

# the Independent Voice

From the Students' Perspective



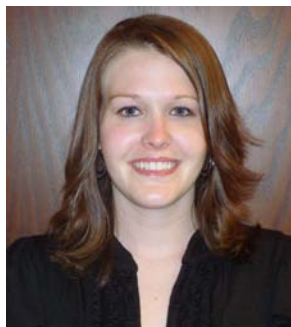
## *Tips of the Month*

### • L.D.F. •

Attend the NCPA National Legislation and Government Affairs Conference and visit your state's legislators.

### • Wellness Project •

Make plans to keep your chapter and the community fit this summer by scheduling classes and a workout schedule for everyone.



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## Why You Should Remain a Member of NCPA

NCPA provides students with the resources and know-how to buy and run a successful community pharmacy. Unlike other professional associations that focus only on the clinical side of pharmacy, NCPA gives you the business and advocacy skills to compliment your clinical expertise. Membership provides you with valuable insights into the professional challenges and opportunities of independent ownership so when you're ready to take control of your career, you can!!!



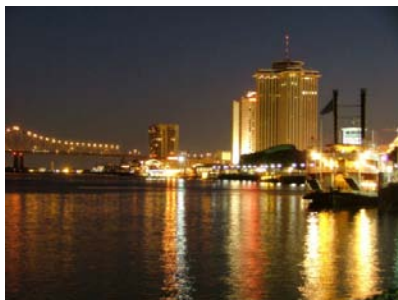
NCPA members enjoying their time at the 2008 National Convention

As a member, you will have access to:

- ★ Scholarships (up to \$2,000) and Student Loans
- ★ Reduced Meeting Registration Fees
- ★ Regional and National Leadership Opportunities
- ★ Access to the NCPA Webinar Speaker Series
- ★ Access to NCPA periodicals and website

*Independent Voice, American's Pharmacist, and E-news weekly*

- ★ NCPA Summer Internship Opportunity
- ★ NCPA Elective Experiential Rotation
- ★ NCPA Executive Residency
- ★ Ownership Academy's resources and calculators
- ★ NCPA Ownership Workshop
- ★ NCPA Digest Sponsored by Cardinal Health
- ★ PRICELESS Networking Opportunities!



Renew your membership today either online or with your local chapter! Go to the NCPA website at [ncpanet.org](http://ncpanet.org) to see details on all the student member benefits you can receive!

**Don't miss out on New Orleans!!**

## Important • Dates & Deadlines •

### May 15, 2009:

Extended deadline for the NCPA and NCPA Foundation Pruitt-Schutte Student Business Plan Competition submission

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### May 11-13, 2009:

NCPA National Legislation and Government Affairs Conference  
*Washington, D.C.*

### May 31, 2009:

Chapter of the Year Application deadline

### October 17, 2009:

NCPA 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Trade Exposition  
New Orleans, LA

## New Webinar Speaker Series



On Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, over 60 students from across the country participated in a webinar entitled “Pharmacy Students in Politics” hosted by NCPA. Brian Caswell, RPh a NCPA Member and President of Wolkar Drug, Baxter Springs KS and Chris Parinello, Government Affairs Manger provided a presentation and discussion on NCPA's advocacy efforts in Washington, DC. This discussion brought to light the importance for pharmacy students to protect the future of their profession by discussing how to take action and build a relationship with your legislators.

NCPA will be hosting future webinars throughout the 2009-2010 school year. Featured topics will include Junior Partnership, Path to young ownership, How to write a business plan, and Financial Planning. Watch your e-mails for more information and the Student Affairs page on ncpa.net for more information. To be a part of the Webinar Speaker Series you must be a NCPA Member so please renew your membership TODAY!

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NCPA?**

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a meeting at  
your school?**

Contact

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## Show and Tell

**Is your chapter doing something innovative?  
Do you want to share your experiences with the rest of us?**

NCPA Student Chapters all over the nation are coming up with new and creative ways to get in touch with their legislators, promote health, and encourage independent pharmacy. Now it is your chance to brag on your chapter! NCPA has a new blog spot on the Student Affairs section of the NCPA website. Check out the newest postings by Gilbert Sarmiento for the Feik School of Pharmacy at Incarnate Word in San Antonio and an article about Utah's First Annual Pharmacy Day on Capitol Hill by Matthew Milne, Pharm D. and Diane Swaffer, Ph.D., R.Ph.

If you would like to post an article on the blog for everyone to see, please send it to John Stelmachowicz at john.stelmachowicz@ncpanet.org.

Below is a direct link to the Student Affairs Page where the blogs are highlighted at the bottom. Check it out!

<http://www.ncpanet.org/studentsvcs/index.php>



Feik College of Pharmacy NCPA members  
with Texas Congressman Lamar Smith