Association - Academy of Student Pharmacists PGC Rep: Jaein Shin	● Upcoming Events: ○ Digital Health in Pharmacy - Use of AI in Modern Healthcare ■ Oct 23rd at 6:30pm on Zoom ○ NPCC GIM ■ Oct 24th at 2pm PH-247 ○ Professionalism Workshop ■ Oct 27th at 4:30PM PH-249 ○ Pill Bottle Decor ■ Oct 29th at 7PM PH-247 ○ Game Night ■ Nov 3rd at 6PM PH-131
DIA Drug Information Association PGC Rep: Angelina Nadi	● Highlights ○ Clothing drive is doing great, keep it up! ○ Successful GIM ● Upcoming Events ○ Clothing drive is going until October 31st ○ Internship Panel - November 17
IPhO Industry Pharmacists Organization PGC Rep: Elizabeth Leoniuk	● Org Highlights: ○ GIM was a success! ○ #2 IPhO Chapter nationally ○ Thank you for attending our Pathways to Industry panel & our PV panel collab with SNPhA x DIA! ○ VIPCC, Industry Recap Newsletter, and all our mentorship programs are underway! ○ Honeygrow fundraiser with Rho Chi was a success! ● Upcoming Events: ○ VIPCC Midpoint Presentation ■ Friday, November 7th at 1 PM in PH-247 ○ Mango Lassi Sale Fundraiser ■ Preorder form closes Wednesday, November 5th 

ISPOR
 	
The Professional Society for Health Economics and Outcomes Research
 	
PGC Rep: Danielle Murat
	• Follow us on Instagram @ruispor
	• Upcoming Events:
	  ○ Professionalism Workshop with APhA-ASP
	  ■ Monday, October 27th, from 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
	  ○ Health Insurance Trivia: All Treats, No Tricks
	  ■ Wednesday, October 29th, from 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM
	  ○ Upcoming Patagonia Sale...be on the lookout for an interest form!

LKS Lambda Kappa Sigma PGC Rep: Rachel Devasagayaraj	• Merch orders due October 30th   • Upcoming event: LKS Coffeehouse ○ Performer sign-up link on Instagram @rutgerslks

NCPA
 	
National Community Pharmacists Association
 	
PGC Rep: Heer Desai
	• Upcoming events:
	  ○ Digital Health in Pharmacy
	  ■ 10/23/2025 at 6:30PM on Zoom
	  ○ NCPA Merch Contest
	  ■ Due October 25th @ 11:59 PM

NJSHP
 	
New Jersey Society of Health-System Pharmacists
 	
PGC Rep: Rhea Sethi
	• Enter our raffle to win a labubu!
	  ○ Ticket: $3
	• Upcoming Events:
	  ○ STEP Modules
	  ■ October 28th & November 13th
	  ○ NJSHP x NCPA x PGC Blood Drive
	  ■ November 10th 11AM-6PM @ BSC MPR
	  ○ Residency Ready Workshop 101
	  ■ November 6th at 6:30-8:30 PM @ PH-247
	  ○ NJSHP Residency Showcase
	  ■ November 11th 8:30AM-4:30PM @ Mercer Community College

PDC Phi Delta Chi PGC Rep: Harini Rajadeva	• Visit our Flu Clinic to get your shot for free! • Follow our Instagram for updates! RUTGERSPDC

PLS
 	
Phi Lambda Sigma
 	
PGC Rep: Amina Ahmed
	• Upcoming Events:
	  ○ RxCognize ME Challenge
	  ■ Be sure to nominate the leader making a difference in EMSOP
	  ○ Advocacy Event #2 - Why RiteAID Closed
	  ■ 10/23 at 7:45 PM in PH-249
	  ○ President's Panel
	  ■ 11/19 at 7:15 PM in PH-247
	  ○ Meet and Greet
	  ■ 11/20 at 6:30 PM in PH-130
	• Thank you to everyone who came to our GIM and The One Big Beautiful Bill Advocacy Event!

PPA
 	
Pediatric Pharmacy Association
 	
PGC Rep: Sancharitha Ramji
	• Upcoming:
	  ○ Spirit Halloween x RWJ Pediatric Unit Spirit of Children Slot Machine
	  ■ 10/30, 10AM-4PM Atrium
	  ○ Blast From the Past Alumni Panel
	  ■ 11/3, 6-7PM @ PH-249

PX Rho Chi PGC Rep: Emily Au	• Highlights: Our GIM, APPE Panel, apparel sale, and Honeygrow fundraiser with IPhO were all a success! • Upcoming: Digital Health in Pharmacy - Use of AI in Modern Healthcare ○ Thursday, October 23, 6:30-7:30PM on Zoom • Follow us on Instagram! @rutgers.rhochi • Scan for our LinkTree! Contains link to our study resource on Canvas

SNPhA
 	
Student National Pharmaceutical Association
 	
PGC Rep: Diya Israni
	• Looking for performers for celebration of lights on November 13
	  ○ Funds go to charity and food will be catered!
	• Upcoming:
	  ○ October 27: SNPhA - CKD Medication Compliance Game Night @ 6-7 PM
	  ○ October 29: SNPHA - Healing through art @ 5-6 PM
	  ○ November 5: SNPhA - NHPA Dose of spanish @ 7-8 PM
	  ○ November 12: SNPhA - Healthy Habits trivia @ 12-3 PM
	• Follow Our Socials!
	  ○ Instagram @rusnpha
	  ○ Email: rusnpha@gmail.com
	  ○ Website: rusnpha.weebly.com
	  ○ LinkTree:

EMSOP Chronicles PGC Rep: Anthony Gebraeil	• Currently no updates

Alumni Association Liaison & Class Council President Reports

Alumni Association Liaisons Nitya Angadala Mazia Ahsan	• Alumni database in the works…
Class of 2027 Justin Vatanapradit	• If you are a P3 and want to be part of the yearbook committee please contact me • Keep on PARTICIPATING in spirit week!
Class of 2028 Nishk Sutaria	• No new announcements! • Please participate in spirit week!
Class of 2029 Jamie Song	• No new announcements! • Please participate in spirit week!
Class of 2030 Katherine Heidt	• No new ANNOUNCEMENTS! • Submit your spirit week photos!