Happy Summer (almost)!

In the March Newsletter, I mentioned that advocacy was the “theme for spring”, and our advocacy efforts continue in Alabama. I had the privilege to speak on behalf of ALSHP at the latest meeting of the Alabama Pharmacy Stakeholders hosted by Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy on May 2\textsuperscript{nd}. The pharmacy school provided CE to attendees, and the focus was current legislative initiatives in the state, including collaborative practice. Susan Alverson from the Board of Pharmacy also presented on the legislative process and strides the Board of Pharmacy has made to support pharmacy practice in Alabama and ultimately provide better care to patients. The Deans from Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy and Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy joined us for a panel discussion to finish out the program, and the audience asked questions to help further understand their role in advocacy efforts. We had over 100 people in attendance, and excitement was high in anticipation of the forward movement of our profession in Alabama! Look out for more information soon on how you can get involved!

Our Summer Meeting is just around the corner, and time is running out to register! I hope you can join us June 11-13\textsuperscript{th} in sunny Destin, Florida! We have a great list of presenters and topics at this year’s meeting, and the schedule also allows for some networking opportunities! Book your room and register today at [https://alshp.wildapricot.org/2017-ALSHP-Summer-meeting](https://alshp.wildapricot.org/2017-ALSHP-Summer-meeting)

After a lengthy process of gathering feedback from the membership and working to design a logo that was contemporary and captured what you, the members, wanted in a logo, we are finally ready to share it with you! It incorporates parts of the old logo but has a fresher look to parallel our commitment to advance practice and provide innovative ways for you to learn and grow as a pharmacy professional.
At the summer meeting, we will have a big reveal of our new logo with giveaways and the chance to purchase items with the new logo! You will not want to miss out!

Thanks for your participation in ALSHP, and I hope you find some time to rest and relax this summer! See you in Destin!

All the best,

Whitney

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**Pharmacy News**

*It’s MATCH SEASON!!!*

**Congrats to all of the students at Samford University and Auburn University who matched with a residency!!! Best of luck on your career!**

**Congrats to Auburn University on the following match rate:**

This year Auburn graduated 152 Doctors of Pharmacy. Of this class 37 (24.3%) students matched with a residency program. Auburn boasts a 74.1% match rate on the year. Thirty-five of the forty-seven students that participated in the Match were placed. Two students were accepted into a non-accredited program and therefore did not participate in the Match.

**Congrats to Samford University on the following match rate:**

This year Samford had 30 students match into a PGY1 residency program. In addition, 5 former students matched into a PGY2 residency program.
Social Events

The next event will be announced soon!

The most recent Birmingham area social was held at 6:00pm on Wednesday, May 17th at Pappadeaux’s Seafood. This event was sponsored by Janssen Biotech, Inc. Edison Goncalves, MD, FACP, FACE provided a lecture for us entitled “Invokana® can Awaken a Transformation in Type-2 Diabetes Management”.
- We had a great turnout, learned a lot, and enjoyed some delicious food.
- We hope to see you at the next social event (TBA).

Member Announcements/Committee Updates

No announcements. If you would like to have your announcements posted in the newsletter- please email your announcement to: alshpnewsletter@gmail.com
The 2017 ALSHP Alabama Residency Conference was held on April 14, 2017 at UAB Hospital in the West Pavilion Conference Center. The residents all did a fantastic job, and there were tons of preceptors and evaluators present. We appreciate all who attended, evaluated, and presented.
Regional Delegate Conference

Our ALSHP House of Delegate members attended the Regional Delegate Conference on May 1-2, 2017 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Atlanta, GA. This meeting is a precursor to the House of Delegates Meeting at the ASHP Summer Meeting in Minneapolis from June 3-7, 2017.

Per ASHP’s website, the members of the House of Delegates are the ultimate authority over ASHP professional policies, which express the society’s stance on important issues related to health-system pharmacy practice and medication use in society. We are so thankful for your service!

ALSHP members pictured:
Brenda Denson (second row- third from the left), Pamela Stamm (second row, first from the right), Tommy Cobb (back row, second from the left)
SAVE THE DATE for ALSHP’s Summer Meeting

June 11-13, 2017
The Henderson Hotel in Destin, Florida

This year’s summer meeting is scheduled for June 11-13 at the Henderson Hotel in Destin, Florida. We hope you are making plans to join us. Registration is OPEN and available at the following link: https://alshp.wildapricot.org/2017-ALSHP-Summer-meeting

If you know someone who is interested in joining us as an exhibitor, please direct them to our website at: https://alshp.wildapricot.org/resources/Pictures/2017%20Exhibitor%20Prospectus%20-%20ALSHP%20-%20summer2.pdf
Here, they can find directions and the application for potential exhibitors.

SAVE THE DATE for ASHP’s Summer Meeting

June 3-7, 2017
Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis, MN

This year’s ASHP summer meeting is scheduled for June 3-7 at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minneapolis, MN. This year the conference will feature FOUR “boutique” meetings happening at the same time: Medication Safety Collaborative; Informatics Institute; Ambulatory Care Conference; and Pharmacy Practice & Policy. Registration is OPEN and available at the following link: http://www.ashpmedia.org/sm17/
A Day in the Life Of…
A section about getting to know a little about one of our fellow ALSHP pharmacists

Rachel Thomas, PharmD, MS
Medical Science Liaison (MSL)
Otsuka America Pharmaceutical, Inc.

Where did you graduate pharmacy school and complete residency (if applicable)?
MSOP (Class of 2011)
Residency: MSOP Drug Information Residency

What is your typical schedule?
I travel throughout Alabama and Mississippi, focusing on the education of healthcare providers on psychiatric disease states and products. My schedule varies significantly from week to week, but typically I am out in the field Monday-Thursday and spend Friday at my home office participating in conference calls for continued training in my therapeutic area.

What area do you work in and how many patients do you cover?
• Psychiatry
• My role does not involve interacting with patients, but I interact with approximately 150 individual healthcare providers (e.g., physicians, nurses, social workers, pharmacists, policy makers) over the course of a year.

Briefly describe an average work day.
The focus of my role as an MSL is educating healthcare providers on psychiatric disease states and products. This involves meeting with providers one-on-one to answer questions, provide information, and gain insights from their practice and clinical experience. I also provide educational presentations to groups of healthcare providers over breakfast, lunch, or dinner. In addition, I attend local, regional, and national conferences relevant to psychiatry, such as the American Psychiatric Association annual meeting. I also share in the responsibility of training my MSL colleagues on relevant posters, publications, and research in the field of psychiatry. Another one of my roles focuses on content development for our non-promotional, educational
website; this includes developing slide decks, writing article summaries for the website, and facilitating virtual presentations with national key opinion leaders.

**Describe a medication error that you were proud to catch.**

n/a

**What do you enjoy most about your job?**

I really enjoy teaching others, and it’s great to know that I may have a positive impact on patient care based on evidence-based information that I have shared with healthcare providers.

**What do you enjoy most about working at your institution?**

I like that although my company is a pharmaceutical company, we place a significant emphasis on non-promotional, disease state education. Patient care is at the forefront of all of our activities and initiatives. My company is also very receptive to feedback from MSLs in the field, which means a lot to me. Information that we MSLs gather in the field is used to generate ideas for future clinical trials and is also used to ensure the safe and appropriate use of our products.

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**Newsletter Callouts**

- Would you like to have an event added to the newsletter calendar or make an announcement? Please send us your ALSHP-related events to alshpnewsletter@gmail.com

- We would love to learn about a Day in the Life Of…… YOU!!! We want to feature a wide variety of pharmacy positions and roles in this new segment to allow pharmacists, students, and residents across the state to have an opportunity to see the variety that our profession provides. Please answer the questions in the section above and send a (optional but desired) headshot to alshpnewsletter@gmail.com - you just may be our next featured member!

- ALSHP is aware that all of our scheduled socials to-date have been in the Birmingham area. If there are other areas in the state interested in organizing a social, please contact the Director of Communications, Jonathan Fowler- jafowler@samford.edu. We would love to extend these events to other member areas- we just need your help to organize!