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**CANADIAN ASSOCIATION  
OF PHARMACY  
STUDENTS AND INTERNS**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

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



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# PAST-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

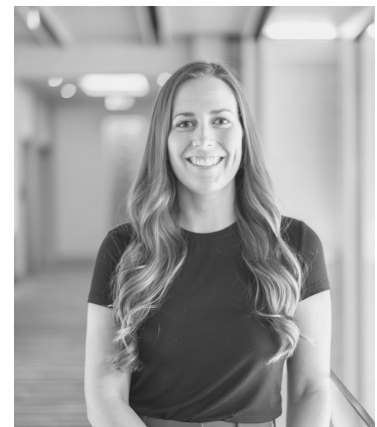
The celebration of a new year's beginning prompts excitement for the future. CAPSI's future initiatives aim to propel you forward in your career by providing you with the tools to excel in patient centred care and connections with your community to advance our profession. As we do each year, we began 2020 by hosting Professional Development Week (PDW). This year we hosted students in Montréal, Québec where we created connections across the country, inspired students to continue "Innovating Through Time", and highlighted your CAPSI National Council's initiatives throughout 2019 during our AGM.

This document aims to share with you a brief report of our council's activities throughout 2019, for those of you who were unable to attend the AGM in person, as well as our vision leading into 2020.

I hope that the following pages will elicit pride both in your pharmacy student community and the actions your council is undertaking to support you.

**Connect with us  
further at  
[www.capsi.ca](http://www.capsi.ca)**

Sincerely,  
Tara Rousseaux



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# GOALS, ACHIEVEMENTS AND ONGOING ACTIONS

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CAPSI's 5 values: *Advocacy, Academics, Excellence, Professionalism, Unity*

## **ADVOCACY - Provide a voice for pharmacy students and interns**

CAPSI is actively working to provide a voice for more than 3600 members across Canada. We regularly meet with representatives from the Canadian Pharmacist's Association (CPhA), Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists (CSHP), and the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada (AFPC) to ensure the student voice is heard.

At PDW 2020, CAPSI, alongside your local association Presidents, released our position statement regarding student wellness. A copy of this statement can be found at [capsi.ca](http://capsi.ca) and was distributed to the Dean of each faculty.

If there are additional advocacy initiatives you believe CAPSI should undertake or if you are interested in joining the advocacy committee, please contact [vppa@capsi.ca](mailto:vppa@capsi.ca)

## **ACADEMICS - Facilitate learning opportunities for pharmacy students and interns**

In the 2019/2020 school year each local council hosted national symposia on the topics of LGBTQ+ health & Women's health.

We recognize that our members highly value to chance to put their skills to work during local and national competitions. This was our second year of hosting our Advice for Life competition and we were happy to see many outstanding submissions! If you have any questions or suggestions regarding our academic events please contact [vped@capsi.ca](mailto:vped@capsi.ca)

## **EXCELLENCE - Inspire pharmacy students and interns to achieve greatness**

This year CAPSI strived to improve our transparency with our members so you can follow along with the initiatives coordinated by your CAPSI National council, your colleagues, on your behalf. We aimed to increase our social media presence, hosted open meetings/Facebook live sessions, and opened more of our subcommittees for our members to join!

CAPSI takes great pride in highlighting the accomplishments of our members as seen from our array of awards such as the Guy Genest Passion for Pharmacy Award and CAPSI Future of Pharmacy Excellence Award (remember - you can nominate a deserving classmate to receive this award!).



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Our VP Communications has been engaging with sponsors to coordinate new benefits which can help empower our members to achieve greatness. We are happy to introduce many new benefits for discounts on eCounselling, PharmAchieve, SkillShare and UpToDate. We are continuing to pursue opportunities for additional benefits. If you have any benefit suggestions please reach out to [vpcom@capsi.ca](mailto:vpcom@capsi.ca)

## **PROFESSIONALISM- Exemplify the highest standards of conduct as set by the regulated profession of pharmacy**

Our Ad-Hoc Electoral Committee has continued to make improvements to the efficiency of our elections process, which is now completely online to improve fairness for all our members. If you have any suggestions for the future please contact [secretary@capsi.ca](mailto:secretary@capsi.ca)

## **UNITY- Create a national community of pharmacy students and interns**

CAPSI has been working to increase our social media presence to keep connected with our members. This council year we have implemented Membership Mondays, Wellness Wednesdays, and Fun Fact Fridays.

Did you know that through your CAPSI membership you are also a member of the International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF)? This connection ensures our members are internationally represented and allows you to take part in initiatives such as PARS, World Congress, and the Student Exchange Program (SEP). In the 2019/2020 school year each local council hosted an IPSF Health Campaign on diabetes and health living. If you have any questions about IPSF or SEP please contact [ipsf@capsi.ca](mailto:ipsf@capsi.ca) or [seo@capsi.ca](mailto:seo@capsi.ca)



Our mission is to advocate for the interests of Canadian pharmacy students in the 10 pharmacy faculties in Canada. Our organization strives to facilitate excellence of pharmacy students in academia and professionalism through provision of educational and practical experience outside of the pharmacy curricula.

Together, we are the voice of over 3600 members nationwide who are invested in their professional development and the issues affecting their profession.



# CAPSI'S PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE...

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## **MAINTAINING WHAT WE HAVE**

CAPSI has been actively working to prioritize the financial sustainability of our organization given the financial hardships undertaken in previous years. We are continually working to create a cost-effective budget that maximizes the benefits to our members and are currently working to incorporate our new taxation process. For further details regarding the budget please contact [finance@capsi.ca](mailto:finance@capsi.ca)

## **STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE**

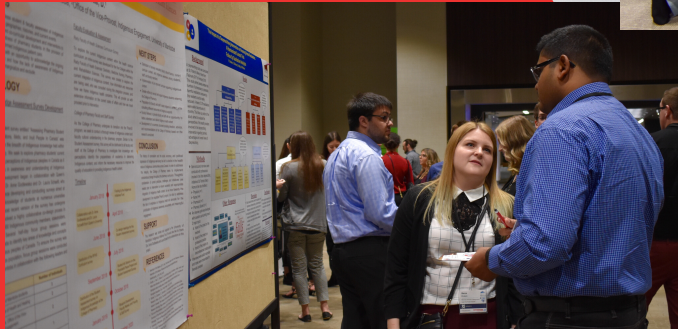
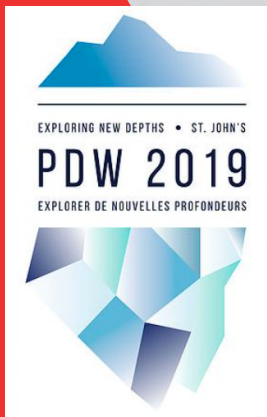
CAPSI will continue to work towards our vision of a empowering our members to advocate for the advancement of our profession for the betterment of all Canadians health. We will continue to highlight the success' of our members through awards, articles in the CAPSIL, and social media efforts. We will continue to work alongside our membership to develop additional benefits that are meaningful and valued by our members.

## **LOOKING TO THE FUTURE**

As our council looks to 2020, this brings a time of change and eagerness for what the future holds. We encourage all our members to share your passion on a national scale through running in our by-elections, joining a subcommittee, or being actively engaged in Pharmacists' Awareness Month! Whatever your level of involvement -we want to hear from you! We will continue to strive to provide a voice for Canadian pharmacy students and interns and provide you will the tools needed for both a successful and fulfilling career.









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