

# PediaKATS: Student Chapter of the Pediatric Pharmacy Association

## Leadership and Members

- President: Carissa Hawes, President-elect: Kamryn Webb, Vice President: Hannah Hesener, Secretary: Abby McKinney, Treasurer: Brock Hepler, Fundraising Chair: Ryan Rhodes, Philanthropy Chair: Lindsey Cox, CF Adopt-a-Family Co-chairs: Shelby Grider and Hayley Poynter, DanceBlue Team Co-captains: Abbey Demofonte and Chandler Stewart, PY1 Liaison: Rylie Pleake
- Academic Advisors: Dr. Robert Kuhn, Dr. Elizabeth Autry, Dr. Brian Gardner
- 36 student members

## Pediatric Philanthropy

### Brittany's Blankets

- Brittany's Blankets is a local, non-profit organization that provides warm, handmade blankets to children battling cancer.
- Each month, members gather at Brittany's childhood home to aid her mother in the production of the blankets. Additionally, PediaKATS has helped to host blanket-making events at Pediatric Pharmacy Conferences.
- Our chapter has been a close partner with this organization for over 8 years, and we look forward to continuing to work together!

### Kentucky Children's Hospital Child Life

- Slime Days at Kentucky Children's Hospital is a new event for PediaKATS this year! Members enjoy the opportunity to connect with school-age pediatric patients one-on-one.

### Ronald McDonald House Donations

- Our local Ronald McDonald House publishes current needs on their website. This past year, PediaKATS spent a chapter meeting putting together toiletry kits for overnight guests.



## Piecoro Pioneer in Pediatric Pharmacy Award

- PediaKATS has given this award for the past 7 years to someone who has paved the way for pediatric pharmacists.
- Last year's award recipient was Dr. Donna Kraus.
- Dr. Kraus was one of the original co-authors on the *Pediatric and Neonatal Dosage Handbook*.



## Student Development

### Leadership and Networking

- PediaKATS offers a number of officer and chair positions to members, as well as mentorship from our academic advisors.
- PediaKATS works with UK SGA to provide funding for members to attend the Pediatric Pharmacy conferences.
- Monthly chapter meetings host pediatric pharmacists from a number of children's hospitals, both in-person and virtually.

### Winter Shadowing

- Each year, over Christmas break, members have an opportunity to shadow a pediatric pharmacist in their specialty of choice.

## DanceBlue Fundraising and Dance Marathon

- Dance Blue is a campus-wide organization that raises money for the patients of the DanceBlue Kentucky Children's Hospital Hematology/Oncology Clinic.
- The College of Pharmacy team hosts fundraisers and attends DanceBlue events, such as the annual 5K.
- As a team, we raised over \$5,000 this year and are supporting 8 dancers at the 24-hour marathon!



## Supporting the Cystic Fibrosis Community

### CF Family Day

- Each fall, UK HealthCare hosts a health fair for families of cystic fibrosis patients. PediaKATS works behind-the-scenes to help the day run smoothly.

### CF Adopt-a-Family

- Every year, PediaKATS is paired with a pediatric cystic fibrosis patient from Kentucky Children's Hospital. Throughout the year, we provide gifts to the child and their family to let them know that we care about them. This year, we've been paired with a set of siblings – a 5-year-old girl and 3-year-old boy!

### CF Foundation Award

- PediaKATS also provided assistance for a CF Foundation regional meeting hosted by UKCOP and received an award for their support of the CF community.

