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American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Current Student Engagement

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- Average of 100-200 trainee members of AACP each year
 - Includes students, residents and fellows
 - Emphasis on avoiding poaching members from pharmacy practice organizations
- Faculty recruitment is a major theme of AACP's outreach.
 - Non-practice faculty are also targeted via career info clearinghouse and the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS)
- Student-focused activities include:
 - Wal-Mart Scholars Program
 - Created in 2005
 - Goal: To strengthen the recipient's skills and commitment to a career in academic pharmacy through their participation at the AACP Annual Meeting and
 - \$1,000 scholarships to 65 student-faculty pairs from AACP member institutions
 - Scholarship must cover 100% student cost, 50% faculty cost of registration of meeting and pre-meeting Teacher's Seminar
 - Money left after registration may be applied as desired by student. In the case of my student, my COP contributed \$350 to cover his hotel
 - Eligibility: graduate students, professional (doctoral) students, residents and fellows, along with their faculty mentors
 - Application Requirements: program application, GPA verification (including undergraduate course work), statement of career goals, faculty mentor letter of support
 - Student and mentor attend required and suggested programming at AACP Annual Meeting, student submits summary after meeting
 - Contact: [Jennifer Athay](#), Pharm.D., Director of Student Affairs, at 703-739-2330, ext. 1024
 - 2010 statistics: ___ applicants for the 65 scholarships
 - Annual meeting programming for students
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 - Activities at the APhA-ASP Midyear Regional Meetings
 - Sessions at APhA Annual Meeting targeting students
 - Website for current students
 - APhA Career Pathway Evaluation Program for Pharmacy Professionals
 - Purpose: To provide student pharmacists with a process and the resources for making informed career decisions
 - Student pharmacists
 - NAPLEX: info, link to registration/practice exam/"pharmacy choice" review course
 - Student Organizations: links to student organizations/fraternities/sororities
 - Pharmacy Residency and Internship Opportunities: links
 - Graduate and Research students

- Careers in Academic Pharmacy
 - Graduate Student Teaching Skills Preparation
 - Foreign Students and Graduates
 - Foreign transcript evaluation services
 - Non-Traditional Students
 - Financial Aid and Scholarships
- Adopt-a-Student during Pharmacy Educator Week
 - Created in 2009
 - P1-P3 may participate
 - Requires faculty mentorship
 - One-week program with rotation-type activities
 - attending meetings, lectures, small group sessions, advising, assigned readings, practice site shadowing
 - Discussions: clinical track vs. tenure track, specialties within clinical pharmacy, research/scholarship
 - Requests a Likert-scale survey at the end to assess enjoyment and attitudes, but does not supply a survey
 - Materials for American Pharmacy Educator Week (site does not include adopt-a-student materials)
 - Contact: [Rebecca Morgan](#), AACP Director of Communications, 703-739-2330, ext. 1032
- Residents and 1st year faculty are targeted at the ASHP Midyear Meeting
 - Fellows fit in here, but are not specifically targeted
- AACP mans an exhibit at many association meetings (including regional meetings)
 - Exhibits to promote faculty careers and/or Wal-Mart scholars
 - Focus on recruitment into faculty positions, not AACP
 - “Student-focused or pharmacist-focused, depending on venue”
 - Draw attention via raffles - ipods, ipads, Nintendo Wii
 - Reusable shopping bags free to anyone stopping by booth
- AACP Virtual Pharmacy School Fair- Friday, Oct. 1, 2010
 - Colleges of Pharmacy host a virtual exhibit booth where prospective students chat live via video, view videos and receive brochures.
 - Charge to each College of Pharmacy is \$500 - \$1,000
 - Targets undergraduate students:
 - PharmCAS applicants (~17,000 students),
 - PCAT registration or taken in past year
 - Send promotions to pre-health advisors.
 - Projected attendance 10,000 pre-pharmacy students
 - Registration: opens Friday, September 17, 2010.
 - Contact: Jennifer L. Athay, AACP director of student affairs.