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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mike Sullivan, CAPSI President

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It hardly seems like it was three years ago this month that I left Ottawa to enter the world of pharmacy here in Saskatoon. When I sat down to write this welcoming address, it dawned on me that this would be the final year I get to enjoy the feeling of being back on campus during the buzz that surrounds September. "Time flies" is such a cliché, but as a pharmacy student, it is a reality, and I'm so thankful I finally started taking advantage of some of the unique experiences that are offered to us as students.

When I entered my first year, I didn't feel much of a connection to the profession, outside of what my father had taught me. That may have had something to do with the fact that only 9 of the 33 credits I took in my first year were pharmacy classes. It wasn't until my second year that I realized I was missing a connection with the profession I intended to make a career of. It was then that I became a class CAPSI Rep, and only then that I truly realized what this organization is all about.

The classroom is an important tool in the development of any future pharmacist, but one thing that I have learned, is that it is *only* one tool. Becoming involved in faculty social events, athletics, and professional activities, along with relevant work experience truly educates a student. It is hard to learn how to become a pharmacist if you are missing any of those tools in the arsenal... it's not impossible, just that much more difficult. All these tools form a complete picture.

CAPSI provides students with opportunities to participate in professional activities, and initiatives that allow students to take what we have learned in the classroom, and apply it to the world of pharmacy. CAPSI's national competitions, symposia on important issues relevant to pharmacy students, various local events at each faculty, and our national student conference, PDW, are all examples of the important role CAPSI plays in our professional development.

It's easy to find the social activities. I gained 30 pounds drinking beer and eating chicken wings when I entered into pharmacy (it's been a tough road back to 165 pounds... and I have a few pounds to go yet!)

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