Residency Roundtable Dinner
Cosponsored by GSHP-SSHP and ACCP-SCCP
Mercer University College of Pharmacy

Description

GSHP-SSHP collaborated with ACCP-SCCP to organize a Residency Roundtable Dinner for P1-P3 student pharmacists. The first part of the evening consisted of a presentation by two local clinical pharmacist specialists titled, "Pharmacy Resident 411." This presentation provided students with a background in understanding the overall process of pursuing and applying for a residency including topics regarding the Match process, ASHP Residency Showcase, types of residency programs available to students, and tips on how to be successful when applying for residency. The remainder of the evening consisted of students rotating through various tables to network with eight local PGY-1 and PGY-2 residents and 2 residency program directors. Students were able to participate in four roundtable sessions.

Objective

- Provide chapter members with an opportunity to network and communicate with residents and program directors in an intimate setting.
- Promote inquiry and encourage student involvement within the chapter as a whole.
- Provide education, tips, and direction early in the pharmacy school curriculum for students interested in pursuing residency training.

Plan

Our team consisted of 3 representatives of the GSHP-SSHP chapter and 2 ACCP-SCCP representatives whom each had a specific role to play in the organization of the event. We chose the date 2 months in advance and started contacting residents and program directors after the date and venue were established. The prices of the student tickets ($10 for student members, $15 for non-student members) were calculated based solely on food services as our event was held on campus. Our costs were approximately $500, which was split 50/50 between the two organizations. Advertising began 3 weeks prior to the event.

Outcome

We had over 50 student chapter members attend the Residency Roundtable Table Dinner. Our student members expressed gratitude in the networking opportunity and allowed for student pharmacists to gain exposure and knowledge regarding the overall residency process. Our SSHP chapter is in the process of coordinating the 2nd Annual Residency Roundtable Dinner with ACCP and is expanding outreach to include more institutional and community pharmacy residency programs.

Implementation of a Residency Roundtable in your SSHP chapter

- **Step 1: Form the Team and Choose the Date.** Assign liaison roles responsible for the following: facilitating communication between health-care institutions, designing promotional materials, compiling the biography booklet, organizing food services, managing finances, and overall event coordination. The date for the event should take into account other organizational events, testing schedules, and major projects.
- **Step 2: Secure Residents and Program Directors**. Contact each institution at least 2-3 months in advance.
- **Step 3: Arrange the Finances.** This includes establishing a ticket price for students. We suggest offering a student discount for members of your organization.
- **Step 4: Promotion.** Utilize a Google™ form for signup, Venmo™ payments, email and class announcements, and social media. A good marketing strategy is to promote that the event has a "limited number of seats."
- **Step 5: Day of Event and Follow-up:** Have members arrive 15 minutes prior to the event in professional attire and create an evening agenda. Assign a timekeeper to facilitate the roundtable discussions. Follow-up with your student attendees by providing them with additional resources such as presentations utilized during the roundtable and contact information from each institution.

Resources

Utilize the ASHP Residency Directory to get contact information for residency program directors and send an invitation for them and their residents to attend your roundtable event.
https://accred.ashp.org/aps/pages/directory/residencyprogramsearch.aspx

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