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The X-Ray staff proudly presents Volume 95. As the MCV Campus continues to grow with new buildings, this year we took a closer look behind the buildings to see just what goes on inside. As the student population continues to grow, so does The X-Ray staff, and we have been able to expand the student organizations. We have also taken traditions from past volumes and updated them, such as the seal on the cover, originally used in one of the first volumes of The X-Ray. We hope you enjoy looking through the moments of this past year and remember where you have come from - MCV Campus.

Stand up and make a difference.
As is tradition, the SGA hosted the annual Winter Ball, funded by the SGA and the MCV Alumni Association. In the past, the Winter Ball has only been open to a portion of the student body due to limited space. However, this year, with a newer and larger venue, the Greater Richmond Convention Center, 140 students and faculty were able to enjoy all that the Winter Ball had to offer. From its 2 floors and 2 ballrooms to the lounge atmosphere with catering and the falling snowflakes, this was truly an event to remember. With so much space and endless possibilities, the Winter Ball will continue to be one of the great traditions of the SGA.
Halloween Ball
Halloween Ball
Breathing life into the student body.

We never skip a beat.

Your prescription for creativity and fun.

Bridging the gap between disciplines.

The backbone of student life.
Pop Culture 2007-2008

What you may have missed while studying hard this past year. We've summed it all up for you!

Spidey spins $382 Million worldwide at the box office. Biggest weekend openings on record ever

Average System Specs: Intel Pentium Dual Core, 2 GB RAM, 250 GB Hard Disk, CD/DVD Burner, 128 MB Video Card.

ABC's Medical Drama Grey's Anatomy Top the Charts in its Third Season

Global Warming

The Latest Addition to the Guitar Hero Series Hit Consoles This Year

Democracy President Bush Holliday Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama

Britney Spears lost custody of her children and had a major breakdown in 2007

Chuck Norris is currently suing NBC, claiming law Order are real marked names for it and right legs.
Adult Ticket: $12.50

Jessica Alba:
H.M.’s #1 Sexiest Woman of 2007

Matt Damon: The Sexiest Man Alive 2007, People Magazine

Average Price: $3.29/gallon

Global Entertainment Phenomenon Halo 3 Records More Than $300 Million in First-Week Sales Worldwide

Fergie, Maroon 5, Amy Winehouse Are iTunes’ Most-Downloaded Artists Of 2007

A record 11 Million copies were sold in the first 24 hours of release

O.J. Arrested Again

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Dear Students:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to this edition of X-Ray. Virginia Commonwealth University is proud of the more than 4,000 students and residents who are studying here for careers in allied health professions, dentistry, medicine, nursing and pharmacy. Our academic schools and the VCU Health System make us one of the most comprehensive academic medical centers in the nation.

The array of nationally and internationally recognized faculty working on new discoveries and their applications in the health sciences is one of the tremendous benefits of your education here. Your faculty are attracting national recognition for excellence in professional and graduate education as well as in the life sciences. They are involved in all aspects of your education in the classroom, in the laboratory and with patients and they are involved in enhancing life sciences teaching, research and public education throughout the University.

Our reputation for excellence is based on the tremendous accomplishments of both our faculty and of you, our students and it is a reputation in which we can all take much pride. I am delighted that you chose VCU as the place to pursue your education and wish you much success in your future endeavors.

It is my hope that the strength of your education will carry you forward to a promising future. Best wishes to you on your studies and congratulations to those of you who will be earning your degrees this May!

Sincerely,

Eugene P. Trani
President
Virginia Commonwealth University

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Clinical Laboratory Sciences
Gerontology
Health Administration
Nurse Anesthesia
Occupational Therapy
Patient Counseling
Physical Therapy
Radiation Sciences
Rehabilitation Counseling
Class of 2008,

As our time on the MCV campus concludes, it is appropriate to reflect upon our journey and how it will impact our futures. We arrived about two years ago with the mutual desire to help people live more independently. With our goal established, we launched into curricula designed to challenge, inspire, and create successful, sensitive client-centered therapists. Our class has risen to each challenge we encountered and even has provided a few challenges of our own. As a result, we are leaving the program as people who not only have the desire to promote change in other peoples lives but also have the skills and knowledge to effect those changes.

Our futures hold a range of opportunities in the occupational therapy field. We have the good fortune to be involved in a career where we are able to impact others in a variety of ways through varying settings and ages of clients. With the changing demographics of our society, we are embarking on careers that will be in high demand for several decades. Our class is ready to help meet those societal needs.

With deep appreciation to our faculty, staff, and fellow classmates, let the following quote by Oliver Wendell Holmes help us to reflect upon our past and influence our futures:
It is the province of knowledge to speak and it is the privilege of wisdom to listen.

Best wishes to all,

Sarah Collins
Occupational Therapy Class of 2008 president
Medical College of Virginia Campus

Dentistry

Doctor of Dental Surgery
Dental Hygiene

VCU

2008
Dear Class,

The application process seemed to take forever. You waited an eternity to hear about your acceptance to dental school. On that fateful day, when the call came, you were elated. You were overjoyed. Little did you know that you were not just going to dental school, you were about to embark on a four year evolution.

It was a few weeks into the school year and a professor posed a question that was quickly and very astutely answered by a gentleman in the front row. The answer did not go unrecognized by his classmates. Instead, a low-building, single word seal of approval quietly began to build. JUAAAAAN. In the weeks following, we found study guides selflessly emailed to the entire class by various classmates and people donating their time and efforts to help out with fundraising and various social events intended only to benefit the Class as a whole. Soon the Class of 2008 began to take a leadership role in community outreach through donating their time for various education and MOM projects. Just a few months into the first year the generosity, camaraderie, and stewardship that would define a class was already becoming apparent.

When we began four short years ago, the days seemed to creep along. Do you remember how long it took to dissect out the brachial plexus? Do you remember how long it took to carve #30 out of wax? Do you remember how long it took to sit through the hours upon hours of Biochem, Path, and Materials lectures? Do you remember how long it took to study for all of those Pharm tests? Out of the class we entertained ourselves with bowling nights, happy hours, and family gatherings. In class we entertained ourselves by counting the sleepers and proposing potential alternate parents for guest lecturers. All of these things seemed like they would never end and then, in the blink of an eye, its 2008. In retrospect we all see how short a period of time it has been and now realize that this is just the beginning.

During our four year long introduction to dentistry we have had the privilege of learning from some of the finest and most skilled people in the profession. Much of our success is owed to their selfless efforts and personal missions to teach. Steadfast faculty guidance and your hard work has not brought about some profound change over the course of the last few years, it has been more of an evolution. You are still the same intelligent, kind, motivated, generous, friendly, and capable people that you were when you started dental school. But now, your diligence over the last four years has given you the confidence to truly make a difference in your communities and in the lives of individuals who desperately need your help and given that charge you will embrace it and succeed. Thank you for being the wonderful people you are and last but not least, thank you for your friendship.

With utmost sincerity,

Spencer Shelley
Class of 2008 President
Medical College of Virginia Campus

Medicine

Doctor of Medicine
Doctor of Philosophy
INOVA Campus
School of Graduate Studies
Physician-Scientist Training Program

VCU
Dearest Class of 2008,

Our time together has woefully come to an end. It has long been stated that parting is such sweet sorrow, and the cliché remains true today. We were each carefully selected to be members of this great class and greater institution. It is with deep nostalgia that I think back on the previous four years of our lives. In the tradition of the Medical College of Virginia, we have each been cultivated in a manner that will prepare us for the rigors and rewards of a career in medicine, all while continuing to evolve into the colleagues, spouses, parents, and friends that we have come to be.

Think back to our indoctrination into the field of medicine. We swore, before ever touching a patient the sacred Oath of Hippocrates. As each of us approached the stage and received our short white coat, we were flooded with feelings of pride, trepidation, and an overwhelming responsibility. There was an excitement and enthusiasm in those days that prevailed through population medicine, continued through tireless days and nights in the anatomy lab, triumphed over the pain of preparation for Step One, survived the 5am walks up the Hill, and anticipated the revelations of the Match.

We have become physicians, defined as a person skilled in the art of healing; specifically: one educated, clinically experienced, and licensed to practice medicine. We owe that gift to the faculty, staff, patients, and support services that have instilled priceless values in us. We must always remember, to whom much is given, much is required. There is no doubt in my mind that the Class of 2008 will embark upon our medical careers with the zeal, passion and preparedness that will be a testament to our journey at the Medical College of Virginia. I pray that each of us hold Sir William Osler's words in our hearts and, Live neither in the past nor in the future, but let each day's work absorb your entire energies, and satisfy your widest ambition. With that, we shall make our predecessors proud and our Alma mater shine in glory.

Sincerely,

Bella Gabice
Class of 2008 President
Zeina Saliba  Jon Schmitz  Amol Sharma  Conor Sheehy
Medical College of Virginia Campus

Nursing

Bachelor's in Nursing
Master's in Nursing
Doctoral in Nursing

VCU
Senior Class of 2008:

Congratulations seniors!!! We have made it through the four years of college that many of us thought that we would not get through. It seems like the first day of college was only yesterday. Some of us were excited to be college students whether it was to learn new and exciting material or just to be in a new environment meeting new and gifted individuals. But as the years went on, the workload became tough. I know we all thought Anatomy was the hardest course anyone has ever taken, but once we entered nursing school it was a different story. As the three years passed, students began to disappear constantly and in the back of our heads we always thought, Am I going to get through this? After many long nights of study groups in the library and the new Hunton Hall with wonderful caffeine beverages from Starbucks and Express Oasis, we made it to see graduation day. We actually made it to see everything!! We began our Health Assessment class in the old Nursing Education; however, we have moved to a beautiful nursing building that will allow future students the wonderful technology that Virginia Commonwealth University has to offer. We are the first graduating TRADITIONAL senior class to spend our entire year in the nursing building, so that means we are history. Virginia Commonwealth University Nursing School is historical and this means that their students make history. So you should be proud to be a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University!!

N'Deevaw McDonald
VCU SNA Senior Class Director
Pharmacy

Doctor of Pharmacy
INOVA Campus

Medical College of Virginia Campus

VCU
Class of 2008:

Four years ago, in Smith 107, there were 110 strangers about to begin an unforeseen journey. A journey that was full of laughter, tears, stress, and pharmacy. As we sat in the room, Ms. Donna Proffitt looked at our class and said, Every class develops a personality of their own and it will be interesting to see you guys grow over the next four years. I didn't think much about the comment, but as I reflect over the past four years I seem to think that we were a unique group of students for VCU/MCV School of Pharmacy.

Our class comes from many parts of the country, ranging from Colorado, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, North Carolina and our local state Virginia. We are a class full of diverse looks, backgrounds, and personalities to complete our uniqueness. In the past few years we have gotten daily Jimmy Buffet quotes, daily lessons on methamphetamines, classmates arguing with professors, memorable professor gestures, and those wonderful socials. So, what makes us a unique class? We are a class that socially bonded with our schoolmates! We reached out to the community! We were involved in organizations on a national level! We had the unofficial engagement club, with a high membership! We were the guinea pig class for the School of Pharmacy! I think the most important thing: we supported each other throughout the years.

As we get ready for graduation, it is not the end of the road. We have many more journeys to come and hopefully we will share them with the friends we made in pharmacy school. It has truly been an honor to get to know you guys. I wish everyone the best of luck and I look forward to seeing you guys out in the world of pharmacy!

Sincerely,

Mahmoud Moo Sultan
Class 2008 President
Joe Gibbons
Zeenia Gilani
Holly Gurgle
Aaron Hall
Ashley Hall
Megan Hall
Jehan Abed
Head Abu-Joudeh
Ashley Allmond
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Stephanie Clary
Kristyn Colbert
Megan Danford
Amanda Dawson
Wilma Espiritu
Nicole Fain
Jonathan Fields
Deanna Flora
Karen Ford
Joe Gibbons
Zeenia Gilani
Holly Gurgle
Aaron Hall
Ashley Hall
Megan Hall
Dear MCV Campus Students,

I would like to thank all SGA representatives and my executive board for another great year on the MCV Campus. Our mission this year has been to increase the visibility of the Student Government on campus. We began that mission over the summer with a promotional campaign that included a new SGA logo, t-shirts, water bottles, and posters. Our social events continued to be popular, with more students attending Halloween Ball and the Back-to-School social than ever before. We have also doubled the capacity of our annual Winter Ball by moving the event to the Convention Center. Our philanthropic events continue to give back to the local community. This year we sponsored students to participate in the Diabetes Walk and the Monument 10k for charity. We are currently working tirelessly on our city-wide health fair, which we hope will become an annual event. We continued to improve campus life by providing study breaks and addressing issues like parking, on-campus dining, and campus safety with administrators. We also gave more money to student organizations and departments to fund events like the Disco Ball, Wine and Cheese Socials, and the GSA Dessert Bar. I hope everyone enjoyed our events throughout the school year; it was a pleasure serving as your Student Government President.

Sincerely,

Giza M. High
The purpose of the MCV Campus SGA is:

1. To facilitate the exchange of information and ideas between the five MCV Campus schools and all of those students comprising the MCV Campus Student Body of VCU.

2. To take action to increase the quality of student services and academic programs in order to further enhance the education of MCV Campus students.

3. To plan, promote and execute a variety of social, cultural and recreational events to enhance fellowship, personal growth, and enjoyment of the MCV Campus Student Body and the larger VCU community.

4. To address all matters concerning the best interests of the MCV Campus Student Body.

5. To attend to those things helping to further the goals of the MCV Campus and VCU.

6. To maintain a budget, within the allocated funds, to most effectively serve the MCV Campus Student Body.
MCV SGA Social Events
MCV SGA Social Events
School of Allied Health

Master of Health Administration
School of Allied Health
The Student Occupational Therapy Association [SOTA] of VCU is a student-led organization on the MCV campus. Consisting of over forty-five members, SOTA represents and promotes the profession in a variety of activities and events throughout the year at local, state, and national levels. These activities include advocacy, fundraising, leadership, education, annual conferences, and community service projects. SOTA prides itself in its active and continual involvement with both the American Occupational Therapy Association and the Virginia Occupational Therapy Association.
The mission of Pi Theta Epsilon is to support the development of occupational therapy sciences and the practice of promoting research and other scholarly activities by its members. In this way, the organization serves not only the profession, but also helps to insure quality of health care services for the general public.

Officers
President: Kim Bartram
Vice President: Sarah Collins
Secretary: Megan Bailes
Treasurer: Megan Snowa
OT's have more fun!!
Class of 2008

Class officers
President: Sarah Collins
Secretary: Megan Bailey
Treasurer: Megan Snowa

"Today, your child will stack one block upon another-
Eyes, fingers, nerves, muscles
Working together—never realizing
That in this simple task he's laying the foundation
For all those tomorrows when he'll spell his name,
Compose his first story, write his first love letter, and,
Before you know it, a best-selling novel, and then, of
course win the Nobel Prize."
School of Allied Health          Occupational Therapy

Class of 2009

Officers
President: Lauren Akelerod
Vice President: Jessica Broenahan
Secretary: Brooke Glasscock
Treasurer: Sherrie Payne
National Down Syndrome Society's Buddy Walk
University of Richmond, VA

Intramural soccer team

OT's in the community

Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk

Virginia Occupational Therapy Association Conference
Wintergreen Resort, VA
OT in the Classroom
The Cosmetic Dental Club (CDC) has really done it this year!!! Dr. Joseph Niamtu came and had every seat filled with cosmetic enthusiasts and oral surgeons alike. Later, the CDC had Patterson Dental come and bring some of the world’s most advanced technology in dentistry and let students handle equipment like Cerec, lasers, intra-oral cameras, and CT scanners. The Cosmetic Dental Club has made an effort to bring extraordinary learning opportunities to the school that will help dental students succeed in dental school and excel in the transition to produce in a cosmetically demanding society. We strive to find activities that will attract those who have a deep interest in dental professionalism and cosmetic excellence. We believe that enthusiasm for excellence is what the CDC thrives on. We want to help produce some of the finest dental professionals that the United States has seen and we believe that we are succeeding at that.

**President:** Sam Waddups  
**Vice Presidents:** Erick Jannson & Christian Peck  
**Secretary:** Chad Goeckeritz
Delta Sigma Delta was the first professional dental fraternity and was founded in 1882 at the University of Michigan. It has become a truly international organization. We have graduate chapters in many countries along with over thirty undergraduate chapters located at dental schools in the United States.

The worthy goals of the fraternity are to keep high standards of dentistry and to advocate a spirit of fraternal cooperation toward scientific, ethical and professional progress. You will find that the many friends you make in Delta Sigma Delta try to live by these words in their daily professional and personal activities.

Delta Sigma Delta was established by far-sighted professionals—men with vision—who possessed the desire to render the best dental services in the highest professional manner. It was intended to bring together not only the most talented students of dentistry while in school, but by the establishment of the Supreme Chapter, it brought in the outstanding teachers and practitioners.

Professional fraternities have strong faculty support because of the high standards required for the establishment of a chapter on a campus. A good scholastic average is an important criterion for membership. These fraternities feature professional and educational programs as well as the usual special functions, and have active Graduate Chapters. Nowhere in the history of Delta Sigma Delta has it been written that we must initiate the largest number of candidates. On the contrary, the literature is replete with the philosophy of selectivity.

President: Bernadette Mabanglo
Vice President: True Dinh
Secretary: Nitika Mittal
Treasurer: Mimi Chang
Historian: Poonum Bharal
The objectives of this fraternity shall be to maintain and advance the high standards of dentistry by instilling in its members the spirit of fraternal cooperation; and to exert its influence for the advancement of the dental profession in its methods of teaching, of practice, of research, of ethics and of jurisprudence.

President: Ali E. Mohammad
Vice President: Michelle Klima
Secretary: Ashley Dameron
Treasurer: Mathew Kim
Service Chairs: Katherine Southwell
Social Chairs: Richard Jones & John Howard
Historian: David Jones
Mission:

The objectives of the organization are:

1. To increase social and cultural awareness within dental education by exploring avenues for the dissemination of information regarding cultural competency, access to care, and the disparity of oral health services amongst population groups.

2. To highlight the need for cultural competency in dental school training and service delivery with respect to race, religion, ethnicity, gender, social class, disabilities, and migrant/refugee status.

3. To instill a sense of community among students and patients from all subsets of the population.

4. To provide members with mentorship and support groups for training and miscellaneous purposes.

5. To maximize the standard and quality of our dental education.

Presidents: Poonum Bharal, Fawzia R Bhavnagri
Treasurer: Neda Hovaizi
Secretary: Sushmita Bhardwaj
Adjunct Officers: Quoc Lu and Sumayra M Mohiuddin
Mission
1. To promote and encourage an increase in minority enrollment and retention in all dental schools.
2. To educate its members in the social, moral, and ethical obligations of the profession of dentistry.
3. To promote a viable academic and social environment for minority students.
4. To be committed to the improvement of the delivery of dental health care to all people, with an emphasis on minorities and/or the underserved.
5. To provide assistance and support within the greater community.
6. To aid in the transition into the National Dental Association membership.

The Student National Dental Association (SNDA) originated from concerned dental students at Meharry Medical College in 1970. SNDA has grown to approximately 1,100 minority dental students; members who are from African-American, Hispanic, and Native American backgrounds from among the approximately 21,000 dental students enrolled at the 56 US dental schools. Since 1970, SNDA has become an integral part of minority students and minority dental health practitioners, with the ultimate goal of improving the health manpower distribution among the minority population as defined by the Department of Health and Human Services.
Dental School Fun...
Dental School Fun continued...
SPECIAL OLYMPICS VIRGINIA HEALTH AND WELLNESS EXPO

Presented by:

Healthy Athletes
Special Smiles

CLINIC & LAB
Lab & Clinic Continued...
If it were possible to use one word to define the life of Dr. Francis Merrill Foster, Sr. that word would be giving. Of course Dr. Foster was much more than that. The list of his virtues and the way that he displayed them would fill volumes. He was a man who possessed many gifts and talents and he used them wisely and generously.

Dr. Fosters formal service to the VCU School of Dentistry began in 1991, but as in everything he did, Dr. Foster never waited to be invited to serve. His interest in our School preceded his appointment. When he saw a need, he took it upon himself to fill it.

During his tenure at the School, Dr. Foster worked with patients whose needs related to adjustments and repairs of their dentures. He taught that patients needed to be seen as individuals, not a problem to be resolved. The letters of appreciation are a tribute not only to the care he provided but to the lessons he taught all of us.

One of Dr. Fosters greatest attributes and endearing qualities was his grace. He was the definition of dignity. He displayed it in his every encounter and passed it on to all with whom he came in contact. He never missed recognizing a birthday, a holiday or any special event. His memory of the slightest detail in another one's life was tucked away in his heart and mind for future reference. Who else could ask about a long forgotten event that had a special meaning to only that individual?

Dr. Fosters memory was exhaustive. The breadth and depth of his intellect could not be measured. He was a walking encyclopedia of the history of Richmond and Virginia. Some of his stories were surprising, some were humorous, some were sad but all were inspiring. He didn't need to look up information; he was the one who provided the information. His recall was nothing short of remarkable. He was a truly unforgettable person.

Dr. Foster was a leader. Integrity brought him opportunity. Opportunity gave him a chance to serve. His duties included acting as president, chairman, trustee or board member of virtually every organization with which he was associated. He was a member of the MCV Alumni Association without ever having attended the College. His countless awards are not as impressive as the number of awards named for him. He treated everyone as an equal, a rare and most endearing quality. He taught well - in his professional life and in his personal life. The accomplishments of his family show that he exemplified the life quality.

Even in his final gift, he continued to teach by donating his body to science. Dr. Foster was given much and he gave it all back. Eighty-six years of service to mankind, is a fitting tribute to such a great man.
Dr. Hugh B. Douglas, Jr. was a man whose gift to his students and his patients was his tireless pursuit of excellence. To that end, the clinic in the new W. Baxter Perkinson Building is named in his honor. No matter what the endeavor, he would accept nothing less than the best of himself and those that he taught. That inspiration was also felt by his peers. He set the standard high and made a practice of exceeding it. During his thirty-six year career he provided the best care available and imparted his knowledge, his wisdom and his unwavering devotion to those around him.

Dr. Douglas joined the faculty upon graduating from the VCU School of Dentistry in 1970. His professors were not only aware of his superior clinical skills but also his ability to relate to his colleagues, his students and his patients. He was a natural at his chosen profession. This afforded him the unprecedented opportunity to pursue advanced education while keeping his faculty appointment.

He attended the University of North Carolina where he received a M.S. in Prosthodontics. Upon his return to VCU in 1974, he resumed his position as a peerless operator and gifted teacher. Although he shunned recognition, he could not hide his immense talent. He continued to teach until his retirement in the fall of 2006. From the day he retired, throughout his illness, he would always ask about how things were going at the School he loved. After spending over half of his life teaching, he considered the students, the patients, the faculty and the staff his second family.

Although he was very serious about ensuring the best for the patients who were being treated under his direction, he used his renowned sense of humor to instruct. A compliment from Dr. Douglas was highly coveted but frequently came in the form of a quip and his engaging smile. Few students who worked with him escaped his good natured kidding. To be counted among those he teased was a badge of honor. Of course his students were not the only ones who were subject to his humor. Colleagues and friends cherish the wit that made him so special. He received several teaching awards but most of all he gained the love and respect of his students who would return to see him or contact him to once again hope for one of his greetings of endearment. These greetings often included a reminder of an event in the past that only he would remember with pleasure.

Dr. Douglas's reputation as a clinician was a reflection of his unceasing striving for excellence. The mark of his expertise can be measured by those who sought to be treated by him. His referral base was so large that he could not possibly keep up with the demand for appointments by people who desired to be treated by him. The loyalty of those who were lucky enough to become his patient is yet another tribute to his skill and charm. It is not surprising that dozens of dentists were counted among his patients. There is no greater testimony to his ability than that. He truly was a dentist's dentist.
The American Medical Student Association (AMSA), with a half-century history of medical student activism, is the oldest and largest independent association of physicians-in-training in the United States.

Today, AMSA is a student-governed, national organization committed to representing the concerns of physicians-in-training. With a membership of more than 68,000 medical students, premedical students, interns, residents and practicing physicians from across the country, AMSA continues its commitment to improving medical training and the nation's health. The American Medical Student Association is committed to improving health care and healthcare delivery to all people; promoting active improvement in medical education; involving its members in the social, moral and ethical obligations of the profession of medicine; assisting in the improvement and understanding of world health problems; contributing to the welfare of medical students, interns, residents and post-MD/DO trainees; and advancing the profession of medicine.
Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association

Mission Statement: To increase understanding and awareness relating to health issues pertaining to Asian-Pacific American communities, and to strengthen the network of physicians and future physicians who can provide culturally competent care.

APAMSA Officers
Co-Presidents: Vicky Nguyen & Brian Nguyen
External Vice President: Jenny Lu
Internal Vice President: Annie Nguyen
Treasurer: Tjoson Tjoa
Secretary: Monica Velasquez
Historian: Victoria Chiou
Club Med

ClubMed is a medical student interest group dedicated to introducing medical students to the field of internal medicine. Every year ClubMed has a subspecialty week lunch lecture series where physicians from different fields such as Nephrology, Gastroenterology, and Respiratory Medicine and Critical Care, come speak with students about their respective fields.

Complementary and Alternative Medicine Interest Group

MCVCAM is here to promote what many medical students now feel is an essential part of their education-complementary and alternative medicine. We hope to increase awareness of unique concepts and practices in medicine. In addition, we aim to learn more about the medical benefits of alternative methods such as acupuncture, yoga, nutrition and herbal therapy. By taking a more integrative approach to our medical education, we hope to become more well-rounded and informed practicing physicians.

CAM officers: Dan Hendrey, Dan Fitz, Allie Lynch & Don Davidson
David Hume Society

The David Hume Society is an organization for MCV students who share an interest in surgery and surgery-related disciplines. Named for Dr. David Hume, MCV's former Chairman of Surgery and pioneer of the kidney transplant, the DHS offers medical students a glimpse at surgical life rarely seen by first and second year students. Some of this year's highlights include the DHS Lunch Lecture Series, the David Hume Society Spring Elective, research opportunities, and surgical shadowing.

DHS Officers
Brody Wehman
Jillian McAdams
Lindsey Lucas
Henry Wong
Vicky Nguyen
Dave Ravi

Emergency Medical Student Association

The Emergency Medical Student Association (EMSA) at the Medical College of Virginia seeks to engage medical students in the field of emergency medicine and promote an understanding of the training of emergency medicine physicians and the practice of emergency medicine. EMSA members have the opportunity to participate in emergency room shadowing and ambulance ride alongs.

Officers: Vicky Nguyen, Greg Dion, Amanda Scheffman
Fan Free Clinic

The medical student run clinic is the oldest free clinic in Richmond. It provides a lot of different primary care services to the community at no charge or at a reduced charge depending on a patient's financial background. Most patients that come to the clinic are considered to be from underserved populations.

M2 Coordinators: Abisola Ayodeji and Tjoson Tjoa

Students Sri Adusumalli, M1, and Witemba Kabange, M2, present a patient to the volunteer attending physician, Dr. Anna Bittner at the student-run clinic in January.

Hematology/Oncology Interest Group

The Hematology and Oncology Interest Group is a student run organization dedicated to raising cancer awareness and providing service within the Heme/Onc community. The group sponsors educational lunch lectures and shadowing opportunities for students. We also organize the MCV Cancer Day program. This year the club also volunteered with Race for the Cure and Relay for Life.
The Geriatric Student Interest Group (GSIG) is dedicated to the understanding of the growing field of Gerontology. We actively volunteer in the local community by sponsoring a weekly bingo game and seasonal crafts at a local retirement home. During Christmas, we also go caroling at local retirement homes and senior centers in inner city Richmond. A few of the members have even taken it upon themselves to join Elderfriends of Richmond in which they visit a particular elder every week and give their elder some much needed companionship.

President: Joshua Morales
Officers: Brody Wehman, Sarah Longest, Rachael Corritone, Joseph Romano, Sara Burgardt
HOMBRE

Honduras Outreach Medical Brigada Relief Effort (HOMBRE) is a collaborative effort among health professionals, medical students, and local Honduran communities to provide sustained medical care to underserved populations in Honduras while enhancing the education of health professional students.
What is the INOVA Medical Campus?
VCU School of Medicine has developed a relationship with Fairfax Hospital to provide its students with many unique opportunities, including clinical experience in one of the best hospitals in the country with a long tradition of educating medical students. This relationship also offers the opportunity for new collaborative research efforts in medical outcomes and biotechnology.

Who goes to the INOVA Medical Campus?
About 20-30 medical students from each class spend their last two years at the INOVA Medical Campus. The inpatient clinical experience during the third year is spent entirely at Fairfax Hospital. Outpatient clinical experience is spent at Fairfax Hospital outpatient clinics and the offices of private practitioners in the community. Up to six months of elective experience can be spent at Fairfax Hospital during the fourth year.

Class of 2008
President: Zeina Saliba
Secretary: Jennifer Pritchard
Honor Rep: Seth Gale

Class of 2009
President: Michael Hartman
Secretary: Shannon Miller
Curriculum Rep: Ali Nassiry
Dear School of Medicine students, faculty and administration,

I would like to extend a wholehearted thanks to you all for another great year here at MCV. This year the MSG has worked tirelessly with class officers from all four medical classes to not only continue our longstanding events but also initiate new activities and projects to benefit all medical students. Among these, the M1 Orientation week, the Medicine Ball and countless Liver Rounds throughout the year were enjoyed by all. In addition, this year we organized monthly health fairs at local low income housing developments and continued to award our second annual scholarship in honor of Dr. Cynthia Messmer, former Dean of Admissions. We also remained true to our commitment to serve as the voice of students by further addressing student concerns regarding parking, financial aid, and on campus facilities. Our MSG board is an incredibly dedicated group of students who always go above and beyond and inspire me to no end. A special thank you to our advisor, Dr. Ike Wood, for his constant commitment to all medical students and to all of the faculty/administration who continually extend themselves to help the MSG in any and all endeavors we undertake. Lastly, thank you to the SOM for the honor of serving as your MSG President.

Sincerely,

Shakun Gupta
School of Medicine, Class of 2008
Military Medicine Student Association

The purpose of MMSA is to educate medical students on the unique practice of military medicine and to serve as a venue for medical students currently on military scholarships to get to know one another and share information. We have had several events including a lunch lecture and after school social outings. Currently we have about 20 members. Membership is open to anyone interested in military medicine.

Ophthalmology Interest Group

Organization Purpose: To allow students to learn more about ophthalmology and give them opportunities to get involved in the field through shadowing/research opportunities.

Ophthalmology is a competitive field, so our interest group wants to help students, who might be interested, to learn about it early!

Co-Presidents: Amr Kouchouk & Vicky Nguyen
Treasurer: Albert Petrossian
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Student Interest Group

Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (PM&R) is a specialty medical field. The goal of a Physiatrist (a physician specializing in PM&R) is to restore individuals to their highest functional level. This is done by tailoring a program of medical treatment & therapy to best fit the individual's needs. The PM&R Student Interest Group (SIG) promotes opportunities for educational and clinical interaction related to PM&R.

PM&R SIG Officers
President: Jim Wilson, (M3)
Vice-President: Alice Wong, (M3)
Treasurer: Courtney Ross
Secretary: Sima Parikh (M3)
Clinical Liaison: David Powell (M3)
Clinical Liaison: Jenny Thomas (M2)
Clinical Liaison: Jessica Johnson (M2)
Clinical Liaison: Mike Goldin (M4)
Clinical Liaison: Tom Mullin (M2)

Sports Medicine Interest Group

The SMIG is an organization that is dedicated to the diverse field that is sports medicine. We show that sports medicine is not just one area of medicine, but rather is present in nearly every field of medicine. Throughout the year we hold clinics at local physician offices that teach each participant how to examine certain joints in a difficult situation. In addition, we give first and second year students the chance to shadow sports medicine doctors, athletic trainers, and orthopedic surgeons to see for themselves the opportunities that sports medicine has to offer.

President: Joshua Morales
Officers: Tamer Hadi, Breanna Harpstead, Michael Gaspar, Nina Nguyen, Timothy Sanford
Physicians for Human Rights (PHR) promotes health by protecting human rights. We believe that human rights are essential preconditions for the health and well-being of all people. Using medical and scientific methods, we investigate and expose violations of human rights worldwide and we work to stop them. We support institutions that hold perpetrators of human rights abuses, including health professionals, accountable for their actions. We educate health professionals and medical, public health and nursing students and organize them to become active in supporting a movement for human rights and creating a culture of human rights in the medical and scientific professions. At VCU/MCV, PHR works via both education and activism as we seek to harness the collective power of future health care professionals toward the pursuit of health as a human right.
The Remote Area Medical Clinic, commonly known as RAM, is an annual health care clinic in Wise County, VA. This year a team of over a hundred students and faculty volunteers from VCU School of Medicine and School of Dentistry made the 7 hour trip from Richmond to the fairgrounds where the free clinic was being held. The VCU team joined hundred of other volunteers from across the state, working beneath makeshift tents to provide free health care to the 2,500 patients that would show up over the three days. The services ranged from dental exams and repairs, free eye exams and eyeglasses, radiology, and even minor surgery.
Student National Medical Association

The Student National Medical Association is the nation's oldest and largest independent, student-run organization focused on the needs and concerns of medical students of color. Established in 1964 by medical students from the Howard University School of Medicine and the Meharry Medical College, SNMA boasts over 40 years of service to underserved communities and medical students. The organization's mission is to "support current and future underrepresented minority medical students, address the needs of underserved communities and increase the number of clinically excellent, culturally competent and socially conscious physicians."

President: Deanna Faulk
VP of Community Service: Adam Johnson
VP of Social: Asena Madison
Secretary: Courtney Ross
MAPs Liaison: Ayman Abdel-Rahman
Dean's Rep: Abisola Ayodejiaa
MAAB Reps: Asena Madison, Abisola Ayodejiaa
Education Chair: Erica Green Carter
Treasury: Jessica Bowers
The School of Medicine Tour Guides are a group of 2nd year medical students selected to represent the diverse student body at the VCU SOM. They assist the administration and admissions committee in guiding tour groups around the MCV campus and familiarizing potential applicants, interviewees, and interested public with the history and campus of the medical school.

Seated: Allison Lange, Phyllis Acquah, Tanvi Shah, Sara Burgardt, Courtney Ross, Chris Bach, Julia Messina
1st and 2nd rows: Asad Qasim, Kami Hu, Victoria Chiou, Sarah Longest, Asena Madison, Adam Johnson, Amy Kouchouk, Mike Tran, Kushal Karnik, Lauren Siff, Justin Busch, Tjosen Tjoa, Mark Grabill, Sarah Garnett, James Krakowski, Sherri Rauenzahn, Samareh Ghorbani, Kristin Paccione, Benita Panigrahi, Amanda Lenderink-Carpenter, Michael Vranian
3rd row: Michael Goldsmith, Keith Bachmann, Vibin Roy, Vikram Bhasin, Nick Scarcella, Brian Robertson, Michael Mendoza, Lauren Lastinger, Anshu Shukla, Lisa Mack, Jenny Thomas, Harrison McGrath, Erica Greene Carter
Missing: Katie Sprinkle

Women In Medicine Student Organization

Since 1978, the Women in Medicine Student Organization has served as a forum to discuss women’s health topics, increase awareness of the obstacles facing women in professional careers, and promote the advancement and achievement of women in all stages of medical education.
School of Nursing

Nursing Students Without Borders

Empowering individuals to create a positive impact on their local and global community

Getting Started
Ginger Vanhoozer (President) leads brainstorming about what NSWB can be and encourages fellow students to come up with new ideas for future projects.

What do we do?
NSWB is new this Fall 2007. The idea is to work on several local projects first, such as collecting new toys for children brought to the emergency department, and passing out condoms and information on World AIDS Day (December 1st each year). We’re discussing the idea of a medical “recycling” program, which takes unused items which might normally be thrown away after other parts of a kit have been used, and distributes them to clinics in need. As we raise funds, we’ll concentrate on trips inside and outside Virginia, and even outside of the country. We’re considering Guatemala and Belize.

Bake What Your Momma Gave Ya
John Johnson holds up his empty bowl. His cookies won the prize for tastiest, while Ginger Vanhoozer won for most original name: “I Can’t Believe He Really Moved to Ohio Brownies.”
Doughnuts, anyone?
(L to R) Katherine Hopper, Ann Wyatt Heisler, and Liza Farley sell doughnuts in the hospital as another NSWB fundraiser. At the end of the day they were all sold out!

Sounds good to me!
Sallie Cross prepares to sign up for upcoming events. NSWB students prepared to travel with dental students to provide nursing care on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

Last minute takers
Students hurry to get their chance at the Valentine Basket Raffle. NSWB fundraisers were so popular they drew many faculty in addition to students.

A real basket case?
The Valentine Basket Raffle proved to be one of the best fundraisers for NSWB. Students worked hard to provide desirable prizes and sell tickets, because they'll need the funds if they hope to go on local and international nursing trips. It didn't hurt, of course, that all the fund raisers were also fun!

Valentine's Raffle
Jennifer Lundy (Treasurer) takes a shift at the raffle table. The basket included many goodies: gift certificates for flowers and candy at Ukrops, dinner for two at a local swank restaurant, and Byrd Theatre tickets.
School of Nursing

Student Nurses' Association

Anthem Gurney Tourney

The Mystery Machine & Crew

Blood drive for Virginia Blood Services gets everyone involved

I get by with a little help...

Giving blood over lunch hour

Donors chit chat with friends to pass the time
So, what exactly does a nurse do?

We've all heard there is a nursing shortage. Why do we need nurses anyway?

With a large percentage of current nurses on the verge of retiring, as well as a large portion of nursing faculty about to retire, the nation is having difficulty responding to the national need for nurses. VCU's School of Nursing provides a number of programs to help meet this demand.

But... one might ask why we need nurses so badly anyway? Don't nurses just check vital signs when people visit the doctor?

Nurses are responsible for everything that falls under the category of nursing care: they insert catheters and nasogastric tubes, draw blood, monitor intake of fluids and solids and subsequent output, watch for signs of condition improvement or worsening to collaborate with doctors and other interdisciplinary practitioners, and provide patient advocacy and education. One of the most important nursing aspects is managing pain and providing a listening ear or hand to hold. So, who DOESN'T need a nurse?
School of Nursing

Nurses are...
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...oh so fun.
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Nurses are...
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...in demand.
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Nurses are...
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...crazy about learning.
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Nurses are...
School of Nursing
...going places.
The Student Executive Council (SEC) is an elected group of students that serves as a voice in representing the VCU School of Pharmacy and was established in 1999 to promote practical education in the process of self-government. The group meets once a month and is comprised of 2 Executive Officers, 4 Class Presidents, 11 Organization Presidents, and has 6 Dean Advisors. The SEC annually hosts a fall and spring picnic, invites guest speakers for Student Assembly Hour, and coordinates a School of Pharmacy Health Fair.

Graduate Student Association

GSA is an organization that encourages graduate students to become actively involved in various activities within the School of Pharmacy in order to develop leadership skills. This organization provides the opportunity to develop outside interest or activity in addition to academic study. We were formed on January 21, 2007. We are the voice for graduate students within the Department of Pharmacy.

Members and Area of Study:

- **Urvi Desai** - Pharmacy Administration (Managed Care); Pharmacoeconomics; Outcomes Research
- **Sheetal Dharia** - Geriatric Pharmacotherapy
- **Avani Joshi** - Pharmacy Administration
- **Omar Ibrahim** - Pharmacoeconomics; Infectious Diseases
- **Mallika Lala** - Pharmacogenetics; Pharmacotherapy
- **Dipen Patel** - Pharmacoeconomics; Outcomes Research; Pharmaceutical Marketing
- **Suzanne Phillips** - Epidemiology; Antibiotic Resistance
- **Amit Somani** - Clinical Research and Drug development
- **I-Wen Yu** - Pharmacogenetics; Pharmacotherapy
CPFI is a worldwide ministry of individuals working in all areas of pharmaceutical service and practice.

President: Sheila Gordon  
Vice President: David Clopton  
Secretary: Kristen Kern  
Treasurer: Stan Harris  
Events Coordinator: Catrina Hairston  
Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Phillip M. Gerk

CPFI promotes the Leukemia & Lymphoma society and builds awareness for these diseases. Members also helped with Operation Christmas Child, an organization that brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes. CPFI meets weekly to encourage one another through a time of Bible study, prayer and fellowship.
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Kappa Epsilon
Professional Pharmacy Fraternity

2007-2008
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Lynn Silagyi
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Michelle Mosteiro
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Ashley Joan Allmond, Jaclyn Smith
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Michalaih Parker, Jennifer Strickland
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Kristen Alicia Elliot
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Amy Laboskie
Webmaster:
Nicole Butler
Faculty Advisors:
Dr. Jean-Venable (Kelly) Goode, Mrs. Donna Proffitt

The purpose of Kappa Epsilon is to unite women students of pharmacy, to cooperate with the faculties of the colleges where chapters are established, to stimulate in its members a desire for high scholarship, to foster a professional consciousness, and to provide a bond of lasting loyalty, interest and friendship.

At the American Cancer Society's Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk on October 21, 2007
The objectives of Kappa Psi are to conduct a professional fraternal organization for the mutual benefit of its members to develop industry, sobriety, and fellowship; to foster high ideals, scholarship, and pharmaceutical research; to support all projects which will advance the profession of pharmacy and to actively participate in them; to inspire in its members a deep and lasting pride in their Fraternity and in the profession of pharmacy; to render such other services to its members and its profession as may seem feasible and as may be in accordance with the constitution and bylaws of the Fraternity.
Phi Delta Chi

The Phi Delta Chi Fraternity develops leaders to advance the science of pharmacy and allied interest and to foster and promote a fraternal spirit among its members.

Worthy Chief Counselor: Laurie Oldiges
Worthy Vice Counselor: Leska Webb
Worthy Prelate: Heather Morris
Worthy Correspondent: Ashley Alexander
Worthy Inner Guard: Jessica Boyd
Worthy Inner Guard: Christina Wong
Worthy Keeper of Finance: Huyen Nguyen
Worthy Master at Arms: Ting Ting Lin
Worthy Alumni Liaison: Sean Carlton
Worthy Keeper of Records and Seals: Amanda Bremner

Disco Bowl is an annual event full of 70s attire and bowling to raise funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Members: Adam Norris, Alaleh Khah, Amanda Gillum, Bryan Dalton, Brynnt Smith, Carl Johnson, Chad Conner, Charles Blazek, Christine Ha, Courtney Edwards, Denise Lum, Holly Webb, James Ross, Jason deCheubel, Jessica Aptaker, John Nadeau, Kobe Boakye, Lindsey Enzor, Moo Sultan, Nader Hanna, Nate Powell, Patrick Combs, Purvi Patel, Sarah Houser, Sarah Moore, Sheila Ephraim, Solomon Ogunware, Ashley Varney, Caroline Johnson, Courtney Watson, Enka Bailey, Gia-Lai Nguyen, Janet Park, Jennifer Yuen, John Ejezie, Justin Aguilar, Kristen Edwards, Kristen Gallaher, Laura Ngo, Leah Boardwine, Nancy Nguyen, Olivia Longest, Paul Hansen, Paula Kim, Prital Mehta, Walter Crumpler, Alexis Noble, Anna Kostric, Ashley Cox, Ashley Hall, Ashley Hamilton, Benu Arofa, Carrie Ngo, Dawn Holbrook, Helen HaileSelassie, Jennifer Austin, Jennifer Bouillard, Jennifer Witten, Jonathan Carter, Lina Saliba, Meghan Hall, Meriam Senay, Nichole Fain, Pamela Quaye, Saharat Patanavanich, Stephen Milam, Susan Park, Marissa Seneca, Laura Nackman, Stephanie Atueyi, Jessica VoQui, Aileen Caalim, Payal Patel
PHI LAMBDA SIGMA

PLS is the national pharmacy leadership society. Our mission is to promote leadership, particularly among students, in an effort to advance the profession. Membership emanates from the present members of the Society.

President: Peter Wills, Vice President: Michaiah Parker, Secretary: Jennifer Neal, Treasurer: Nelda Richardson, Professional Activities Coordinator: Kristin Duke, Faculty Sponsor: Dr. David Holdford
Webmaster: Patricia Rogers-Babin

No greater honor can be bestowed upon an individual than to be recognized as a leader by one’s peers.

Members: Paul Caudill, Christine Ha, Elizabeth Hurt, Kerri Temple, Moo Sultan, Sheetal Dharia, Rhenda Harris, Lisa Khosla, McKinsey Pastrikos, Kristin Duke, Patricia Rogers-Babin, Sean Carlton, Melissa Carroll, David DeLong, Peter Wills, Nelda Richardson, Michaiah Parker, Jennifer Neal, Paul Hansen
Rho Chi Society is the Pharmacy Honor Society at the Medical College of Virginia Campus of VCU

Rho Chi's major events include the Dean's List Luncheons, the P2 Recognition Ceremony, and the Pharmacy Bowl.

President: Ricky Scanlon  
Vice President: Peter Wills  
Secretary: Lynellen Gregory  
Treasurer: Dr. Donald Brophy  
Historian: Christina Wong  
Induction Ceremony Chair:  
    Jenny Kissinger  
Academic Tutor Program Chair:  
    Kelley Mills  
Web Master: David Clopton  
Faculty Advisor:  
    Dr. Donald Brophy
SACP is the student chapter of the National Community Pharmacists Association.

The National Community Pharmacists Association, founded in 1898 as the National Association of Retail Drugists (NARD), represents the pharmacist owners, managers, and employees of more than 23,000 independent community pharmacies across the United States. The nation's independent pharmacies, independent pharmacy franchises, and independent chains dispense nearly half of the nation's retail prescription medicines.

2007-2008 Officers

President: Melissa Carroll

President-Elect/Vice President: Tiffany White

Secretary: Antoinette Coe

Treasurer: TingTing Lin

Community Service Chair: Megan Danford

Webmaster: David Clopton

Faculty Advisor: Dr. David Holdford

Other SACP Events:
- Promoted the Great American National Smokeout Day
- Participated in the Step Out to Fight Diabetes Walk
- Taught Poison Prevention Awareness to area children at daycare centers

VCU student pharmacists, including three SACP members, joined the Remote Area Medical (RAM) Volunteer Corps on a three day expedition to Wise County, Virginia from July 20-22, 2007.

"The students showed real compassion and willingness to do something for a patient population that remains tremendously medically underserved. I am really proud of their hard work and commitment to be part of the RAM project" - Dr. Evan Sisson, faculty advisor

Student pharmacists at the MCV health fair promoting Smoking Cessation

SACP members at the School of Pharmacy Open House

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Student National Pharmaceutical Association

SNPhA is an educational and service association of students who are concerned about pharmacy issues, professional development, and the lack of minority representation in pharmacy and other health-related professions.

President Ayoyinka Ojutalayo
President-Elect Pamela Quaye
Vice President Kristin Duke
Secretary Nelda Richardson
Treasurer Helen HaileSelassie
Historian Catrina Hairston
Historian Mika Shima
Class Rep P-1 Brittany Cannon
Class Rep P-2 Maria Koumas
Community Service Chair Maria Koumas
Faculty Advisor Dr. Barbara Exum

The SVSHP chapter at the VCU School of Pharmacy is a student chapter of the Virginia Society of Health-System Pharmacists, which is a state chapter of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. Membership in this SVSHP chapter also includes membership to the state and national parent organizations.

2007-2008 Officers
President: Paul Hansen
President-Elect: Lauren Pierce
Vice President: Caroline Johnson
Secretary: Holly Gurgle
Treasurer: Jennifer Helmke
Membership Chair & Webmaster: Kathleen Hidalgo
Representatives: P-1: Suzanne Padgett
INOVA: Michelle Mosteiro

Members at the MCV Spring Health Fair in the Gateway Building
Providing blood pressure checks at the Alzheimer's Memory Walk
Presenting cardiovascular disease to new students and their families at the School of Pharmacy Open House
School of Pharmacy

Virginia Academy of Student Pharmacists

VASP is the student affiliate of the American Pharmacists Association. Membership to VASP includes membership to the Virginia Pharmacists Association, and to the American Pharmacists Association. We promote the profession of pharmacy through legislative affairs, community service, public relations, and social activities.

2007-2008 Officers
President:
David DeLong

President-Elect:
Jonathan Carter

Vice President:
Jennifer George

Secretary:
Deanna Flora

Treasurer:
Maria Koumas

Historians:
Lina Saliba, Amanda Bremner

Class Representatives:
P-1: Amy Dembowski
P-2: Dina Patel
P-3: Kristen Gallaher
P-4: Kerri Temple

Community Service Co-Chairs:
Holly Gurgle,
Nicole Butler,
Jennifer Witten

Membership Chair:
Lynn Silagyi

Social Chair:
Alexis Noble

Public Relations Chair & Webmaster:
Ashley Joan Allmond

Fundraising Chair:
Prital Mehta

Legislative Co-Chairs:
Sean Carlton,
Lina Saliba

Faculty Advisor:
Dr. Amy Whitaker

Officers at the VPhA Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach
At the Heartburn Awareness booth

Members at one of the VASP monthly meetings
Presenting Heartburn Awareness at the School of Pharmacy Open House
The past, present, and future Presidents of VASP at the APhA Annual Meeting

Chapter officers pose at the annual VASP banquet at the MCV Alumni House
the Capsule is the VCU School of Pharmacy newsletter, written and edited by student pharmacists. Its purpose is to ensure that faculty and students are aware of ongoing organization projects, individual accomplishments, new developments, and changes affecting the School of Pharmacy community. We are committed to providing the most up to date and accurate information to our readers.

Virginia Tech Support

Dear Staff,

I hope this message finds you well and that your summer has been fulfilling and productive. I would like to extend my warmest greetings and wishes for a healthy and enjoyable fall season. As we transition from the summer to the fall semester, I would like to remind you of the availability of staff support through the Office of the Dean of Students. The staff is here to assist you with any concerns or questions you may have. If you need to schedule an appointment or have any feedback, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
[Signature]

Editor:
Kathleen Hidalgo

Assistant Editor:
Jennifer Padgett

Class of 2010: Summer Internships and Experiences

Welcome back! We missed you.

The Capsule

Special photo issue

“Inova, Are You There?”

School of Pharmacy Newsletter

The Capsule

The front page of some 2007 issues of the Capsule
"Inova, Are You There?"
by: Jessica Wood and Kelley Mills

YES! The Inova campus of the VCU School of Pharmacy has finally opened with the inaugural class of 2009 entering in late August of 2007. Fifteen students from the P-3 class now attend classes full-time at Inova Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, Virginia. This first semester has had its challenges, but things are now running very smoothly here up north. Everyone on both the Inova and MCV campuses suffered through the many teleconference connection drops and learning challenges, but thanks to the introduction of Lyndsay Javillonar, our Wonder Woman or Student Services Coordinator, David Vennell, our new IT specialist, and the new communication line specific for the School of Pharmacy, the technology and administrative problems have improved.

Attending class on the Inova campus has definitely brought the 15 students closer together. This campus has given us the opportunity to become close friends and socialize together. Thus, we work as a more cohesive group. We strive to get at least the same experiences and exposures as are offered at the MCV campus. With such hard work, students are now able to attend class council and student organization meetings broadcasted from Richmond. One benefit of being part of such a small group is being able to contribute things to our space that make it feel more like home. It is safe to say that the Inova students have a healthy appetite. The snack bowl in our lounge is always overflowing with treats, and everyone is good at taking turns to contribute to our waistlines.

On the Inova campus, students also have a great opportunity to interact with and learn directly from the new clinical faculty, Casey Sample, Pharm.D., BCPS and Daniel Tassone, Pharm.D. Both professors run on an open door policy and are always willing to help. Drs. Sample and Tassone have become an integral part of the Inova campus family by supporting our student run activities and actively participating in everything we do, including social events and the class bake sale.

In our short time here, we have participated in many activities. During National Pharmacy Week, the VCU/Inova School of Pharmacy introduced itself to the Inova Fairfax Hospital with a Heartburn/Heart Attack Awareness Information booth complete with treats for sale to benefit the class of 2009. Also in October, the Inova class participated in the American Diabetes Association Diabetes Walk. In November, five of the 15 Inova students participated in a student visit to the Women's and Children's Hospital where they entertained pediatric patients with Thanksgiving themed activities.

In the middle of November, the Inova group met at Dr. Tassone's house for a Fireside Chat hosted by the Inova faculty. Everyone had a great time interacting outside of school and meeting each others families. Most recently, we are ending Penny Wars, where we have a tight race going between Dr. Sample and Dr. Tassone's practicum groups for an all inclusive pizza party prize. All proceeds from Penny Wars will be donated to the Northern Virginia Food Bank.

Our most recent adventure on the Inova campus was to design a class spirit specific to the Inova campus. Jessica Wood took on the great feat of making the design, hassling everyone to get involved, and organizing the order and distribution. Her hard work turned out to be a success as we now have a class hoodie, class sweatshirt, and Inova Top 10 t-shirt.

One thing on this campus that is really special to us is our unofficial class mascot Emma, Kelley Mills' two-year-old daughter. Our small group has become a little family. To borrow a phrase from the Medical Students, "We are at Club Med."
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The X-Ray Staff

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The X-Ray Staff would like to congratulate the graduating class of 2008! May you succeed in all your endeavors - Good Luck!
The Office of Staff would like to congratulate the graduating class of 2018! We are very proud of all your achievements.