

# the Independent Voice

From the Students' Perspective



## *Tip of the Month* Wellness Challenge

If your school does not have a Mirixa program set up. Please contact:

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Pharmacists love having students prepare Mirixa cases. Be Creative!



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## A Great Beginning to an Amazing Conference



### 110<sup>th</sup> NCPA Annual Convention & Trade Exposition Tampa, Florida

The NCPA Annual Convention was a great success and the Chapter Officer's Breakfast highlighted the strengths and achievements of the NCPA Student Chapters in the past year. The growth and development of the chapters are overwhelming! With over 50 schools in attendance and 120 student chapter officers attending, the room was filled with energy and innovative ideas for progress. The breakfast went on to be a great forum for networking amongst the students officers from across the country. It was a perfect beginning to a conference that provided a great learning experience and new network of friends! We encourage all chapters to attend next year's convention and participate in the Chapter Officer's Breakfast in New Orleans.

**Important**• **Dates & Deadlines** •

NCPA Foundation Student  
Loan Application Deadline  
**(Forthcoming)**

**January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
Executive Residency &  
Summer Internship  
Application Deadline

**January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
NCPA Student Executive  
Council Application  
Deadline

**Want to know  
more about  
NCPA?**

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

Contact:

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schedule a time that works  
for you and a Student  
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## University of Arizona Wins!!!



The NCPA Pruitt-Schutte Live Business Plan Competition between the top 3 schools took place at the Annual Convention in Tampa, Florida.

Each of the schools had amazing presentations that were given with the utmost professionalism. The second runner up, University of Kansas, expanded on a previously existing pharmacy by opening a “Hometown Apothecary” next door that would

provide multiple specialty compounding services. The first runner up, Samford University, junior partnered to provide two “Hometown Pharmacies” that provided a multitude of disease state management programs and kept a great “hometown” feel to their pharmacy that would keep patients feeling well taken care of.

Our business plan competitions winners from the University of Arizona amazed our judges with brilliant pharmacy layout and workflow changes, while expanding on current pharmacy services, improving patient education, and overall patient care. Second-year pharmacy students Lauren Bartoli, Katie Schiraldi, David Jacobson and MaiHuong Nguyen developed the plan in the elective course, “Concepts in Pharmacy Business: Entrepreneurship.” The plan included specifications for a buyout of a real pharmacy in Payson, Ariz., making building modifications, and expanding existing services with the current owner.

The competition is growing every year and we encourage all NCPA Student Chapters submit business plans for next year’s competition. May 1st, 2009 is the deadline. Again congratulations to all of our winners!

### Florida Aquarium and Our Private Firework’s

The Conference’s closing night featured an amazing evening at the Florida Aquarium in Tampa, Florida. The Aquarium featured over 20,000 aquatic plants and animals. Taking a break from the aquarium meant a trip out to the Tiki Bar and a wonderful view of the Tampa River. The gorgeous view outside was accompanied by amazing seafood appetizers that were served throughout the night. The evening was capped off with NCPA’s own personal firework’s show!



The show was well over ten minutes long and dazzled the entire crowd. It was highlighted by an amazing light show that displayed the letters “NCPA” atop a nearby boat. As the show came to a close, so did the conference. But after a week in Tampa with NCPA one thing is for certain—there is no other conference that offers students the opportunity learn and network like NCPA!!! New Orleans in 2009 should be a great convention.