

Pre-S.C.R.I.P.T
UNM's Pre-Pharmacy Society
Meeting Minutes

Date: January 28, 2009
Location: SUB, Acoma A/B
Presiding: Ali Ahmed
Recorder: Marissa Salazar

6:45 p.m.

Ali Ahmed, Pre-Script President, began the Pre-Pharmacy Society meeting. He introduced our first speaker for the evening, Jay Cutts. He will be speaking to us about an upcoming PCAT class.

6:46 p.m.

Jay Cutts, from Cutts Graduate Review, he is going to talk to us about the PCAT. He has been helping people get into Medical, Law, and Pharmacy School for 18 years. He will be holding a PCAT class starting this Saturday, February 1, 2009. This will be great for people applying for the fall 2010 cycle. He is willing to speak with anyone that wants more information; his phone number is 281-0684. He has a program that lets you work with them for as long as you need too. There is a one time fee. They work on timing and testing strategies for the test. The difference between him and Kaplan is their use of strategies and the unlimited personal attention that they will give you. Also there is a little bit of a price savings. He is also flexible with payment plans.

6:53 p.m.

Charles Burns, from Kaplan Test Prep, has the schedules for the next practice test. It will be Saturday January 31, 2009 here on campus. You will need to sign up for a practice test. It will be very helpful and worth your time.

6:55 p.m.

Anwyn Pitchard, Pre-Script's APhA member at large, will be talking about the upcoming APhA meeting. The next chapter meeting will be held Thursday January 29, 2009 in room B15 of the Nursing/Pharmacy building from 12:00-1:00. There will be food, so come and check it out. They will be talking about legislative day. She will send out an e-mail for the upcoming event.

6:56 p.m.

Riley Vu, Pre-Script Vice President, will be talking about our successful past events and upcoming events. He has been talking about the auction show. They fundraised more than 1400 dollars. They are ranked second here in UNM for Relay for life. More than 50 pieces of art work were donated which pretty much sold out. An upcoming event will be on February 9, 2009. It will be a table set up for promoting and recruiting. You can sign up for one hour time slots to help out.

7:00 p.m.

Angelica Avila, Pre-Script Treasurer, will be talking about the mock interviews. She spoke with career services in room 220 of student services. There are a couple of tips about interviewing. You can go during their walk in hours, and you will speak with someone that will see what you are interested in. Then you will set up an appointment for your actual mock interview. There number is 505-277-2531 and the website is www.career.unm.edu

7:00 p.m.

Krystal Weaver, College of Pharmacy Coordinator, will be answering any interview questions you may have. She wants to make it clear that neither representative's that spoke earlier are supported by the College of Pharmacy.

Q: When is the last day of interviewing?

A: They do finish before finals week. Another date they don't interview is the week of spring break.

Q: When do interviews start?

A: They actually already started. They will continue on through April and maybe May.

Q: When do you get the PCAT scores?

A: They get them a few days after you do.

Q: How far in advanced will you notify us about an interview?

A: As soon as possible. A least a 2 week notice. All interviews are on Saturday Mornings. Your interview day you are feed and have a writing exercise. For example, if you caught someone stealing how would you handle it. There will be a 30 minute interview and an optional tour of the research building and the campus.

Q: Will your transcripts catch up?

A: They will catch up and you will be good to go.

Q: Is there confirmations when they receive Pharmcas application?

A: You do receive an e-mail, once everything is in and when everything is caught up. You will get an e-mail saying your application is complete and is ready for review.

Q: Deadline for supplemental application?

A: February 2, 2009. You can bring it into the front desk if you want.

Q: Do you need to do an academic update?

A: No, because they are through UNM. They pull the transcripts right away anyway.

Q: Are we doing rolling admissions?

A: Yes they are. It means that you can get your letter of acceptance within a week or two. Most of acceptances are still going out in May.

Q: Does that mean that if you apply late will you have a disadvantage?

A: It does not matter. There are no guaranteed early interviews if you apply real early.

Q: Are all rejection letters sent out at the same time?

A: The all go out at the same time.

Q: When is the last day to find out?

A: At the end of May, around Memorial Day. They like to have all the letters by June 1, 2009.

Q: How many people end up in the pathways program?

A: There are usually about 3-5 students a year. It is a program designed for students that have shown that passion for Pharmacy. If you are declined, go in and see them and they will let you know what you can do to be a more competitive student. Interview is significant.

Q: On the PharmCas what do you do if you have AP credit?

A: You mark it and put your score.

It is okay to be nervous, just relax and communicate with your interviews. They are going to talk to you about you. The deadline is Monday February 2, 2009 at 9:00 p.m.

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Meeting adjourned.