NCPA Student Chapter Organization Description

Purpose and Mission
National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) is the national pharmacy association representing the professional and proprietary interests of independent community pharmacists. NCPA is dedicated to the continuing growth and prosperity of independent community pharmacy in the United States. NCPA is committed to high-quality pharmacist care and to restoring, maintaining and promoting the health and well-being of the public. Additionally, NCPA offers its members information critical to the success of an independent community pharmacy practice business model, legislative updates affecting the future of pharmacy practice, and a wide network of pharmacy colleagues. To provide a unified voice of the pharmacy profession, NCPA also works collaboratively with other professional pharmacy organizations. NCPA also encourages, fosters and recognizes an interest in community pharmacy ownership and entrepreneurship among the future leaders of their profession.

The mission and purpose of UMKC’s NCPA Student Chapter is to provide students interested in community pharmacy practice the opportunity to exercise leadership on local and national levels to:

- Enhance patient care practices in the community by building patient care and counseling skill sets,
- Impact legislation centered on the future of pharmacy practice,
- Promote the skills and professional experiences necessary to facilitate a career in independent community pharmacy, and
- Discover true career satisfaction in the many career opportunities available for the independent community pharmacist

Relationship to National Organization
The UMKC NCPA Student Chapter aligns itself directly with the goals, mission and expectations of the nation organization. At 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. Each year, UMKC’s NCPA Student Chapter achieves these goals through various service and community initiative projects, as well as hosting membership drives, guest speakers, and attending state, regional and national legislative advocacy programs and organization conventions.

Major Advocacy, Leadership, Community Service Activities
The major community service project for the UMKC chapter of NCPA is the Medicare Part D Initiative to help seniors in our surrounding communities choose the best plan to suit their needs, considering not only cost, but therapeutic choices. NCPA also has a presence every year at the Missouri Pharmacy Association’s Legislative Day in Jefferson City where we meet with state officials and impact future legislation affecting pharmacy practice in Missouri. Additionally, NCPA sponsors a school-wide compounding competition, with the winning team attending the national competition. The chapter provides financial support to student members who attend the national NCPA convention, which will be in Orlando in October 2017. Financial support is also provided to members who attend the PCCA Compounding Boot Camp in either Houston, Texas or at the UMKC School of Pharmacy at Missouri.
State University. NCPA provides professional services to the students of UMKC School of Pharmacy as well, offering CPR and first aid training sessions. Through monthly meetings, the chapter provides a place where students from all years and campuses can meet, learn about community pharmacy practice, network, and take a break from the rest of their day.

**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. Outstanding student members have also been recognized with “NCPA Student of the Year” awards and several national NCPA scholarships. 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, 2017-2018**

Dr. Peggy Kuehl, Chapter Advisor
Dr. Morgan Sperry, Chapter Advisor
Dr. Heather Lyons-Burney, Chapter Advisor
Dr. Sarah Billings, Chapter Advisor
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**Becoming a Member**
NCPA will be present at First-Year Orientation on August 16th and “Lunch on the Lawn”. Officers will be present at the NCPA booth and in the school to answer any student questions. Membership forms will continue to be available throughout the year in the NCPA folder in the Student Services Office or can be obtained by contacting any NCPA advisor, officer or attending any general chapter meeting.

**Why should you join NCPA?**
NCPA Student Chapter is an active school organization. It is an organization that offers pharmacy students a wide array of opportunities to broaden their educational experience, and gain useful, real world skills, while having some fun in the process. NCPA Student Chapter instills leadership in all of its members and provides a cast forum of information to the student pharmacist looking to enhance their patient care skill set and learn more about career options in the independent community pharmacy fields. Members receive reimbursement when attending the national convention and other events like PCCA Compounding Boot Camp. Members also receive discounts for CPR certification, professional liability insurance and fundraising events. Most advantageously, student members gain experience in area of owning a pharmacy practice and impacting pharmacy legislation and well-being of the community. Join NCPA today and become the voice of the independent community pharmacist!