S APhA-ASP APHA-ASP INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING AWARD

Policy and Advocacy Literacy Certificate

University of Missouri – Kansas City

DESCRIPTION

- Created by Policy Vice Presidents (VP) in Fall 2021
- Earned by attending policy-related events for participation points
- Five points required for certificate

Goal

Create a structured, goal-oriented path for students to engage in advocacy topics that are not emphasized in the core PharmD curriculum

Execution

Chapter members were eligible to earn up to 11 points over the academic year for various policy events

METHODS

Communication

Chapter members were kept up to date on current policy changes and opportunities to get involved through social media posts, weekly e-newsletters, and verbal announcements at general meetings

Requirements

Five points were required to receive the certificate

TIMELINE

SUMMER 2021

Policy VPs brainstormed a list of potential policy-related events and coinciding point values

SEPTEMBER 2021

General meeting hosted by Policy VPs announcing the plan for the Policy and Advocacy Literacy Certificate

Value: 1 point

OCTOBER 2021

Members submitted policy proposals and attended a meeting to vote on regional policy proposals for upcoming Mid-Year Regional Meeting (MRM)

Value: 1 point per event

OCTOBER 2021

Members attended MRM

Value: 2 points

NOVEMBER 2021

Lunch with a Legislator & Lobbyist meeting held at UMKC

Value: 1 point

FEBRUARY 2022 boration with the Missouri

Virtual Meet and Greet was held in collaboration with the Missouri Pharmacy Association

Value: 1 point

MARCH 2022

Members attended APhA Annual Meeting & the House of Delegates session

Value: 2 points

APRIL 2022

Members attended the Missouri Pharmacy Association State Legislative Day was held at the state capitol in Jefferson City

Value: 2 points

IMPACT/OUTCOMES

- Requiring attendance to policy events sparked interest and provided incentive for student involvement
- Students were recognized for their participation and impact on the pharmacy profession with an individualized, physical award
- Higher engagement in policy events benefits the chapter's representation while empowering students to expand their knowledge of the pharmacy profession
- In total, **16 members** across three campuses received the award

FUTURE IDEAS

Offering for the
Policy and
Advocacy Literacy
Certificate is
planned to
continue for years
to come

The chapter leaders plan to offer even more opportunities for students to earn points for the policy certificate

Additional opportunities for points in the

- Letter writing campaign
- Leadership roles, i.e.
 serving as Chapter
 Delegate at the House
 of Representatives
 Session
- Holding a regional or national leadership position



University of Missouri – Kansas City APhA-ASP Recipients of the 2021-2022 Policy and Advocacy Literacy Certificate, presented at Membership Appreciation Day on May 6, 2022.

