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White Coat Ceremony Batch 4 MPharm and Batch 25 BPharm

'White Coat Ceremony ' was held on Sunday, Sept 4th, to welcome new batch of students of Dubai Medical College (DMC) and Dubai Pharmacy College (DPC), the first medical and pharmacy colleges in the UAE.

The White Coat Ceremony is a tradition within the medical profession that marks the students' transition from the classroom to clinical studies. New students of 4th batch of MPharm and 25th batch of BPharm from DPC along with the 31st batch from DMC took Hippocratic Oath on the day, in the presence of the Deans, faculty members, fellow students and family to mark this rite of passage.

The event program included key-note address by Chairman. Hajj Saeed Ahmed bin Lootah followed by welcome addresses by Prof. Saeed Ahmed Khan, Dean of DPC and Prof. Mohammed Galal El Din Ahmed Dean of DMC.



**Founder and Chairman.
Hajj Saeed Ahmed bin Lootah**

Following this top achievers from DPC and DMC addressed the students with a motivational speech. The ceremony was followed with a luncheon for all the faculty, staff and students of DPC and DMC.



Welcome Speech

Congratulations!

I welcome the 4th batch of Masters and 25th batch of Bachelors to Dubai Pharmacy College (DPC). Since its inception more than two decades ago, DPC has remained a place of innovation and excellence in pharmacy education. You have so much to be proud of as members of the DPC family as so many of our alumni play a key role in the profession. You are entering an important profession where you will have the ability to make a real difference in health care and patients' lives.

We have helped transform the pharmacist's role from a traditional dispenser of medicines to a direct provider of patient care.

Consistently the top-ranked private college of pharmacy in the region, it continues to be an innovative force in pharmacy education to meet the needs of a changing world, launching

Master's in Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Product Development. We have pioneered to develop new professional certification courses such as Drug Regulatory Affairs, Medical Coding and Insurance to better prepare future pharmacists for an expanded role in the healthcare profession.

As a member of the Dubai Pharmacy College now in my 25th year of service, I can say with complete conviction that what makes our college exceptional are the faculty and staff helping our aspiring students become compassionate and highly skilled health-care providers of tomorrow.

There are enormous resources within DPC to accomplish your goal! I encourage the students to take advantage of all the opportunities DPC



has to offer, not only in the classroom, but through student union activities, clubs and Professional Practice Experience as well.

I assure, you have so much to look forward to as you will experience a curriculum that fully engages you in advanced pharmacy experiences. Your career aspiration begins now at Dubai Pharmacy College! I sincerely wish you all the best in pursuing this path leading to knowledge and a successful future life.

Dean, Prof Khan

Welcome Speech

Good morning! It is my great pleasure to welcome you all. A special welcome to those of you who are on campus for the first time. I arrived at DPC in 2008, and I hope you are as excited as I have been to enter this lively, challenging and warm community.

My six years of academic pursuit doing both BPharm and MPharm here have taught me that we have both made an excellent choice.

To the class of 2020 (can you believe that?!): I'm here to say a few introductory words about the center of your DPC experience—the intellectual adventure you are about to undertake. I encourage you to go forth in a spirit of exploration

This is your chance to make the rich variety of DPC's intellectual opportunities



matter to you and your life! Do not just use exam centered learning strategy. You need to have a career centered learning strategy. It is unfortunate but true that most students make the mistake of having an exam oriented learning strategy. The focus is only to pass or get good grades. However, it is more advantageous to have a career oriented learning strategy so that the learnings' enhance employability and create career success.

I am here to share with you my experience as a graduate with master's degree from Dubai Pharmacy College. DPC, the only college in Dubai which offers master's degree in two major

pharmaceutical specializations i.e. **Clinical Pharmacy** and **Pharmaceutical Product Development**. Both these specializations are becoming mandatory requirements around the world. These higher qualifications provide bright future for pharmacists involved in hospitals and drug industries which are rapidly growing in the region. The master program is well designed and modulated to provide a flexible learning opportunity which links with the DHA and pharmaceutical industries.

I hope this is your first step and looking forward to seeing you as you move on towards higher qualifications that may come along at Dubai Pharmacy College.

All the best for you Insha-allah.

**Al Zahraa Mahmoud
MPharm Batch 1**

Welcome Speech

Assallam waalaikum,

Respected Founder and Chairman Haji Saeed Al Lootah, beloved Deans, Professors, fellow batch mates and all the fresher's.

Firstly on behalf of the entire DPC family I would like to welcome all the new faces with open hands, open minds and above all open hearts.

My success of getting CGPA 4 /4 may have been extraordinary but the path towards it can be summed up in the most famous saying, "Practice makes a man perfect".

Hard work and constant guidance from all the encouraging professors made sure that I learnt from every mistake. I strongly suggest that everyone should have a



Fatima Parkar
BPharm [Batch 24]

Career Objective and should strive hard to achieve it .After all "a straight line is the shortest distance between two points". I also feel grateful to say that our college is a hub of knowledge and we all are like a family here and I assure all the freshers present here that we are always ready to help you in every possible way.

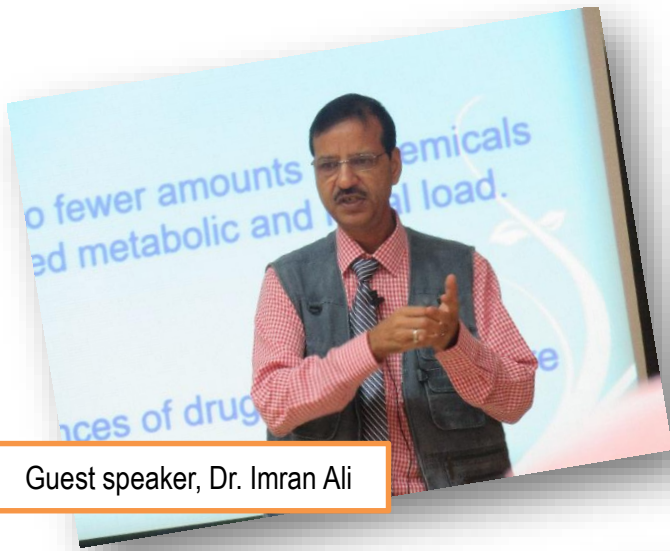
I would like to end my speech by saying a very famous quote,
"Never calculate the height of a mountain before you climb up, once you reach the top you will realize how low it was". Thank you...

"Hard work does not necessarily guarantee success, but no success is possible without hard work. "

Dr. T. P. Chia

World Pharmacist Day Celebration @ DPC – 25th September, 2016

<p>World Pharmacist Day is a day established by FIP council (International Pharmaceutical Federation) in 2010 to advocate the role of pharmacists in improving health in every corner of the world.</p> <p>This event informed students about the “World Pharmacists Day” and the story behind it, plus it represented different pharmaceutical fields of work, providing comprehensive information about each field. Covered fields were: Community Pharmacy, Clinical Pharmacy, Research, Pharmaceutical Business and Pharmaceutical Industry.</p>	
World Pharmacists Day 2016 Event	Organized by Professional Development and Education IPSF
Date and time of the activity	25th of September 2016, between 10. 00 am to 01.00 pm
Venue	Round Hall
Target audience	<p>The targeted audience were the pharmacy and medical students and staff in the university, especially the newly admitted pharmacy students.</p> <p>The number of the visitors was approximately 90-100 visitors.</p> <p>No of student participants : 21</p>
Keynote speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Imran Ali, PhD, FRSC (UK) (Professor, Department of Chemistry, Jamia Millia Islamia (A Central University) was a visitor to the UAE and he conducted a lecture about (Chiral Drugs Development by HPLC). ▪ Prof. Dr. Sa’eed Ahmed Khan (Dean, DPC) gave a speech on (How to be a Successful Pharmacist)
Description of the activity:	<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform students about the presence of a day for pharmacists worldwide to highlight importance and impact of their role on the community. • Replace the wrong idea of our society on the pharmacist by limiting his/her role as dispenser only. • Raise awareness on the actual role of pharmacists and different fields of pharmacy profession. • Encourage all the students to unleash their creativity to express their profession in the manner that ignites the student Enthusiasm to prove themselves and acquaint the public with their valuable achievements. • Celebrate our day with the college staff and students.
Event Program:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A lecture about (Chiral Drugs Development by HPLC) was conducted by Dr. Imran Ali. ▪ A speech on (How to be a Successful Pharmacist) was presented by Prof. Dr. Sa’eed Ahmed Khan. ▪ Essay and drawing competitions to express the (pharmacy profession/ role of pharmacist) were conducted. ▪ Debate between 2nd and 3rd year of BPharm was conducted on the topic (Pharmacy Between Humanity and Greediness; outlining two opposing opinions on behaviour of the pharmaceutical companies which conclude deals with physicians, who undertake to prescribe certain medications and promote the same to the patients) ▪ Persuasion is a Matter of Creativity Show (creative and talented participants compete on persuading others with the actual, effective role of pharmacist). The show includes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Play 1; entitled "I Care For You". 2. Play 2; entitled "Don't Lose Hope, Pharmacy Is the Top". 3. Video.
DPCSU-IPSF student members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairperson and Contact: Rafa Al-Khalifa • Student Exchange Officer: Samar Salam • Chairperson of Public Health committee: Huda Jamal • Chairperson of Professional Development and Education committee: Marah Attar • Chairperson of Media and Publication committee: Meera Abdulbasit • Treasurer: Manal Abdelsalam
Special thanks to	<p>Marah Attar (Chairperson of DPCSU-IPSF Professional Development and Education Committee)</p> <p>Nasreen Ali (World Pharmacists Day Event Coordinator)</p>
More info	<p>Click on the link below to view the video:</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/DPCSUA/videos#</p>



Guest speaker, Dr. Imran Ali



Dean, Prof. S.A Khan



Debate



Play 1; "I Care For You".



Play 2; "Don't Lose Hope, Pharmacy Is the Top".



Poster Competition

IPSF – International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation

What is IPSF?

The International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF) is an organisation that represents pharmaceutical students, pharmacy students and recent graduates from all over the world. It was founded in 1949 and it is the oldest faculty-based student organisation.

The Federation is engaged in the following areas: pharmacy education, public health, professional development, advocacy, cultural awareness, and partnerships developing pharmacists worldwide. IPSF represents over 320,000 individuals in more than 80 countries with more than 100 different representative pharmacy student organisations.

IPSF is the leading international advocacy organization for pharmacy students, promoting improved public health through provision of information, education, networking and a range of publications initiatives.

For its outstanding performance and variety of activities held, DPC Students Union have been accepted as a member in the previous IPSF World Congress.

Benefits of Being a Member

All those looking to join the Federation may ask what are the benefits. We can divide them in two parts: 'Benefits for Organisations' and 'Benefits for Individuals

Benefits for Organisations

Every Member Organisation of IPSF is part of the global community of pharmacy students, making their represented pharmacy students part of the Federation, too. Therefore, when an Organisation decides to join the Federation, not only their team or Executives join IPSF, but all the students that they represent who will be able to use the "Benefits for Individuals".

The benefits for Organisations:

- Representation on the international stage by joining the General and Regional Assemblies on behalf of the Organisation with:
 - ✓ Speaking rights (for Members in Association);
 - ✓ Speaking and voting rights (for Full Members);
 - ✓ Three (3) Official Delegates spots for every Official IPSF Event, to represent the Member Organisation;
- Creation of leadership positions for your members with the right to appoint one (1) Contact Person, who will be the bridge between the Organisation and the Federation
- Become aware of global trends and the work of the Federation in the community of Members Organisations in the "Contact Person Groups";
- Support and idea sharing from the IPSF Team and global network of pharmacy students to develop your organisation from other similar organisations and from the IPSF Team on any matter;

IPSF....contd

- Increase cultural competence for your members with the right to join the Student Exchange Programme (SEP) and organise the programme in your own country/city;
- Develop leaders in your Organisation and improve public health and professional development in your organisation through the right to join the campaigns and competitions from IPSF, with support from the IPSF Team;
- Ability to seek accreditation opportunities for activities your organisation holds.
- Bring the world of pharmacy students to your door with the ability to bid for hosting the IPSF Official Events (after one year as member) and other international activities;
- Increased opportunity for your members to attend events with an Increased quota of spots for the first registration phase of every IPSF Official Event with increased number of members involved In your organisation;
- Increase international recognition and exposure through publication opportunities of your activities and advertisements of your events
- Financial support with grants for your Organisation and individual members to participate in the Federation.
- Receive international awards for high involvement in IPSF activities that improve public health and pharmacy advocacy on a global scale.
- Provide the 'Benefits for Individuals' for all the represented students;

Benefits for Individuals

All the individuals who are members of the Federation (via Member Organisations, Individual Members and Honorary Life Members) have the following benefits:

- Attendance at IPSF Official Events
- Participation in the Student Exchange Programme.
- Leadership opportunities as part of the IPSF Team.
- Publication opportunities in our regularly released IPSF Newsletters, and Phuture, our scientific publication.
- Professional Development opportunities through Leaders in Training and Patient Counselling, Clinical Skills, and Compounding Events and Competition.
- Internship opportunities with partner Organisations, such as the World Health Organisation and International Pharmaceutical Federation.
- Engagement in improving public health with opportunities for campaign organisation and implementation on a local level, and the ability to join the IPSF Delegation at the World Health Assembly and other World Health Organisation events;
- Engagement in international affairs and issues impacting pharmacy students with the ability to attend select United Nations events.
- Invitation to join the International Pharmaceutical Federation's World Congress, with special rights as a student.
- Grants for attendance to events and participation in the Student Exchange Program;
- Opportunities to engage with partners at professional events;

Life Pharma Industry Recruitment Session

Campus recruitment session organized by:

Head of Clinical Pharmacy and Graduate Affairs

Day and Date:

Wednesday 7th Sept 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

Venue:

DPC Meeting Room

Targeted Group:

Graduates Batch 17, 18, 19, 20 & 21.

Applicants:

20

Shortlisted:

5

Selected:

2

Fund Raising (Ehsaan Club)



Ehsaan Club at the Dubai Pharmacy College in collaboration with Alrahma International Association collected donations for drilling of two wells with pumps in Bangladesh and Indonesia.

God bless everyone who participated and contributed to the completion of this project ♥

The well was drilled and named (Al Ehsaan)



Effectiveness of Teaching-Learning Strategies For Calculation Based Pharmacy Courses in a Bachelor's Program

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Abstract: Unquestionably, numerical literacy is considered as one of the prime competencies for pharmacists. The aim of this study was to select suitable teaching-learning strategies to improve students' performance in Calculation Based Pharmaceutical Courses (CBPCs). The criteria selected were a quantitative analysis of student performance during the course presentation, appropriateness of prerequisites and student feedback on the appropriateness of teaching tools. The study was carried out on first-year students of the undergraduate pharmacy program. The survey results proved that, teaching aids/techniques are extensively affecting students' performance in calculation based educational environment. After implementing the planned teaching-learning strategies, most of the students were able to achieve the course level intended learning outcomes. This was evident through the analysis of their grade point average in the final examinations of CBPCs. Therefore, the effective methods of teaching for the course delivery and designing integrated course prerequisite were found significantly affecting students' performance and achievements in CBPCs.



My Journal



Three years ago...

Pharmacy, this word didn't mean anything to me. I always thought that it's only about someone standing in a pharmacy and selling drugs and medications all day. That's it. - but I was so wrong.

Four years ago when I graduated from high school I was so happy I couldn't wait to enter college but in the same time I was lost. Every time I was trying to choose a major something was stopping me - I couldn't do it and I never even think about Pharmacy. I was perplexed and was lost. That year I didn't go to college and stayed at home, my heart was filled of anger and confusion and I just didn't know why this happened to me.

And to be honest, I was depressed and I felt like my whole life is worthless. A few months later I visited my grandmother, she had some medical problem and that day we meet her friend who turned out to be a pharmacist.

My grandmother tells us so much about her, she called her an Angel. She visits my grandma every day to check on her and help her like she is her own blood! It really affected me so much and made me want to know more about this major.

Next day, I spoke to her, she said pharmacy is not about selling and buying it is about caring and helping people. It's about patient care and healing.

In that moment I felt like I am alive again. I had a goal.

Now, I am almost finished and I can't believe that I got all this long!! It takes a lot of hard work but I love it.

Pharmacy has changed me, it changed my life and I am so grateful to God for being with me and giving me the strength to keep going on.....

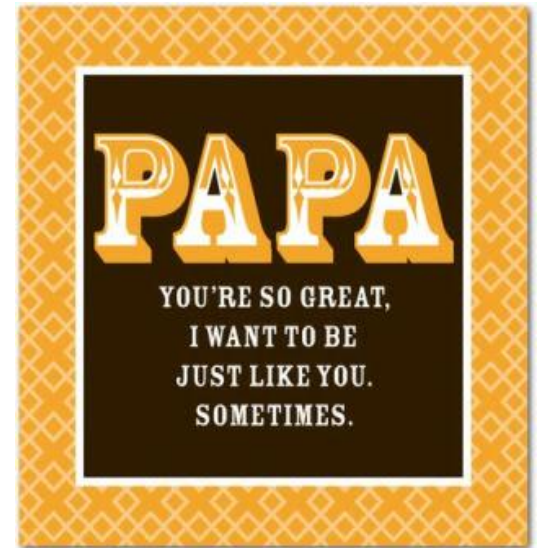
I didn't choose Pharmacy.....it chose me...!!!!!!

*Yusra Rifaie
Batch 22*



Student Contribution

Balancing Dreams and Devotion



Every father is an inspiration to their daughter. My dad is a huge inspiration to me is because he taught me about balancing my life between goals and family.

My grandfather passed away when my father was a teenager. Meanwhile, my dad began working in part time jobs to help my grandmother out. In his village, he would take tuitions and paint buildings in order manage his family and help my grandmother.

After my father graduated his college, he moved to Africa and became a mathematics teacher in high school. He spent years teaching in Kenya, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Tanzania, and would send his savings to my grandmother. When my dad got a scholarship in University of Georgia, he immigrated to the US and shortly began teaching part-time as an Assistant Professor. But when my grandmother became really ill with Alzheimer's disease, he decided to quit and went to spend time with her. But even though things went the way it did. It didn't stop my dad to follow his goals.

Fatima Shah (Batch 22)



Hiba Sami (Batch 25)

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Samar Salam (Batch 22)

