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 representing organization of pharmacy owners and pharmacist of more than 22,000 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, 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 interest.
- 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 local health fairs providing services in blood glucose/pressure monitoring and fall’s prevention.

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 Top 10 team nationally in 2016 and 2017, with a Top 3 team in 2018. NCPA has also places several leaders on the National NCPA Student Advisory Council. NCPA holds all of its members to this standard of excellence in leadership.

Advisors and Officers, 2018-2019

Dr. Morgan Sperry, Chapter Advisor
Dr. Heather Lyons-Burney, Chapter Advisor
Steven Nguyen, President
Elizabeth Carmosino, Vice-President
Eric Wang, Treasurer
Nichole Nehring, Secretary
Megan O’Donley, Columbia Liaison
Raeann Kilgore, Columbia Liaison
Lacy Epperson-Resa, Springfield Liaison
Sarah Stone, Springfield Liaison

Why should you/ how to join NCPA?

By becoming a member of NCPA members also gain membership to two other organizations, the American College of Apothecaries (ACA) and the American College of Veterinary Pharmacists (ACVP). By joining the 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
- Discounts on Fundraisers, CPR classes, and professional liability
- Access to the minds of successful practicing pharmacist

You can join by submitting your application online, finding our folder in the office of student affairs, or finding an executive officer at any of our meetings that we hold the first Thursday of the month. Deadline will be September 14th, 2018.

More info:
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