



**National Community Pharmacists Association  
(NCPA)**

**Description**

The National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA), was founded in 1898 as the National Association of Retail Druggists (NARD), and now serves as the national representative organization of pharmacy owners and pharmacists of more than 21,000 independent community pharmacies.

**Purpose and Mission**

Ever since our chapter's founding in 2011, the purpose and mission of UMKC's NCPA Student Chapter is to expose students to the vast opportunities in independent community pharmacy along with develop in our member's skills that would enhance the value of our members in community pharmacy practice, legislative advocacy, business model familiarity, expanded services, and compounding. We also align ourselves to the mission of our parent organization such as:

- Fostering the continued growth and prosperity of independent community pharmacy in the United States.
- Represent the professional and proprietary interests of independent community pharmacists and vigorously promote and defend those interests.
- Commitment to high-quality pharmacist care and to restoring, maintaining, and promoting the health and well-being of the public we serve.
- Belief in the inherent virtues of the American free enterprise system and will do all we can to ensure the ability of independent community pharmacists to compete in a free and fair marketplace.
- Valuing the right to petition the appropriate legislative and regulatory bodies to serve the needs of those we represent.
- Utilizing our resources to achieve these ends in an ethical and socially responsible manner.

**Relationship to the National Organization**

During the annual convention, the national NCPA organization recognizes its top student chapters from four schools of pharmacy which demonstrate exemplary efforts to: provide neighborhood community service, increase student membership in the organization, promote the independent pharmacy profession, and advocate legislative action among its members on state and national levels.

**Major Advocacy, Leadership, Community Service Activities**

NCPA has a presence at the Missouri Pharmacy Association Legislative Day in Jefferson City, giving students the opportunity to meet state officials and impact legislation affecting pharmacy.

Opportunities for leadership include the SPCC compounding competition and the NCPA and MPA Business Plan competition where students work in teams to compete on the national level against other schools. We also offer students a chance to attend the PCCA compounding boot camp to improve their skills for the competition.

NCPA gives back to its community by serving at many different community outreach events throughout the year.

### **Awards and Accomplishments**

UMKC's NCPA Student Chapter has been recognized nationally in past years as the "Most Improved Chapter" as well as "Legislative Advocacy Challenge" winner in 2011. Outstanding student members have also been recognized with "NCPA Student of the Year" awards and several national NCPA scholarships. UMKC student business plan competition teams have been recognized as the Top 10 team nationally in 2016, 2017, and 2021 with a Top 3 team in 2018. We have also had students from our chapter on NCPA's Student Leadership Council. NCPA holds all of its members to this standard of excellence in leadership.

### **Advisors and Officers, 2022-2023**

Dr. Sarah Oprinovich, Chapter Advisor

Dr. Kendall Guthrie, Chapter Advisor

Dr. Heather Lyons-Burney, Chapter Advisor

Dawson Schneringer, President

Cameron Cooper, Vice President -  
Columbia

Thomas Stewart, Vice President -  
Columbia

Kylie Jorgensen, Co-Treasurer and  
Outreach Chair

Maggie Sherman, Co-Treasurer and  
MPA Liaison

Ashley Lewis, Secretary

### **Why should you/ how to join NCPA?**

By joining our organization, you take your first step to improving your value as an upcoming pharmacist you would not gain in traditional education. Other benefits to membership include:

- Convention and event reimbursements - this year Annual Convention is in Charlotte, NC
- Discounts on Fundraisers, CPR classes, and professional liability
- Access to benefits from NCPA

### **How to join? Scan the QR Code below!**

Membership dues are \$60 and include national and local dues! Payments need to be either cash (PLEASE put it in an envelope with your name on it!!) or check (made out to UMKC with NCPA Dues in the memo). Please put it into the NCPA folder in the Office Student Affairs on the KC Campus or given to a representative on your campus. If you have any questions about this - reach out to Dawson @ [descbk@mail.umkc.edu](mailto:descbk@mail.umkc.edu).

### **More info:**

Instagram: @umkcncpa

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