The NCPA Foundation is committed to support growth and advancement of independently owned community pharmacy practices by providing assistance to students, faculty and innovative practitioners dedicated to improving patient care.

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Dear Members of the National Community Pharmacists Association:

Since its inception in 1953 as the John A. Dargavel Memorial Foundation, the NCPA Foundation has been committed to supporting independent pharmacists and pharmacy students. The NCPA Foundation’s Golden Jubilee Scholarship Endowment, established in celebration of its 50th anniversary, will assure the opportunity to develop future leaders within the profession. Your continuing support of this Endowment will enable us to invest in academically motivated students by providing scholarships to support the educational goals of prospective independent practitioners.

To promote independent community pharmacy ownership in our colleges of pharmacy, the NCPA Pruitt-Schutte Student Business Plan Competition invited NCPA Student Chapters to participate in the Competition with the goal of developing a business plan to start a new pharmacy or assume ownership of an existing pharmacy. We are pleased to share the results of the inaugural competition and congratulate the winning team from Mercer University’s Southern School of Pharmacy.

We encourage you to consider remembering the important work of the NCPA Foundation as you plan your estate. Including a bequest to support our efforts to advance the interests of the profession will help ensure that we are able to continue providing scholarship support to pharmacy students, funding research and helping our members in times of disaster. A gift to the Foundation is a simple and easy way to express your appreciation for all the benefits that the profession has provided for you and your family.

The NCPA Foundation has developed a multifaceted approach to the advancement of independent community pharmacy practice. We will continue to sponsor activities and programming designed to advance independent pharmacy and to help those individuals who aspire to the pharmacy profession.

Sincerely,

Charles M. West, P.D.
President
NCPA Foundation

December 2004

John W. Dargavel Medal

The 2004 John W. Dargavel Medal has been presented to H. Joseph Schutte and posthumously to Neil L. Pruitt, Sr. These two visionary leaders have championed the interests of independent community pharmacy with commitment and dedication. Honoring John W. Dargavel, NCPA’s Executive Secretary from 1953 to 1961, the Medal is presented annually to recognize individuals who provide outstanding service to community pharmacy.

H. Joseph Schutte, a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy, began his career as a representative for Eli Lilly and Company. His purchase of Jeffersontown Pharmacy led to the establishment of Pharmacare Inc., a company that provided services for thousands of patients in long-term care facilities in Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio. Mr. Schutte currently serves as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of GeriMed Inc., a for-profit corporation that he founded to provide group purchasing services and programs to long-term care pharmacies throughout the United States.

Mr. Schutte has actively served his profession including election as the President and Chairman of the Board of the Jefferson County Academy of Pharmacy, a four-year appointment to the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy including a term as its President, membership and committee work with the Kentucky Pharmacists Association, membership in the American Society of Consulting Pharmacists (ASCP) and the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) as well as a term as President of the National Council for Prescription Drug Program. Since 1975, he has held a number of leadership positions in the NCPA which culminated in his election to its Presidency in 1985-1986. Mr. Schutte has been a member of the Board of Directors of the NCPA Foundation since 1999.

Neil Pruitt grew his company, United Health Services into a multispecialty health care organization with operations in several southeastern states. He graduated from the University of Georgia School of Pharmacy and served as president, director and chairman of the board of the Georgia Pharmaceutical Association, president of the National Association of Retail Druggists and a member of the Board of Directors of the NCPA Foundation. Mr. Pruitt was active in a wide range of civic and charitable organizations and held public office as Mayor of Toccoa, Georgia.

Mr. Pruitt and Mr. Schutte continue to raise the bar for outstanding professional service to independent community pharmacy through the establishment of the NCPA Pruitt-Schutte Student Business Plan Competition. Launched in 2003, the Competition is designed to promote interest in independent community pharmacy ownership in the nation’s colleges of pharmacy. “The business plan competition is symbolic of the entrepreneurial spirit that Neil exhibited throughout his career,” said Nancy Pruitt, Mr. Pruitt’s wife. “Neil was also an incredible advocate for students. He would be very pleased to have his name associated with this competition.”
George E. Benson
In Memoriam
1919 - 2004

George E. Benson said “pharmacy prepares you for anything.” And he should know. As he built a successful community pharmacy practice, raised his family and served his community and his profession, he put the knowledge and skills he gained as he prepared to be a pharmacist to work.

A graduate of the University of Washington School of Pharmacy, Mr. Benson’s 47-hour work week necessitated that he restrict his course schedule. A four-year stint in the United States Navy serving his country further postponed the completion of his pharmacy education. But he didn’t lose sight of his goal and following his military service, he returned to school and earned his pharmacy degree.

Mr. Benson’s first job at Lincoln’s Pharmacy in Seattle turned out to be much more than the first opportunity to use his long sought degree. It was there that he “fell madly in love” with Evelyn Leyman, the woman who would become his wife for fifty-seven years and the mother of their three children. Together, they owned Benson’s Mission Pharmacy for 46 years so named because it was located opposite a Catholic church. A wave of riders per year. In commenting on the surprise honor Mr. Benson said, “When I look back at all the work, it was worth it. It’s gratifying to see the line successful.”

Mr. Benson served as the President of NCPA (then NARD) for a term. He was a Director of the NCPA Foundation Board for over twenty years and was continuing to serve the profession as a Director Emeritus. When asked to describe the best part of serving on the NCPA Foundation Board, he responded, “reviewing the applications for scholarships.” Generations of pharmacy students are grateful for his efforts to help them achieve their educational and professional goals and become “prepared for anything.”

A former Seattle city councilman known for his accessibility and his willingness to walk the streets and talk to people, Mr. Benson was honored with the renaming of an entire streetcar line. “The George Benson Waterfront Streetcar Line” recognized his efforts in bringing the line into existence. Mr. Benson’s boyhood dream of becoming a streetcar conductor led him and his wife to Melbourne, Australia to choose the historic 1920s tan-and-green, wood-paneled trolley cars that shuttle 400,000 riders per year. In commenting on the surprise honor Mr. Benson said, “When I look back at all the work, it was worth it. It’s gratifying to see the line successful.”

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Pratt-Schutte Student Business Plan Competition

A new initiative honoring two great champions of independent pharmacy, H. Joseph Schutte who currently serves on the NCPA Foundation Board of Trustees and the late Neil L. Pruitt, Sr. who was serving as a Foundation Trustee at the time of his death in 2003, is enabling future community pharmacists to learn valuable lessons about the business world. Sponsored by the H. Joseph Schutte family, the Neil L. Pruitt, Sr. family and Mallinckrodt, Inc., the Pratt-Schutte Student Business Plan Competition, the first program of its kind in the pharmacy profession, encourages, facilitates and recognizes pharmacy student entrepreneurship.

NCPA Student Chapters were invited to participate in the Competition with the goal of developing a business plan to start a new pharmacy or assume ownership of an existing pharmacy. A sponsor or mentor, such as their NCPA faculty liaison, another faculty member or a local entrepreneur in their community, provided guidance and assistance to the participating students. Submitted business plans were evaluated by practicing pharmacy owners, a faculty member and an individual with financing expertise related to small business ownership.

The inaugural competition garnered submissions from sixteen pharmacy schools. Three finalist teams presented their business plans during NCPA’s Annual Convention in Boston, Massachusetts. Mercer University’s Southern School of Pharmacy team won the Pruitt-Schutte Student Business Plan Competition. Placing as first and second runner-up respectively were the plans submitted and presented by Washington State University and the University of Kansas.

Mercer University participants included Teresa Hesher, Gabriel McLemore, Cory Patterson and Scott Tömerlin, with Richard Jackson, R.Ph., Ph.D. serving as their advisor. The team received $3,000 for their NCPA student chapter, and an additional $3,000 to promote independent pharmacy was contributed to the school in their Dean’s name. The team and their advisor and their Dean will receive complimentary registration and travel expenses to NCPA’s Multiple Locations Conference in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

Washington State University was represented by Jennifer Aichele, Jeana Little, Jacklyn Lopez and Silvia Perez. Linda Garrelts-MacLean, R.Ph. provided guidance and assistance to the team. They received $2,000 for their NCPA student chapter, and a contribution of $2,000 was made to their school in the Dean’s name to promote independent pharmacy.

Rob Wenzel from the University of Kansas presented his plan that he developed with the assistance of his advisor, David Rankin, R.Ph. He received $1,000 for his NCPA Student Chapter, and a contribution of $1,000 to promote independent pharmacy was made to his school in the Dean’s name.

Learn more about the NCPA Pruitt-Schutte Business Plan Competition by going to www.ncpanet.org.
NCPA Foundation Activities and Programs

2004 NCPA-Pfizer Digest

The 2004 NCPA-Pfizer Digest is provided as a service to community pharmacists and others interested in pharmacy services by the National Community Pharmacists Association and Pfizer, Inc. The Digest compiles and summarizes comprehensive financial data from independent pharmacies nationwide. Participating pharmacies provide financial information on their stores’ revenues, expenses, and demographics. The survey has been compiled and reported for more than 70 years and is supported by an unrestricted grant from Pfizer, Inc. The Digest provides benchmarking tools that allow independent pharmacists to compare the performance of their pharmacies to the top 25 percent of independent pharmacies. The Digest is provided to all Colleges of Pharmacy in CD format by the NCPA Foundation.

Corporate Recognition Award

Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals was named the recipient of the 2004 NCPA Corporate Recognition Award during the Opening General Session of NCPA's 106th Annual Convention and Trade Exposition in Boston. Sponsored by the NCPA Foundation, the Award is presented to companies for their support of independent pharmacy.

Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals was recognized for its dedication to the advancement of independent community pharmacy and NCPA. The company assisted in the development of Pharmacist e-List™, an online information and education resource for community pharmacists. Its sponsorship of the NCPA Prescription Drug Safety Award enables the recognition of an individual who serves with distinction as a resource to consumers. The company has funded numerous programs and activities at NCPA's Annual Convention and other association meetings. Most recently, Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals demonstrated commitment to the future of independent pharmacy through its generous support of the Pharm-Scholar Student Business Plan Competition.

Effective Pharmacy Management

The 9th edition of Effective Pharmacy Management is available in CD format. Providing instruction in developing and owning a community pharmacy practice, complimentary copies were sent to NCPA faculty liaisons and college deans as an educational resource for pharmacy students. It also is available for sale to pharmacists.

New Independent Pharmacist

Published in alternating issues of America’s Pharmacist, New Independent Pharmacist is a section of the journal devoted to highlighting activities of NCPA student chapters and student programs at the NCPA Annual Convention. News important to tomorrow’s leaders of independent community pharmacy also is provided.

Independent Pharmacy Research

The Foundation continues to support research in critical areas of pharmacy practice. This past year, the Foundation provided funding for the following studies:

Karen Shapiro, Pharm.D., BCPS
Western University of Graduate Health Sciences College of Pharmacy
“Development and Implementation of Pharmacy Ownership in the Pharm.D. Curriculum”

Robert L. Garis, Ph.D.
Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions
“Economic Disparities in the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Industry”

Albert Wertheimer, Ph.D.
Temple University School of Pharmacy
“Involvement of Independent Community Pharmacies in Home Health and Long-Term Care”

Dana P. Hammer, Ph.D.
University of Washington School of Pharmacy
“Facilitating Pharmacy Ownership in America’s Future Pharmacists”

Cardinal Health and Larry Wamble Support NCPA Foundation Scholarships

Larry Wamble, artist and pharmacist, unveiled the fourth in his series of prints commemorating the host cities of NCPA Annual Conventions. Created to support NCPA Foundation scholarships, Cardinal Health funded the development of the prints. The “Boston” print is a great reminder of the convention and an excellent way to help support the NCPA Foundation’s efforts to provide scholarships and support research grants that sustain independent pharmacy,” said Dr. Charles West, NCPA Foundation President. “We are grateful to Cardinal Health for their support in the commissioning of the print and of the NCPA Foundation’s philanthropic efforts.”

Mr. Wamble’s past works include prints of Philadelphia, Nashville and Seattle. More information about the prints may be found by visiting the NCPA website at www.ncpanet.org or by calling the NCPA at 800.544.7447.

Partners in Pharmacy

The Foundation provided funds to support the travel expenses of eleven Partners in Pharmacy (formerly WONARD) scholarship recipients.

Jennifer Aichele
Washington State University

Lauren Keyser
University of North Carolina

Joanne Kuo
Western University of Health Science

Christine Novicky
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine

Jeana Little
Washington State University

Jennifer Reese
University of Oklahoma

Francis Rhea
Mercer University

Amit Duggal
Purdue University

Masha Kilimnik
University of Pittsburgh

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James H. Vincent

As the nation’s pharmacy students prepare to graduate and begin their careers, they would do well to choose Mr. James Vincent as one of their role models. His personal philosophy of “leaving a place better” has served him well and enabled him to achieve meaningful success in all aspects of his life.

Mr. Vincent has enjoyed a very rewarding career in the profession of pharmacy. With demonstrated excellence in the development and implementation of numerous entrepreneurial enterprises unique to his profession, he has contributed significantly to the improvement and enhancement of the small business world. Mr. Vincent has shared his talents and abilities to provide leadership to the pharmacy profession and to his community as well as his state of Colorado and the nation.

A graduate of the University of Colorado School of Pharmacy, Mr. Vincent is the President and General Manager of Shop-All, Incorporated which includes stores in Yuma and Holyoke, Colorado. He conceived, developed and implemented a one stop shop for all drug store, pharmaceutical, dry goods and food items, a concept that has been developed and implemented a one stop shop for all drug store, pharmaceutical, dry goods and food items, a concept that has been adopted by large, national corporations. Subsidiaries of Shop-All, Incorporated include Geneva Generics and The Upjohn Company each presented the Mr. Vincent with a Distinguished Service Award, a recognition that is made every eight years.

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An extensive background in community and government service has included sharing his business expertise as the President of the Yuma Chamber of Commerce and as a Trustee of the City of Yuma. Based on his outstanding results while participating in the Medicaid program in the State of Colorado, Mr. Vincent was asked to consult with the National Department of Health and Human Services. Appointed by the Governor of Colorado to the State Board of Social Services provided the opportunity for him to help establish Colorado as a national leader in Medical pharmacy provider innovations.

As a guest of President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan at the White House State Dinner honoring the President of Sri Lanka, Mr. Vincent has received many honors and recognitions for his service to the profession and his community. He was awarded the designation, Arkansas Traveler, by the Governor of Arkansas, received an honorary commission as a Kentucky Colonel from the Governor of Kentucky and an Honorary Commission to the Nebraska Navy by the Governor of Nebraska. He was named Retailer of the Year in his seven state region that included 500 independent grocers. The Yuma Chamber of Commerce honored him as Employer of the Year. The pharmacy profession has recognized his contributions including a NARD Commendation for Meritorious Service, a NARD – Upjohn President’s Award, the Colorado Pharmacal Association Presidential Award and the A.H. Robins Bowl of Hygeia.

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Help Ensure the Future of the Profession

Latest statistics reveal that only 42 percent of Americans have current wills. This research reflects a significant drop from 2000 when 47 percent of adults reported having completed a will. Three reasons are listed consistently as why individuals delay or do not complete this important document. Many say they are reluctant to address their mortality. Some believe that their estates are not large enough to merit distribution through a will, and still others say they don’t want to take the time or spend the money to create a will.

If you are one of these individuals, try thinking about this responsibility in a different way. A will can improve and stabilize the financial security of yourself and your family. It is not just a transfer of money and possessions; it is your last opportunity to express your values and show your love to your family and others who are important to you as well as your appreciation for organizations that have played a significant role in your life such as the NCPA.

“Including a bequest to the NCPA Foundation in your will is an easy way to give back to the profession that has been good to all of us,” shared Dr. Charles West. “The Foundation supports the profession in many ways including student scholarships, research to advance the profession and assistance for pharmacists in times of disaster,” he continued. “Making a gift to the NCPA Foundation in your will helps to ensure that we can continue this important support of our profession.”

To obtain more information about estate planning, please contact Foundation Administrative Assistant Yulanda Slade at 703.683.8200 or at www.ncpanet.org.

NCPA Foundation Student Loan Program

The NCPA Foundation Student Loan Program is a significant source of educational financial assistance for pharmacy students. The program has provided over 10,000 low interest loans totaling almost $5 million to help future pharmacists to achieve their educational goals. During the 2003-04 academic year, the Foundation provided loans totaling $72,500 to 28 pharmacy students.

To address the rising cost of pharmacy education, the Foundation has increased the amount of funding available to applicants. Full-time pharmacy students enrolled in their last 5 semesters of school who meet the loan criteria may request up to $2,500 each semester.

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NCPA Foundation Presidential Scholarships

The NCPA Foundation Presidential Scholarships recognize outstanding pharmacy students for their exemplary leadership and academic performance. Each of the recipients received a $2,000 scholarship and travel expenses to attend the NCPA Annual Convention.

NCPA Foundation Presidential Scholarship Sponsors

The Foundation appreciates the generosity of its corporate partners in support of our student assistance program.

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Dr. Charles West, Jessica Allender, University of Kentucky and H. Joseph Schulte

Left to right: (back row) Courtney Sheehan, Butler University, Amy Blackworth, University of Arkansas, Kathleen Coller, University of Arizona, David Sardina, University of Southern California, (front row) Stephen Carroll, University of Arkansas, Ginger Faley, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Joshua Stauffer, University of the Sciences in Philadelphia and Rory Poirneaux, University of Oklahoma

Dr. Charles West, Dawnie Maurer, University of Missouri - Kansas City and Sharlea Leatherwood

Dr. Charles West and Chris Moses, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Jae Harris, University of Texas

Sara Massey, University of Kansas

Sophia Wang, Loma Linda University

Dr. Charles West, David Mauro, University of Missouri - Kansas City and Charles Catanzo
The University of Kansas was named the 2004 Dargavel Chapter of the Year. Also recognized for their achievements were the University of Arkansas and the University of Southern California. The University of Southern California earned the most improved chapter.

There are 50 NCPA Student Chapters active in the nation’s pharmacy schools. Annually, the Foundation recognizes the top four chapters with awards of $2,000, $1,000, $500 and $250, respectively. Selection is based on several factors including community service projects, chapter programming, fundraising, national NCPA meeting attendance and promotion of pharmacy awareness.

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NCPA Summer Intern

John Kolhoff, a fourth year pharmacy student at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, was selected to spend the summer of 2004 working with the NCPA at its national headquarters. Mr. Kolhoff participated in a variety of initiatives and activities including interviewing and writing pharmacist profiles for the NCPA-Pilot Digest.

Originally from Beloit, Kansas, Mr. Kolhoff currently serves as the president of the NCPA-Student Leadership Committee. He is active in national and local politics. Mr. Kolhoff has served as a student senator for the University of Kansas College of Pharmacy, as a legislative intern for state representative Kevin Yoder and as legislative chair for his APA-ASP and NCPA Chapters. An active member of Kappa Psi and new member coordinator for Phi Lambda Sigma, Mr. Kolhoff plans to pursue a career in independent community pharmacy.

Outstanding NCPA Faculty Liaison Award

Established in 2001, the Outstanding NCPA Faculty Liaison Award recognizes a faculty member who has encouraged NCPA Student Chapter involvement by providing guidance and advice to students. Participation in chapter activities assists students to develop skills and attitudes that will help them provide the finest care to their patients. This year, the award was presented to Dr. Donna S. West.

Dr. West is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice in the College of Pharmacy at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. She received her Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmacy Administration, her Master of Science in Pharmacy Administration and her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Mississippi. She also serves as a consultant for the Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care and the American College of Apothecaries as well as a national consultant on several pharmacy issues.

Recipient of the AFPE Pharmacy Faculty New Investigator Award in 2001, Dr. West's research interests include social-behavioral pharmacy and improving medication use. She has successfully pursued and received grants and contracts totaling $217,220.

Dr. West is a reviewer for several prestigious professional journals and has published numerous articles in the professional literature on issues of significance in pharmacy practice. Dr. West makes presentations nationally and internationally and has participated extensively in professional continuing education programs. She serves on a number of University and department committees.
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Leadership Award, and the Lyon College’s Extra Mile Award.
Scholarship, a NCPA Presidential Scholarship, a NCPA Student
Who Among American College Students as well as a USA Drug
a medical mission to Honduras.

Jennifer Mitchell has been selected as the recipient of the
J. C. and Rheba Cobb Memorial Scholarship. Attending the
University of Arkansas and planning to graduate in May 2005,
Jennifer is actively developing her leadership skills. She is a member
of the Student Leadership Council for the NCFA following service
as a member of the Student Regional Council. Jennifer has
contributed her talents and ideas on the state and national level
by representing students as a member of the Policy Committee on
Professional and Ethical Practices of the Arkansas Pharmacists
Association and the Committee for Third Party Payment Programs
of the NCFA. Additionally, she participates in the Academy of
Students of Pharmacy, Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Rho
Chi and Phi Lambda Sigma.

Jennifer has received numerous honors and scholarships
including recognition on the Dean’s Honor List and listing in Who’s
Who Among American College Students as well as a USA Drug
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Willard B. Simmons, Sr.
Memorial Scholarship

Willard B. Simmons, Sr., the fifth executive secretary and general
manager of the National Association of Retail Druggists (NARD)
now the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCFA),
served in this capacity from 1961 until 1976. Respected for his
intellect and his appreciation of history, he stressed continuing the
course of action set by his esteemed predecessor, John W. Dargavel. Mr. Simmons provided leadership to the
Association in overcoming the challenges facing the pharmacy
profession in the 1960s and early 1970s.

In 2003, the NCFA Foundation established the
Willard B. Simmons, Sr. Memorial Scholarship in recognition
of his outstanding contributions to the profession. Candidates are evaluated on the basis of their leadership qualities and their academic achievements. Mr. Simmons demonstrated an exemplary standard of service to the profession. Earning the distinction of being named a Simmons Scholar will be a significant milestone for each recipient as they prepare for their own journey in the profession.

Leslie Payne has been selected to receive the
Willard B. Simmons, Sr. Memorial Scholarship. Enrolled in
the Doctor of Pharmacy program in University of the Sciences
in Philadelphia, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, Leslie
expects to complete her degree in May 2005.

Leslie is active in a number of professional organizations
including the National Community
Pharmacists Association and the
Academy of Student Pharmacists
and Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society. Named to the Dean’s List
in recognition of her academic excellence on her College’s Dean’s List, she has received numerous scholarships including a USP Academic Merit Scholarship, a HON/Allsteel Scholarship, a Rotary Scholarship as well as a Giant Food Esther Peterson Memorial Grant.

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