

the Independent Voice

From the Students' Perspective

Tips of the Month

• L.D.F. •

Get a head start on your LDF Challenge contacts by sending "thank you" cards to your legislators who are in support of H.R. 6331

• Wellness Project •

Get your chapter together this summer for health screenings while your schedules are less demanding!

NCPA Welcomes John Stelmachowicz

NCPA welcomed in a new *Associate Director of Management and Student Affairs* this June. John P. Stelmachowicz

is a graduate of Dickinson College where he was a 4-time Academic All American and Varsity letter winner on the men's swim and track and field teams. Prior to moving to Washington DC to embark on his career in healthcare, John grew up in New Jersey and lived in London. He has lived and worked in Washington DC for four years in numerous capacities with leading healthcare trade groups. John is very excited to be a part of NCPA and with his role he hopes to encourage students and pharmacists to be involved with NCPA. If you have any questions feel free to contact him at (703) 838-2649 or john.stelmachowicz@ncpanet.org.

On behalf of the Student Executive Council, we are all looking forward to working with John and are very excited about the future of NCPA student affairs. We would also like to say a great big "thank you" to our outgoing Associate Director of Management and Student Affairs, Jackie Lopez. Jackie will be pursuing other opportunities within our organization. We wish her the very best and truly appreciate all of her hard work and dedication to NCPA student chapters over the past years.

NCPA on Facebook & Myspace!

Don't forget to go online and check out our pages on Facebook & Myspace! You can find photos of past events and NCPA chapter activities. Plus regular postings about important topics such as legislative issues, chapter deadlines, scholarships, etc.

Find us on myspace at <http://www.myspace.com/communitypharmacists> and/or search facebook for "National Community Pharmacists Association."



Christy Garmon is a 4th year pharmacy student attending Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy. She is currently serving as Secretary and a senior member of the Student Executive Council.

**Important
• Dates & Deadlines •**

August 1, 2008

Notify NCPA of New
NCPA Executive Chapter
Officers

October 11-15, 2008:

NCPA's 110th Annual
Convention and Trade
Exposition

November 17, 2008

NCPA Foundation Spring
2009 Student Loan
Application Deadline

Tampa Here We Come!!!



Make your plans now to attend NPCA's 110th Annual Convention and Trade Exposition in Tampa, Florida October 11th – 15th. Student programming runs October 11th & 12th and includes the chapter officers' breakfast, the chapter awards ceremony, a community pharmacy residency showcase, tons of door prizes, and much more.

Also, you don't want to miss the top three finalists competing live in the NCPA Pruitt- Schutte Student Business Plan Competition!!! Students can also take advantage of the wide variety of pharmacists' programming offered from travel vaccinations to long term care profitability. And don't forget the closing reception on Tuesday, October 14th at the Florida Aquarium. Register and make your reservations TODAY at www.ncpanet.org!!!

**Want to know
more about
NCPA?**

**Need a speaker for
a meeting at
your school?**

Contact
John Stelmachowicz
to schedule a time that
works for you and a
Student Executive Council
member. We would love to
visit your school!

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Updates from the Hill...

Last month the House of Representatives passed H.R. 6331 at a vote of 355-59. H.R. 6331 included provisions for a 14-day reimbursement cycle for Medicare Part D claims, a delay in AMP-based Medicaid generic drug cuts, and suspension of the Medicare DME competitive bidding program. The overwhelming vote was veto-proof and a tremendous victory for community pharmacy. Unfortunately, on June 26, the bill failed in the Senate at a vote of 58 – 40.

What can you do to support H.R. 6331? TAKE ACTION NOW!!!! Go to the NCPA website and find out how your legislators voted for H.R. 6331. Make sure to thank those who are already in support of the bill and contact those who are not and urge them to support H.R. 6331 when it is called to a vote again, which may be soon!

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