NCPA Foundation continues its support for community 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. More information on the NCPA Foundation is available at www.ncpafoundation.org. You can also visit us at booth 1727 at the NCPA 2021 Annual Convention this month in Charlotte, N.C.

The following are some highlights of the NCPA Foundations efforts in 2021.

GOOD NEIGHBOR PHARMACY NCPA PRUITT-SCHUTTE STUDENT BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION

The Good Neighbor Pharmacy NCPA Pruitt-Schutte Student Business Plan Competition promotes interest in independent community pharmacy ownership. In 2021 the competition marks its 18th year with 24 schools and colleges of pharmacy represented. The competition is supported by Good Neighbor Pharmacy, Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Co., and the NCPA Foundation. The competition 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

As the country still grapples with the COVID-19 pandemic, community pharmacies play a large role keeping vulnerable patients safe, including testing for the virus and administering vaccines. The AmerisourceBergen-NCPA Foundation Disaster Relief Grant allowed the Foundation to provide support to pharmacies impacted by the coronavirus. It also aided pharmacies affected by devastating storms throughout the U.S. The Disaster Relief Fund was established to provide financial assistance to community pharmacy owners for the repair of their pharmacies in the event of disaster, accidents, illness, or other adverse circumstances.

DISPOSE MY MEDSTM

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 and easy method to dispose of unused patient medications. Visit www.disposeymeds.org for additional information.

DONATIONS

Donations from individuals and corporations enable the NCPA Foundation to support programs and activities that preserve the legacy of independent pharmacy. Please consider donating today. Visit www.ncpafoundation.org and click on “Donate Now.”

To make a tax-deductible donation to the Disaster Relief Fund, visit bit.ly/ncpafdr
AWARDS
The NCPA Foundation continues the tradition of giving awards to outstanding candidates. Awards include the John W. Dargavel Medal Award, sponsored by the McKesson Corp., the Sharlea Leatherwood Memorial Trailblazer Award; the NARD Ownership Award; National Preceptor of the Year; and Outstanding Faculty Liaison of the Year.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Each year, the NCPA Foundation proudly awards scholarships to college students pursuing community pharmacy ownership. This year, the Foundation and Partners in Pharmacy are awarding more than $60,000 in educational aid to NCPA student pharmacists, through the support of McKesson, American Associated Pharmacies, and Bloodworth Wholesale.

The Foundation, through funding from 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. In the last year the Foundation has awarded 14 scholarships.

Go to www.npcafoundation.org for additional information on Foundation programs. Follow the Foundation on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TheNCPAFoundation.

2021 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS
Congratulations to the following NCPA student members for receiving NCPA Foundation and Partners in Pharmacy scholarships:

Abigail Carpenter  Ohio Northern University, Raabe College of Pharmacy
Brianne Crews  Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy
Savannah Cunningham  Mercer University College of Pharmacy
Dominick de la Guardia  University of the Sciences Philadelphia College of Pharmacy
Olivia Denny  University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
Maggie Goode  Auburn University
Benjamin Briggs Hightower  Harrison School of Pharmacy
Nathan Howe  Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions
Jason Lam  University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Pharmacy
Joshua Alan Leitao  Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences - Worcester
Carly Loudermilk  University of Georgia College of Pharmacy
Haley Mitchell  Auburn University
Ashley Murphy  Auburn University
Morgan Rambo  Samford University
Lucy Rinehuls  McWhorter School of Pharmacy
Sarah Ward  Union University College of Pharmacy