Growth of NCODA Professional Student Organization Chapters

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Background

With medically integrated pharmacies becoming more prevalent, and new oncology medications being approved at a rapid rate, the need and value of oncology pharmacists is growing. Many schools and colleges of pharmacy have limited opportunities for students to be exposed to experiences beyond their didactic oncology learning. Schools and colleges of pharmacy also have limited oncology didactic classes and faculty. Oncology pharmacy learning is typically in the final years of didactic learning. NCODA viewed these gaps in education as an opportunity to commence the NCODA College Engagement initiative. NCODA is collaborating with colleges/universities nationwide to offer pharmacy students membership into a professional organization centered around advancing NCODA's mission with the goal of improving patient care. NCODA believes that there are numerous benefits to having student members and Professional Student Organization Chapters. NCODA student members will gain deep exposure to a niche therapeutic environment, access to a network of professionals in both the industry and oncology areas, and experience first-hand what drives our members to become better patient advocates.

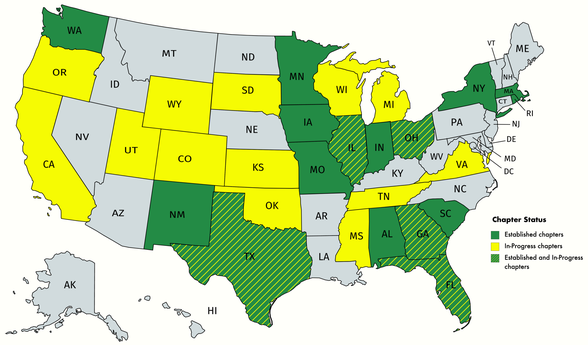
Objective

- To educate student professionals in the roles and responsibilities of the MIP team & oncology
- To provide students with opportunities with early engagement with oncology & industry professionals
- To engage with student professionals potentially interested in post-graduate oncology prospects
- To provide student professionals with international and regional educational presentation opportunities

Methods

- Reached out to students from schools and colleges of pharmacy across the country through various networks
- Described the opportunities and value of NCODA for student professionals
- Arranged meetings with student professionals to discuss Professional Student Organizations
- Collaborated with student professionals to present NCODA Profession Student Organization chapters for approval to the student government, faculty and administration
- Assisted student professionals to locate faculty advisors for the Professional Student Organization chapters
- Provided applications, bylaws and constitution for the Professional Student Organization chapters
- Aided student professionals to complete the NCODA Professional Student Organization application
- Provided the student professionals with NCODA marketing materials

NCODA PSO Progress Map



Discussion

Since the initiation of the NCODA College Engagement Initiative in January 2019:

- 19 established Professional Student Organization chapters are located across 16 states: Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, South Carolina, Rhode Island, Alabama, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New York, Texas, Georgia and Washington.
- 24 additional schools and colleges of pharmacy currently in the progress of establishing an NCODA Professional Student Organization chapter.
- NCODA works with students to connect with local oncology and industry professionals to present on a variety of topics, including but not limited to, medically integrated pharmacy, new oncolytic approvals and oncology and industry career opportunities.
- NCODA has been working with students to host annual Be The Match Donor Drives across the country, and have raised over $2,000+ along with 100+ new donors to the bone marrow registry

Conclusion

- NCODA's membership is growing by leaps and bounds, especially in the student sector. NCODA has approximately 800 student members that are being engaged early in their learning about oncology and industry.
- NCODA members have assisted in the College Engagement initiative and connecting with pharmacy alumni has been beneficial for students.
- Along with the creation and development of NCODA Professional Student Organization chapters,
- NCODA will continue to collaborate with student professionals as the future of the medically integrated pharmacy team.

Established PSOs

Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy
College of Pharmacy Belmont University
Binghamton University School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
LECOM Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine School of Pharmacy
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Midwestern University Chicago College of Pharmacy
NSU Nova Southeastern University College of Pharmacy
Purdue College of Pharmacy
South University
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy
The University of Iowa College of Pharmacy
UMKC School of Pharmacy
New Mexico College of Pharmacy
UNT Health Science Center
College of Pharmacy
College of Pharmacy The University of Toledo
The University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy
College of Pharmacy Washington State University

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- University of Iowa College of Pharmacy– Andrew Jatis and Daniel Olszta, PharmD
- University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy – Maren Campbell, Kaylee Clark and Kirollos Hanna, PharmD, BCPS, BCOP
- University of North Texas Health Science Center – Tara Magallon
- University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy – Rebecca Corvese, PharmD and Britny Rogala, PharmD, BCOP
- University of Toledo College of Pharmacy – Karly Rupert and Derek Gyori, PharmD, BCOP
- University of Utah College of Pharmacy – Kyle Kitchen, PharmD, BCACP
- Washington State University College of Pharmacy – Madison Motzner and Natasha Olson, PharmD
- University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy- Raul Salazar and Isaiah Montoya
- Binghamton University School of Pharmacy- Keith Hughes
- Belmont University College of Pharmacy- Matthew Zakhari
- Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine- Langeda Botemps
- Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences- Myla Ahmed
- Albany College of Health Sciences – Mushtak Mozeb
- Auburn Harrison School of Pharmacy- Meredith Burns