

the Independent Voice

From the Students' Perspective



Tip of the Month

• L.D.F. and Wellness Project •

Gather a group of students and pharmacists for a Pharmacy Legislative Day at your state's capitol. Work with your state pharmacy association, learn about the issues, and make appointments with legislators! Host a health fair for the law-makers and show them what pharmacists can do, and why we are such an important member of the healthcare team!



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Registered for the NCPA National Legislation and Government Affairs Conference Yet?

If you are looking to really learn what NCPA does to secure the future of Independent Pharmacy, and you want to take an active role in shaping the future of your profession, I highly recommend attending. You often hear about the importance of legislative action and political involvement, and this is the place to truly see it at work. You can “be an insider” at the Legislative Conference, hearing from political analysts, members of the House and Senate, then share your views in person on Capitol Hill. NCPA will help to arrange visits to the offices of your Senators and Representatives. This is your chance to make your voice heard! The night before your individual visit attend the NCPA Congressional Reception, open to all attendees, which draws the largest number of elected officials of any pharmacy function.

You don't have to be an expert to share an important view with the people who make things happen. As students, we are the future of Community Pharmacy, and any insight or input we have that might help secure the future of our profession is highly valued, some would say it is the most valuable of all!

If you are looking for networking opportunities, there is no better place than here. The pharmacists and owners that attend this conference mean business! The simple fact that you thought it was important to attend this event as a student can be enough to gain job offers, partnership offers and invaluable professional contacts with highly successful and motivated owners from around the country.

“Don't Let the Government Put You Out of Business!”

JUST IN! NEW DENNIS LUDWIG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS- Four \$250 scholarships will be awarded by random drawing to student members who are registered for and attend the Legislative Conference. Also, the chapter with the highest attendance will be awarded \$500 to assist in travel to the 2009 Annual Convention in New Orleans.

**Important
• Dates & Deadlines •**

March 15, 2009

Wellness & PAC Challenge
Deadline

March 16, 2009

ALL Scholarship & Loans
Applications Due!

April 1, 2009

NCPA Faculty Liaison of the
Year Award Deadline

May 1, 2009

NCPA and the NCPA
Foundation Pruitt-Schutte
Student Business Plan
Competition
*Sponsored by NCPA
Foundation and Covidien*

May 4, 2009

NCPA Foundation Student
Loan Application Deadline for
Fall 2010

May 11-13, 2009

NCPA National Legislation and
Government Affairs
Conference

May 31, 2009

Chapter of the Year
Application Deadline

Ongoing

Don't forget to
apply or an NCPA
experiential rotation!



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Looking for Ways to Meet Independents and Around the State?

For some of chapters there is very little contact with independent pharmacies outside of the city area. Here in New Mexico, besides Albuquerque, we mostly a state of many small communities, almost all of which have a cornerstone independent pharmacy. Outside of state association meetings, there is very little opportunity to get to know this diverse set of owners.

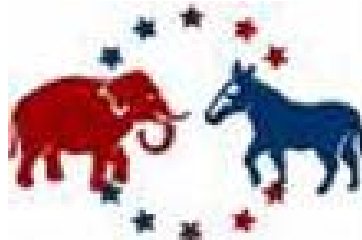
Recently, our chapter has begun to implement a “pharmacy social” program. Students from our school will be visiting an independent pharmacy in a rural community, just to get an idea of what this store has to offer. After, we will be having a social event at the owners home. In order to take some of the responsibility off his shoulders, our chapter will be bringing the food for the barbeque.

This is a great way to get students out there to have fun, meet owners and maybe find a place they would like to call home. In our state, some of the most innovative practice ideas have been implemented in these small communities. Students should have an opportunity to see what these great practitioners are doing, so get out there!

Thanks For All Your Hard Work, SEC '07-'09, Welcome New SEC!

The SEC '07-'09 has had their final conference call, and with that, their obligations a done. We will soon pass the torch to a new group, and introduce the members of '09-'11 SEC. Special thanks to the following for all of your hard work over the last two years, you've done an excellent job!

- Jason Doss
- Christy Garmon
- Charles Hartig
- Kevin Florence
- Emily Schulze
- Tyson Mullen
- Megan Milne



“Get Into Politics or Get Out of Pharmacy!”

The National Legislation and Government Affairs Conference is coming up! From May 11-13, pharmacists, pharmacy owners, and students from around the country will meet in Washington, D.C. at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill to work towards securing the future of Independent Community Pharmacy.

**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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