

**DIA**

**NATIONAL  
STUDENT  
NEWSLETTER**

2023-2024 Student Chapters





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# RUTGERS UNIVERSITY ERNEST MARIO SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

2022-2023 President: Sarah Gutman

## 2022-2023 TOP EVENTS

### SPEED NETWORKING EVENT

Speed Networking Event is EMSOP's largest annual student held event. We pair up students of all years (P1-P4) with various pharmacy professionals in different careers. They will then be given 10 minutes to network, after 10 minutes they will cycle to a different professional. Think of it as speed dating, but instead with the goal of networking with various professionals to gain further insight about a career possibility. EMSOP's DIA had over 150 participants including both alumni and students.

### LET'S TALK FELLOWSHIPS

EMSOP's DIA invited 7 current P4 students who had recently received and accepted for Post- Doctoral Fellowships at Pharma companies like Merck, Bayer, Novo Nordisk, Novartis, and Sanofi. This event involved each P4 giving an introduction about themselves and the various things they did to obtain a fellowship. Fellows answered any questions that students had and provided helpful insight for anyone considering a fellowship.



**INCOMING 2023-2024 PRESIDENT: SHIVAM PRAJAPATI**

# TEMPLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

2022-2023 Presidents: Hana Hasan and Silva Libohova

## 2022-2023 TOP EVENTS

### CRAFTING YOUR PATH TO SUCCESS:

A WORKSHOP ON BUILDING YOUR CAREER WITH  
STELLAR RESUMES, CV, AND LINKEDIN

TUESDAY  
21 MARCH, 2023  
4 PM ZOOM

TAMEI ELLIOTT

Join us for DIA's third  
GBM of the semester  
where we will be  
inviting senior manager  
at DIA, Tamei Elliot, to  
host a CV workshop!

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TEMPLE DIA

### CV WORKSHOP

TUSP's DIA chapter held a CV workshop led by Tamei Elliott, Associate Director of Scientific Programs and Student Chapter Coordinator for DIA. The intended goal of this workshop is to discuss preparing a competitive CV, networking, career-focused advice and overall professionalism.

### DIA PHILLY SOCIAL

In collaboration with the other two DIA chapters based in Philadelphia, TUSP's DIA chapter worked to plan a social event in the city. The goal of this event is to expand our members' network and learn more about DIA through collaboration, communication and shared interests in the world of pharmacy.



## INCOMING 2023-2024 PRESIDENT: TODD HIRST

# PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

2022-2023 President: Peter Attia

## 2022-2023 TOP EVENTS

### DIA INDUSTRY BOOTCAMP

The DIA Industry Bootcamp was created to assist students in exploring the industry. There were four sessions. The first session was an intro session, which was an overview of the fellowship application process and the different functional areas. The second session taught students how to properly write a CV and letter of intent. The third session was a panel of P4 students, who secured fellowships. Our fourth session allowed students to sit down with one of the fellows to look over their CV and letter of intent. This event grew our chapter exponentially.



### NETWORKING NIGHT

PCP DIA's Networking Night was a joint event with IPHO in which different PharmD's in the pharmaceutical industry came to our campus and our student were able to network with them. About 15 to 20 pharmaceutical workers who work for various companies were able to come. This gave students the opportunity to network which can lead them to get internships and positions.



**INCOMING 2023-2024 PRESIDENT: LANA ABUDAHRI**

# ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

2022-2023 President: Sharon Joseph

## 2022-2023 TOP EVENTS

### RED DRESS GALA



St. John's University DIA collaborated with APhA, LKS, and SnPhA in hosting the Red Dress Gala. The Red Dress Gala is a fundraising event during which we raise funds for the American Heart Association while increasing awareness regarding cardiovascular health and the steps that we, as healthcare professionals, can take to improve the lives of our patients. This event brought together over 100 pharmacy students across all years. It was a huge success and we are excited to see the future of this event in the coming years!

### THE BOWERY MISSION VOLUNTEER EVENT

As a Vincentian University, St. John's College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences emphasizes the importance of giving back to the community in our everyday work as professionals. The chapter had the privilege of serving the local community at The Bowery Mission, where DIA members helped serve food to those in need. It was a truly heartwarming experience and provided members the opportunity to see how far helping hands reach.



# INCOMING 2023-2024 PRESIDENT: MARIA ELIJUS

# LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY PHARMACY

## 2022-2023 TOP EVENTS



### REGULATORY AFFAIRS EVENT

During our fall semester, our chapter had Donald Orloski, an adjunct professor at Long Island University and regulatory affairs consultant at Merck and GSK, introduce us to the legislative process surrounding regulatory affairs. Professor Orloski explained how he communicates with the FDA, as well as how health-related proposals are introduced to the Senate and House of Representatives.

Our event had a fantastic turnout and we participated in a productive discussion regarding regulatory affairs, including analyzing the different approaches a biotech company may take as opposed to a larger pharmaceutical company. Overall, we're thrilled to see how many of our peers are interested in learning more about the different fields industry has to offer!

LIU Pharmacy

INCOMING 2023-2024 PRESIDENT: KAINAT FARRUKH

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# MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH SCIENCES

2022-2023 President: Yeeun (Christine) Lee

## 2022-2023 TOP EVENTS

### PHARMACOVIGILANCE EVENT

This event was an introduction for DIA members to the world of pharmacovigilance. This event aimed to teach students what PV was, what it entailed, and how it benefited patient care. Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences's DIA chapter invited speakers to attend the event that worked in different companies within the PV world and allowed them to share their stories and experiences within the industry and within PV specifically.

### MEDICAL AFFAIRS EVENT

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences's DIA chapter hosted an event that introduced students to the world of medical affairs. This event aimed to teach students what medical affairs was and what working within this department entailed, and how medical affairs actually helps the patient in the long term. Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences's DIA chapter presented a powerpoint on what Medical Affairs was and overall, this event allowed students to learn more about medical affairs.



**INCOMING 2023-2024 PRESIDENT: RAGI LAD**



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# UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

2022-2023 President: Michael McShan

## 2022-2023 TOP EVENTS

### INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS PANEL

This event was an introduction to DIA from our past executive board members for those in the school who might be interested in getting to learn more about the organization. As former executive board members, they were able to speak upon the opportunities DIA offered them and how to utilize the organization to find out what career opportunities they could be interested in. The panelists were fellows or associates from Alkemi consulting, Janssen, and TerSera Therapeutics. We also discussed the benefits of DIA post-graduation and the inter-professional networking opportunities it gives its members.

### AMBULATORY CARE PHARMACY PANEL

This event highlighted the month of October's pharmacy practice specialty. University of Illinois Chicago College of Pharmacy's DIA had faculty members Dr. Stranges and Younge speak about their career path and their day to day responsibilities as ambulatory care pharmacists. Students received unique perspectives on how they got to be where they are by sharing their past experiences post-graduation and today.



**INCOMING 2023-2024 PRESIDENT: ELMA ABDULBAKI**

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# TOURO COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

2022-2023 President: Daniele Anina

## 2022-2023 TOP EVENTS

### STUDENT NETWORKING NIGHT

Touro College of Pharmacy's DIA chapter coordinated an event with professionals from different organizations to have a networking night. They hosted roundtable discussions where students and professionals from various roles could ask questions and learn more about positions in medication safety, and medication information etc. Professionals were invited from Pfizer, Ferring Pharmaceuticals, and Bristol Meyers Squibb. Overall, it was an informational and useful event that helped students learn about positions in the field post graduation.

### DRUG DEVELOPMENT AND DISCOVERY EVENT

Touro College of Pharmacy's DIA chapter hosted professionals in medical information from Pfizer to discuss the drug development process. Students learned about the different phases of clinical trials and the safeguards in place in the process. Students learned about the roles pharmacists can play in this drug development and discovery process and how valuable they are.



**INCOMING 2023-2024 PRESIDENT: ANGY AHMED**

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# NORTHEASTERN SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

2022-2023 President: Surdeep Kulkarni

## 2022-2023 TOP EVENTS

### DIA OVERVIEW MEETING

Northeastern School of Pharmacy DIA chapter coordinated an event with students to inform them about what DIA is and what they stand for. This event was aimed to inform the students about how this organization can help them to learn more about the industry.

### DIA CASE COMPETITION EVENT

Touro College of Pharmacy's DIA chapter hosted an informational event to introduce the students to the DIA Case Competition details. This event talked about previous case competitions and what to do to prepare for them. This informational event also taught students



**INCOMING 2023-2024 PRESIDENT: SURDEEP KULKARNI**

# 2023-2024 NATIONAL STUDENT EXECUTIVE BOARD

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DRUG INFORMATION ASSOCIATION  
NATIONAL STUDENT BOARD 2023-2024

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NETWORKING MANAGEMENT  
REPRESENTATIVE

# INDUSTRY FELLOWSHIPS/INTERNSHIPS SPOTLIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENT MEMBERS WHO ATTAINED INDUSTRY POSITIONS THIS YEAR!

## Fellows

Asna Omarzai  
Clinical Regulatory Affairs Fellow  
Myovant Sciences

Alfee Aman  
U.S./ Global Commercial Oncology  
Ipsen

Reema Shah  
Oncology Global Medical Affairs  
Merck

Saira Jatoi  
Market Access  
Alexion

Kishan Patel  
Commercial Insight and Strategy  
Janssen Pharmaceuticals

Kanayo Akosa  
Commercial Insight and Strategy  
Janssen Pharmaceuticals

Abin Koshy  
Global Oncology Market Access and Health  
Economics & Outcomes Research  
Pfizer

## Interns

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Clinical Supply  
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Global Medical Information and Communication  
Otsuka Pharmaceuticals

Daniel Ghattas  
Medical Information and Knowledge  
Janssen Pharmaceuticals

Sarah Uddin  
Strategy & Operations Global Pharmacovigilance  
Otsuka Pharmaceuticals

Marcus Gbekte  
Medical Compliance and Governance  
Bristol Myers Squibb

Jill Shah  
Pharmacovigilance  
Bayer

Daniel Wroblewski  
Scientific Content and Medical Capabilities  
Bristol Meyers Squibb

Elma Abdulbaki  
Medical Affairs  
Abbvie

Rasali Kodikara  
Oncology Clinical Science  
Janssen Pharmaceuticals

# 2022-2023 STUDENT CASE COMPETITION

In June 2023, the DIA's Global Annual Meeting featured three finalists who presented their cases. Each team proposed innovative solutions to battle misinformation about GLP-1 agonists.

## Finalists

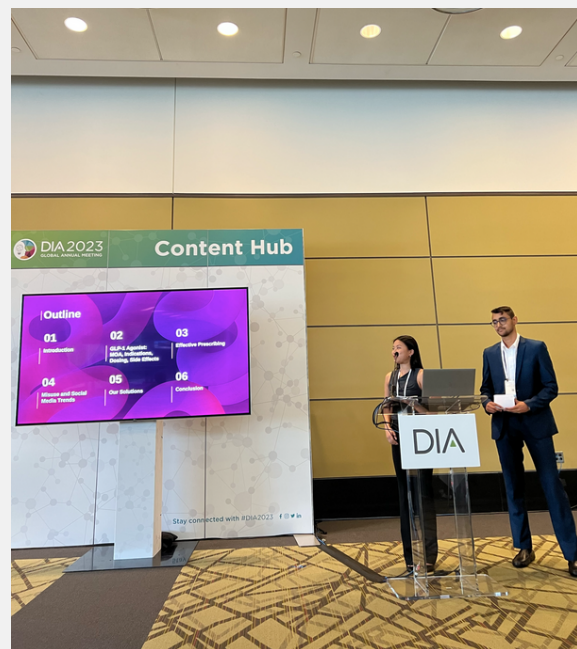
Northeastern University

Attrayee Chakraborty, Padmasree Karanam, Likhitha Mateti  
Rutgers Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy  
Jatin Jain, Lynne Jiang, Shanntala Shenoy



## Winners

Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine  
Arman Zadeh, Vamsi Chodisetty, Zachary M Schulman



## Evaluated by industry leaders:

David Fryrear, MS, Executive Vice President and Head of Quality Assurance of Astellas, and DIA Annual Meeting Program Committee Member

Ken Getz, Executive Director and Research Professor (PHCM) at Tufts Center for the Study of Drug Development, Founder and Chairman of CISCRRP, and DIA Fellow

Joan Chambers, Chief Executive Officer, Greater Gift