

2021

ANNUAL REPORT

Canadian pharmacy students and interns unified for
excellence in advocacy, academics, and the profession
of pharmacy

PAST-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The beginning of each New Year prompts us to reflect on past, present and future events. We set goals, strive to be better, and take time to value what the previous year has taught us.

For CAPSI, the New Year is typically an opportunity for members to meet, learn, and socialize at Professional Development Week (PDW) conference, the pinnacle of our mission, vision, and values. Unfortunately, for the second year in a row PDW was cancelled due to COVID. The CAPSI National Council looks forward to connecting with members from across the country at the next PDW.

The past year has been filled with challenges, but also a substantial number of achievements. As a council, we have worked hard to further our relationships with associations, partners, and continue to strengthen the community for pharmacy students across Canada.

This report provides an overview of the achievements and efforts taken on behalf of CAPSI to continuously support pharmacy students, interns and the profession. More information can be found on our website www.capsi.ca, in the CAPSIL, on social media, or through your local representative.

From the 2020-2021 CAPSI National Council, we wish you a successful and healthy year!



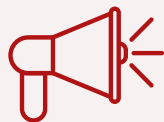
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2021-2022 PAST PRESIDENT

GOALS, ACHIEVEMENTS & ONGOING EFFORTS

CAPSI'S VALUES EXEMPLIFIED

ADVOCACY:



PROVIDE A VOICE FOR PHARMACY STUDENTS AND INTERNS

CAPSI actively works to provide a voice for Canadian pharmacy students. In 2021, CAPSI National worked with the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC) to ensure the 2021 MCQ and OSCE exams would take place in light of COVID. CAPSI drafted and sent a letter to the Dean of the University of Manitoba to advocate for student personal days, liaised with the University of Toronto and Waterloo for COVID safety protocols for pharmacy students, and provided a national perspective for the creation of a pharmacy program at the University of Ottawa.

Currently, CAPSI is working with CPhA on student loan forgiveness for Canadian pharmacy students. If you would like CAPSI to work on a specific advocacy topic, please send an email to our VP of Professional Affairs at vppa@capsi.ca



EXCELLENCE:

INSPIRE PHARMACY STUDENTS AND INTERNS TO ACHIEVE GREATNESS

In 2021, CAPSI created a resource to advocate for the creation of awards, scholarships, and bursaries for Indigenous Pharmacy students across Canada. CAPSI stands strongly alongside its members and is committed to fulfilling #23 of the 94 Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. This resource is available at capsi.ca.

In addition to advocating for and providing awards, CAPSI continues to offer numerous benefits to help our members throughout their academic journey. This includes discounts for Agro Health iMCQs, UpToDate, RxVigilance, PharmAchieve, Hasu eCounselling, and Focus Mental Wellness. We also expanded our partnerships and are excited to welcome Loblaw Companies Limited as a Platinum sponsor.

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ACADEMICS:



FACILITATE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PHARMACY STUDENTS AND INTERNS

CAPSI strives to facilitate learning opportunities for pharmacy students and interns. This is accomplished by offering pharmacy-related competitions and awards to members. Our competitions include patient interaction and written or presentation-based competitions. All the competitions are overseen and facilitated by CAPSI's VP of Education. If you have feedback on the competitions, please contact our VP Education at vped@capsi.ca.

New this year, CAPSI created and distributed the CAPSI Chronicles, a PDF that is circulated on our social media platforms to keep CAPSI members updated on the workings/activities of council on a regular basis and feature members research. If you would like to share your research in the CAPSI Chronicles, please contact secretary@capsi.ca.

UNITY:



CREATE A NATIONAL COMMUNITY OF PHARMACY STUDENTS AND INTERNS

Although PDW has been cancelled for the past two years, CAPSI continues to host virtual social and educational events to foster a community for pharmacy students. This includes Environment Week, Bridging the Gap, Wellness Weeks, and Health Promotion Initiatives.

PROFESSIONALISM:



EXEMPLIFY THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AS SET BY THE REGULATED PROFESSION OF PHARMACY

CAPSI recognizes that one of the long-standing challenges that the 2SLGBTQ+ community continues to face today is being able to access inclusive and affirming healthcare. As future pharmacists, it is our responsibility to identify and address health needs and discrepancies relating to the community and create an inclusive and accepting environment. CAPSI created a resource to help you understand 2SLGBTQ+ terminology, medications, and how to create a safer space. It is available at capsi.ca under "Resources".



New and Continuing Initiatives

Below is a list of the some of the new and continuing initiatives that the CAPSI National Council worked on in 2021:

- Partnership with Vigilance Santé and Loblaw Company Limited
- Create CAPSI Chronicles
- Create 2SLBGTQ+ and Indigenous resources
- Promote monthly health initiatives
- Execute Bridging the Gaps - CAPSI's virtual conference
- Plan PDW 2023 (Saskatoon) and PDW 2024 (Toronto)
- Develop new pages and website functions on capsica.ca
- Create and conduct consistent social media campaigns
- Hold Wellness Wednesday and Wellness Weeks
- Organize Voices of CAPSI: Mental Wellness Anecdotes
- Execute a Mental Wellness Survey
- Recognize CAPSI members for their achievements
- Provide input into the creation of a new pharmacy program at the University of Ottawa
- Create a professional advocacy handbook
- Coordinate a virtual debate event
- Work with CPhA on student loan forgiveness for Canadian pharmacy students
- Increase our francophone-focused content
- Implement the Health Campaign on HIV/AIDS Awareness with proceeds going to the Canadian AIDS Society
- Participate in IPSF Regional (PARS) and General Assembly (World Congress)

Wondering what is brewing at the CAPSI National level or what pharmacy students are doing across the country? Check out the CAPSIL. Access it at capsi.ca/current-issue/

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Canadian Association of Pharmacy Students and Interns Letter



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