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ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Canadian Association of
Pharmacy Students and Interns



Past-President Address

The Annual Report is an opportunity to review what CAPSI has accomplished throughout the year.

Your council, composed of 36 pharmacy students and pharmacists, worked together to strengthen our association allowing for CAPSI to better provide for our members. I'm incredibly proud of the work we accomplished, and throughout this report we will be sharing highlights from this year.

I would like to take a moment to thank you. In 2023, we had an opportunity to connect with many of you, virtually or at one of this year's pharmacy conferences, and it was our favourite part the year. As CAPSI's operations transitioned back to in-person, thank you for your continued support and patience. CAPSI's strength is because of you.

To our members, school passes by quickly. I hope that you are able to make the most out of it and find your passion in pharmacy. Now, as a pharmacist, I echo the words of previous graduates, the experiences and connections you form in the hallways and through CAPSI are as powerful, if not more, to the knowledge you gain in class.

2023 marked CAPSI's 55th anniversary! To our sponsors and partners, thank you for your continuous support of CAPSI and for your role in CAPSI reaching this milestone. Throughout this report, you'll learn about the variety of educational experiences and advocacy work students participated in because of your support. We look forward to our continued partnership with you as we work together to shape the future of pharmacy practice in Canada.

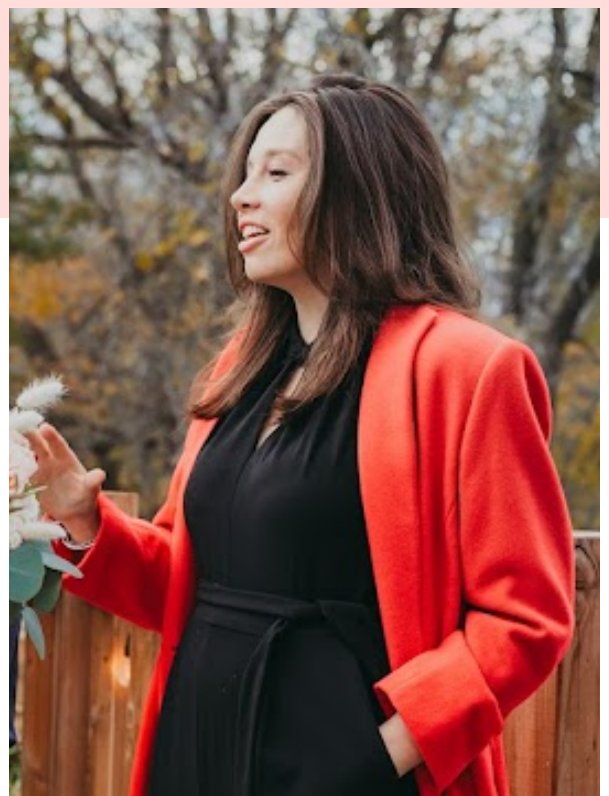
CAPSI continues to grow and thrive under the phenomenal leadership of my friend and fellow Manitoban, Madison Wong. The 2023-2024 council officially started their term in June, during AFPC's conference in Winnipeg. Know that you can always connect with us through email (Madison at pres@capsi.ca, Wooje at preselect@capsi.ca, or myself at pastpres@capsi.ca) if you would ever like to talk, share comments or concerns, or learn more about CAPSI National.

Take it easy,



Christine Vaccaro, PharmD

*National Past President | UManitoba Alum | Ambulatory Care Resident,
UWaterloo & Centre for Family Medicine*



CAPSI NATIONAL



The Canadian Association of Pharmacy Students and Interns (CAPSI) is operated by pharmacy students across the country. Each of the 11 Schools of Pharmacy are represented by a Junior and Senior Local Representative. The executive council includes 16 elected members, including several outgoing position holders.

To learn more about your current CAPSI representatives click [here](#).

CAPSI Wrapped

THE YEAR STARTED WITH PDW 2023...



Where we proposed the creation of a community endowment fund.



The year ended with the creation and implementation of the Bridging the Gaps Fund, funding our 1st initiative through this community endowment, and welcoming the University of Ottawa into our CAPSI family!

Welcome UOttawa!

The University of Ottawa is the first school to offer the PharmD program in French outside of Québec. The goal is to provide high-quality healthcare for minority francophone communities! The first class consists of 57 students and will graduate in 2027. They are excited to carve the way for the newest pharmacy program in Canada!



CAPSI Wrapped

01

Established the **Bridging the Gaps Fund**, a community endowment Fund.

02

Return of in-person competitions and activities including **Professional Development Week 2023** in Saskatoon.

03

We **welcomed Canada's 11th School of Pharmacy, the University of Ottawa!** They elected their first CAPSI Representatives, Alexia Laurin and Mélisande Logelin.

04

Advocated for **school specific mental health recommendations** and improved policies surrounding **bereavement days**.

05

CAPSI National successfully ran our largest **mentorship program** to date.

06

Continue to work with CPhA to advocate for pharmacy school to be included in the **Student Loan Forgiveness program**.

07

Successfully advocated for **additional in-person MCQ spots** to be added in Winnipeg for the May 2023 PEBC exam.

08

CAPSI National developed and launched our **new membership portal, CAPSI members corner!**

09

CAPSI National acquired **several new membership benefits** including Focus Mental Wellness, Pyrls, GoodLife Fitness, and Rx Billing Genie.

10

CAPSI National **strengthened our relationships** with both current and new partners including AFPC, CCAPP, CCCEP, CPhA, CSHP, IPPC, NPAC, and NAPRA.



IPSF Wrapped

01

CAPSI won the **Sidney J. Relph Award** at the 68th World Congress in Bali, recognizing the Best Member Organization in IPSF.

02

CAPSI alumnus, **Yifan Zhou**, was elected **President-Elect of IPSF Executive Committee**.

03

CAPSI students attended the 68th World Congress in Bali, Indonesia.

04

CAPSI alumnus, **Sofiya Terekhovska**, was **appointed to the IPSF Advisory Board**.

05

Vampire Cup was **restarted** by Nicole Bakowski in 2023 after being on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

06

Farah Hadji was an IPSF Delegate for UNFCCC COP28 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

07

7 CAPSI students participated in the Student Exchange Program.

08

5 international students came to Canada to participate in the Student Exchange Program.



ADVOCACY

CAPSI is the voice of over 4000 pharmacy students across the country. We address local and national issues and advocate for our profession with stakeholders.

Under the leadership of Marianna Pozdirca and Lynn D'Souza, CAPSI's advocacy strategy shifted to focus on school-specific initiatives and concerns. We created a statement regarding student bereavement during clinical rotations, which has been publicly released and directly sent to relevant stakeholders, including CCAPP.

In collaboration with CPhA, CAPSI has continued our efforts to engage government officials in a conversation surrounding the inclusion of pharmacy graduates who work in rural and remote communities in the Student Loan Forgiveness Program, similar to graduates of medicine and nursing professions. Additional efforts for Student Loan Forgiveness this year have included providing students with the opportunity to write and/or sign letters to send to their local MPs, as well as starting to form a website and organizing a webinar related to the initiative.



"PROVIDE A VOICE FOR PHARMACY STUDENTS AND INTERNS"

ADVOCACY

CAPSI also supported local representatives in carrying out their own advocacy initiatives, which have included collaborating with the University of Toronto to implement a Fall Reading Week and communicating with the University of Ottawa students to advocate for refining their new curriculum to support student wellness wherever possible.

Future initiatives, led by Nolan Barkhouse, will include releasing a statement in collaboration with IPPC regarding time off placement to pursue advocacy initiatives, conversing directly with MPs about Student Loan Forgiveness upon their replies to the letters we have sent, collaborating with nursing and medical student associations, and organizing educational webinars (including an upcoming topic related to negotiations in pharmacy organized with CPhA).



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ACADEMICS

Professional Development Week 2023 was held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Students who attended had the opportunity to network with peers and leaders from across the country, attend informative talks on diverse topics, compete in CAPSI competitions, and cheer their school on during Pharmafacts!

Locally, many talks and events were hosted throughout the year, including incredible activities during Pharmacy Appreciation Month!!

CAPSI's health initiative was also continued this year, allowing students to learn about lesser-known health topics in a low-stakes environment via CAPSI's social media pages.



"FACILITATE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PHARMACY STUDENTS AND INTERNS"

EXCELLENCE

CAPSI awards and competitions provide students an opportunity to apply what they learn in school and allow the greater pharmacy community to celebrate their outstanding achievements! In 2023, we were excited to see the return of several national awards, including the Translation Committee Awards and the introduction of new awards, like the CCCEP Excellence in Professional Development award. To learn more about the winners please visit our social media pages.



"INSPIRE PHARMACY STUDENTS AND INTERNS TO ACHIEVE GREATNESS"

PROFESSIONALISM

CAPSI strives to exemplify professionalism in all we do. Our work is guided by principles of sustainability, transparency, and relevance to our members.

CAPSI actively participated in CPERC, a conference hosted by AFPC in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 2023. During this conference, our council engaged with faculty members from all 11 pharmacy schools and participated in joint-officer meetings with stakeholders.

CAPSI continues to have ongoing discussions with various partners and sponsors. Additionally, several members were invited to represent students on CPhA's Pharmacy Wellness Task Force and PAM committee. These initiatives align with our values and aim to cultivate ongoing collaboration related to pharmacy education and advocacy across Canada.



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

UNITY

Pharmacy students reunited in-person, for the first time since PDW 2020, at PDW 2023: Seeding Success, held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

CAPSI National continues to expand its successful peer mentorship program. This year marked CAPSI's largest peer mentorship program to date, allowing more students to benefit from meaningful mentorship from peers and pharmacists across Canada!

Throughout the year, students discussed their thoughts and concerns with the 2022-2023 CAPSI President through "Chats with Chris." Our 2022-2023 Webmaster, Jonathan Chan, created a new, members-only portal and refreshed our website, www.capsi.ca.

CAPSI reconnected with several associations including CSHP and AFPC. Through the tremendous work of our 2022-2023 Vice President of Communications, Marianna Pozdirca, CAPSI was able to sow the seeds of success and grow CAPSI's relationships with new and existing sponsors.



"CREATE A NATIONAL COMMUNITY OF PHARMACY STUDENTS AND INTERNS"

Empowering Pharmacy Students: Thank you to our generous sponsors!

CAPSI's commitment to enhancing pharmacy school experiences is made possible through the invaluable support and generosity of our sponsors. Thank you to our long-term partners and new sponsors who joined us in 2023!!

Thanks to their sponsorship, many CAPSI activities were able to return to their in-person format, from competitions to awards to Professional Development Week (PDW) 2023!

PDW creates an unparalleled sense of connection among students. Recognizing that this conference is associated with financial barriers for attendees, we would also like to thank our sponsors who have helped us make experiences, like PDW, more accessible by contributing to CAPSI's Bridging the Gaps Fund.

We look forward to our continued partnership with our sponsors in 2024 and beyond and hope that together, we can continue to bridge gaps, foster growth, and shape the future of pharmacy in Canada.



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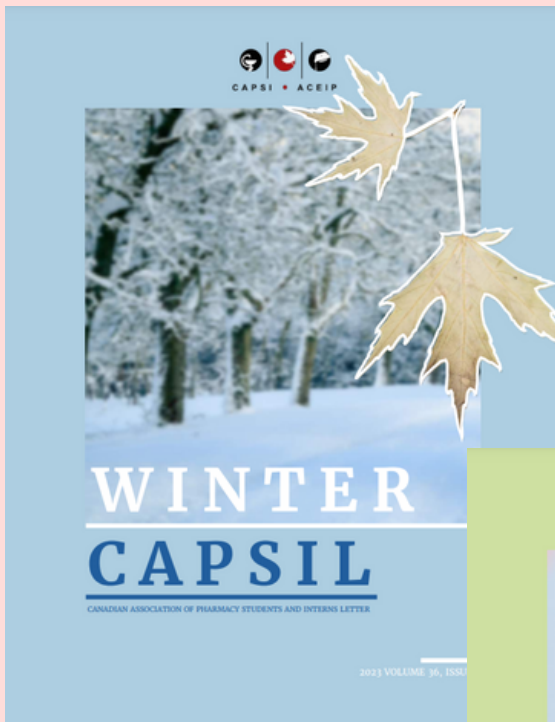


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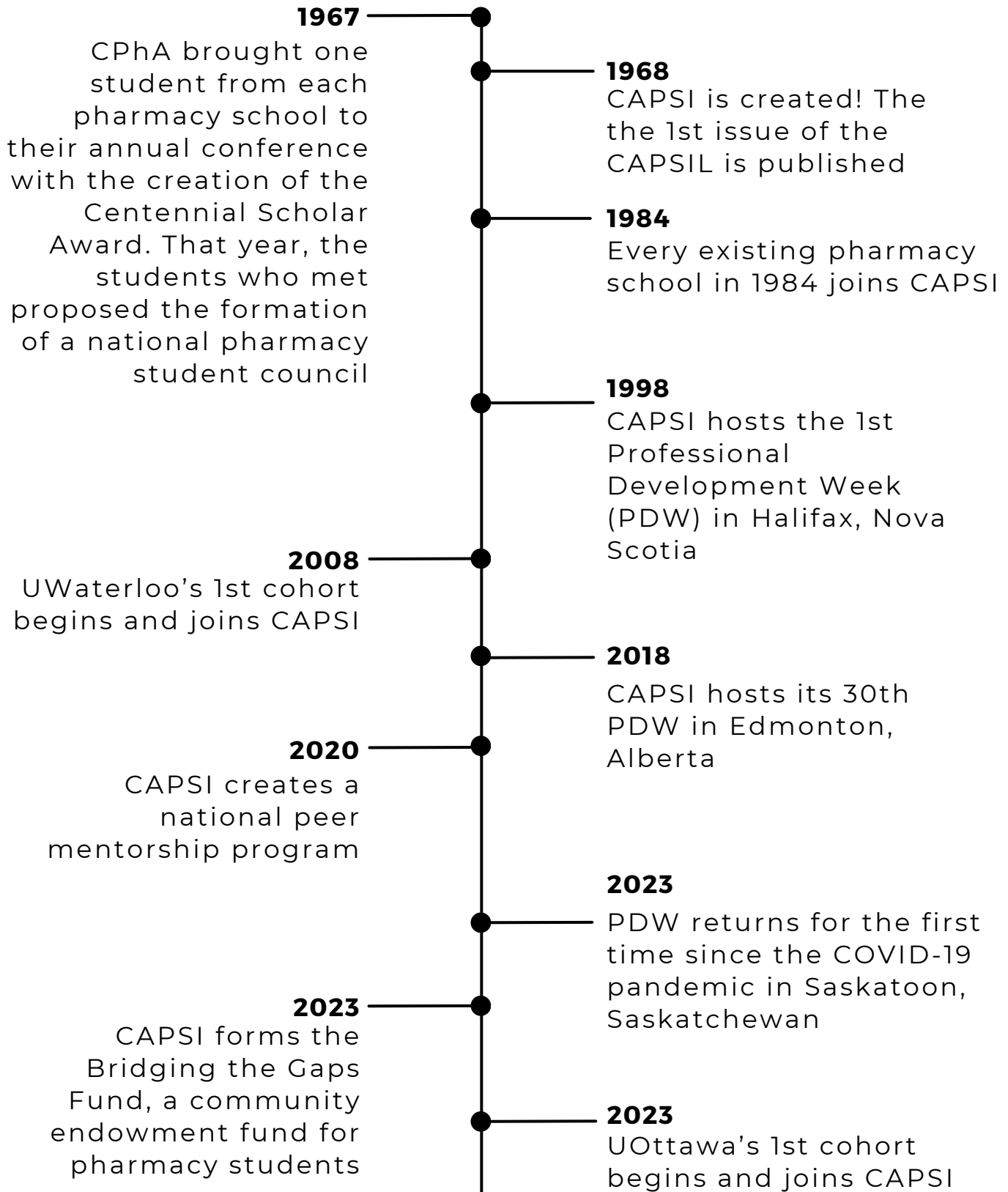
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