

the Independent Voice

From the Students' Perspective



Tips of the Month

L.D.F. and Wellness Challenge

Look for great improvements and new ideas for both projects at this year's officer breakfast. Be sure to bring your own ideas, improvements and suggestions to share with everyone.



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By now you all know the annual convention in Tampa, Florida is right around the corner, October 11-15. Hopefully everyone has already made plans to attend and encouraging more people to register as the chapter with the most attendees will receive \$1500. The student programming for this year is setting up to be one of the most exciting and informative ever. Below is an overview along with some other exciting news.

Saturday, Oct. 11

Everything gets started at **8:00 am** with the **Officer's Breakfast**. Be there to check out updates to the ongoing LDF and Wellness Challenges as well as share information with other chapter officers. At **9:30 am**, attend **Looking for a Lifetime Partner, Look No Further** to find creative ways to pharmacy ownership, you never know what ideas you and your colleagues might be thinking. Get on the **Fast Track to Pharmacy Ownership** at **10:30 am**. This session will take you beyond the basics of financial statement analysis for a business plan. You'll learn about financial ratios and how to use them to analyze your pharmacies performance and create positive change for the future.

Profitable Niches You Can Achieve takes place from **11:30am - 12:30am** where you will get first hand knowledge from successful pharmacy experts who have incorporated profitable niche service into their practices. Wondering how your addiction to your "crackberry" can help you in the future? Attend **Innovations in Mobile Technologies** where a student panel will demonstrate various innovations in mobile technologies dealing with the pharmacy profession at **12:30 pm**. Lunch will also be served at this time.

From **2:00 pm to 4:00 pm**, don't miss the highlight of the last few conventions at the **NCPA Pruitt-Schutte Student Business Plan Competition**. The top three finalists from Samford, Arizona and Kansas will present their plan for a variety of prizes, and you can learn how to construct your own plan for next year's competition. With so much at stake, it's never too late to get started! Be sure to stop by the **Future Pharmacist Bonanza** starting after the competition to relax and network with your colleagues from other pharmacy schools and win cash prizes.

Important**• Dates & Deadlines •**

October 11-15, 2008:
NCPA's 110th Annual
Convention and Trade
Exposition

November 17, 2008
NCPA Foundation Spring
2009 Student Loan
Application Deadline

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Sunday, Oct. 12

The fun continues on Sunday at **1:30 pm** with **Junior Partnership and ESOP Matching Service**. This is your chance to get your questions about pharmacy ownership answered by pharmacy owners who are looking to pass along the legacy of independent ownership to you. Don't miss it! From **2:30-3:30 p.m.**, the **Students in Consultation Roundtables** will give you the opportunity to ask questions to experts on how to twist and turn your career path to take you straight to the top.

The **NCPA Foundation Student Awards Ceremony** is the last, but definitely not least of the student programs in Tampa this year, starting at **3:30 pm**. Be sure to come support your fellow classmates, student chapters, and faculty members at this annual event. The NCPA Foundation will recognize scholarship winners, research grant recipients, the NCPA Pruitt-Schutte Student Business Plan Competition finalists, the faculty liaison of the year, and the top three performing NCPA student chapters over the past year. Celebrate the success of your colleagues and instructors as they are recognized for their hard work. Partners in Pharmacy also will honor its scholarship winners.

Great New Shirt!!

Be sure to commemorate your experience from this year's convention by picking up a t-shirt. Just look for them on sale at the student programming or find a NCPA student officer.

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