

FOUNDATION REPORT

In a year unlike any other, NCPA Foundation stands ready to support independent pharmacy

The NCPA Foundation advances independent community pharmacy through scholarships to pharmacy students, research/programs to improve the success of independent pharmacy and patient care, community health awareness programs, and aid to community pharmacy owners for recovery in the event of disaster or other adverse circumstances. The NCPA Foundation is a nonprofit, philanthropic 501(c)(3) organization established in 1953.

Here are some of the Foundation's 2020 highlights.

GOOD NEIGHBOR PHARMACY NCPA PRUITT-SCHUTTE STUDENT BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION

For 16 years, the Good Neighbor Pharmacy NCPA Pruitt-Schutte Student Business Plan Competition has promoted interest in independent community pharmacy ownership. For the 17th annual competition in 2020, 28 plans were submitted, from which three finalists were chosen. The competition is supported by Good Neighbor Pharmacy, Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Co., and the NCPA Foundation. It is the first national competition of its kind in the pharmacy profession and honors two great champions of independent community pharmacy, the late Neil Pruitt Sr. and the late H. Joseph Schutte.

PHARMACY DISASTER RELIEF FUND

It's an understatement to describe 2020 as a year where perseverance, ingenuity, and resilience have been needed. Pharmacies faced extraordinary obstacles with the outbreak of COVID-19. From erecting physical barriers and distancing throughout the pharmacy to shutting down the front end of the store and developing drive-thrus on the fly, pharmacies learned to adapt. Then in May and June, pharmacies throughout the U.S. were affected by civil unrest and experienced looting, vandalism, and even total destruction. The NCPA Foundation was there to help. With donations through the AmerisourceBergen Foundation-NCPA Foundation Disaster Relief Grant, Upsher-Smith, other corporations, and individuals, the Foundation provided approximately 150 grants to pharmacies affected by the pandemic and more than 30 pharmacies hit by civil unrest. The Disaster Relief



Fund was established to provide financial assistance to community pharmacy owners for the repair of their pharmacies in the event of natural disasters, accidents, illness, or other adverse circumstances.

To make a tax-deductible donation to the Disaster Relief Fund, visit bit.ly/ncpafdrf

DISPOSE MY MEDS™

Dispose My Meds offers information and resources for pharmacies to create medication disposal programs to help their patients safely dispose of unused and expired medicines. NCPA members receive a discount on the Sharps TAKEAWAY Return System, a safe, easy method to dispose of unused patient medications. Visit www.disposemy meds.org for additional information.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The NCPA Foundation proudly continues the tradition of awarding scholarships to college students pursuing community pharmacy ownership in the future. The Foundation and Partners in Pharmacy are awarding approximately \$53,000 in educational aid to NCPA student members.

The Foundation, through the support of Pharmacists Mutual, also provides scholarships to students to attend the NCPA Ownership Workshop, an event for pharmacists considering pharmacy ownership or current owners looking to polish their management skills.

Visit www.npcfoundation.org for additional information on NCPA Foundation programs. ■

2020 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following NCPA student members for receiving NCPA Foundation and Partners in Pharmacy Scholarships:

Johnny Ray Alexander III	<i>University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy</i>
Tiffany Alfred	<i>Hampton University School of Pharmacy</i>
Olubukola Are	<i>University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy</i>
Mackenzie Beal	<i>University of Kansas School of Pharmacy</i>
Marlee Clements	<i>Mercer University College of Pharmacy</i>
Jasmine S. Corn	<i>University of Georgia College of Pharmacy</i>
Cody Cox	<i>University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy</i>
Elizabeth “Liddy” Cronan	<i>Mercer University College of Pharmacy</i>
Savannah Cunningham	<i>Mercer University College of Pharmacy</i>
Michael Danilov	<i>University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences</i>
Garrett Faucette	<i>University of Georgia College of Pharmacy</i>
Joel Fowler	<i>University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy</i>
Charles Matthew Hadley	<i>Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy</i>
Madissen Humphries	<i>Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy</i>
Raeann Kilgore	<i>University of Missouri Kansas City School of Pharmacy</i>
Brianne Kirchgessner	<i>Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy</i>
Nicholas Lockyear	<i>Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy</i>
Aaron McDonough	<i>University of Iowa College of Pharmacy</i>
Stefan Miller	<i>Ferris State University College of Pharmacy</i>
Haley Mitchell	<i>Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy</i>
Alex Moore	<i>University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences</i>
Sarah Katherine Powell	<i>Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy</i>
Cameron Schuessler	<i>University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy</i>
Mason Sykes	<i>Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy</i>
Jasper Westbrook	<i>Mercer University College of Pharmacy</i>
Madison Yoakum	<i>Ohio Northern University Raabe College of Pharmacy</i>

