

# FOUNDATION REPORT

## NCPA Foundation celebrates 70 years of service to independent pharmacists

by Stephanie Vichness

The NCPA Foundation advances independent community pharmacy through scholarships to pharmacy students, research, and programs to improve the success of independent pharmacy and patient care, and aid to community pharmacy owners for recovery in the event of disaster or other adverse circumstances. Now celebrating its 70th anniversary, the NCPA Foundation is a nonprofit, philanthropic 501(c)(3) organization established in 1953.

The NCPA Foundation's mission is to improve community-based health care access by supporting efforts that promote the sustainability and growth of independent community pharmacists, the most accessible health care provider, through scholarships, grants, and ownership development. Its vision is elevating the practice of independent community pharmacy. For more information on the NCPA Foundation, visit [www.ncpafoundation.org](http://www.ncpafoundation.org).



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### NCPA FOUNDATION AWARDS



#### **John W. Dargavel Medal**

The 2023 Dargavel Medal award, sponsored by McKesson, honors **Bill Letendre**, MSPHarm, MBA, whose contributions on behalf of independent pharmacy embody the spirit of leadership and accomplishment personified by John W. Dargavel, who was executive

secretary of the National Association of Retail Druggists (NARD), now NCPA, from 1933 to 1961.



#### **NARD Ownership Award**

The National Community Pharmacists Association was founded in 1898 as the National Association of Retail Druggists (NARD). This award recognizes an independent pharmacist who embraces entrepreneurial spirit through promotion and demon-

strated excellence in the field of community pharmacy ownership. The 2023 awardee is **Clint Hopkins**, PharmD, with Pucci's Pharmacy, Sacramento, Calif.



#### **National Preceptor of the Year**

This award recognizes a pharmacist who has made a significant contribution to the education of pharmacy students as a preceptor in a community practice setting. The 2023 awardee is **Kelly Selby**, RPh, Community Pharmacy, Denton, Texas.



#### **Outstanding Faculty Liaison of the Year**

This award recognizes a faculty liaison who demonstrates exceptional leadership and commitment to independent pharmacy, the school's NCPA Chapter, and the community. The 2023 awardee is **Johnathan Hamrick**, PharmD, Mercer Univer-

sity College of Pharmacy. The NCPA Student Chapter at Mercer University received national recognition in the NCPA Student Chapter of the Year awards and Good Neighbor Pharmacy Pruitt-Schutte Student Business Plan Competition under his supervision.

### ***NCPA Foundation pharmacy scholarships***

The NCPA Foundation recognizes students with demonstrated leadership qualities, academic achievement, and an interest in independent pharmacy. Each year, the NCPA Foundation proudly awards scholarships to college students pursuing community pharmacy ownership. In 2023, the foundation will award more than \$70,000 in scholarships commemorating its 70th anniversary.

### ***Pharmacists Mutual Scholarship for the NCPA Ownership Workshop***

Through funding from Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Company, the Foundation 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. This past year, the Foundation awarded 13 scholarships.

### ***Twenty years of the Good Neighbor Pharmacy NCPA Pruitt-Schutte Student Business Plan Competition***

Established in 2004, the Good Neighbor Pharmacy NCPA Pruitt-Schutte Student Business Plan Competition will hold its 20th annual event in 2023. The competition promotes interest in independent community pharmacy ownership. The competition is supported by Good Neighbor Pharmacy, Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Company, 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.



# NCPA Foundation

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## **2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

Congratulations to the following NCPA student members for receiving a 2023 NCPA Foundation scholarship:

### **J.C. and Rheba Cobb Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Government Affairs**

Bailey Deas, Auburn University Harrison College of Pharmacy

### **Willard B. Simmons Memorial Scholarship for Pharmacy Management**

Joann Hi, The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy

### **Neil Pruitt Sr. Memorial Scholarship in Entrepreneurism**

Natalie Novak, Mercer University College of Pharmacy

### **Presidential Scholarship, supported by McKesson RxOwnership**

Emilie Barleben, the Ohio State University College of Pharmacy  
Mary Christine Buehner, Medical University of South Carolina  
Collin Kruczek, University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy  
Destiny Rogers, Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy  
Caitlin Rohrbaugh, University of Iowa College of Pharmacy  
Daniella Salawu, Regis University, School of Pharmacy  
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Haley Weaver, Harding University College of Pharmacy  
Allison Welsh, North Dakota State University-School of Pharmacy  
Joshua Wilson, Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy

### **Partners in Pharmacy Scholarship**

Jordan Conner, Auburn University Harrison College of Pharmacy  
Fay Hussain, University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy  
Ashley Vazquez Negron, University of Puerto Rico School of Pharmacy  
Jubin Saji, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in Saint Joseph's University  
Caroline Sockwell, Union University College of Pharmacy

### **Partners in Pharmacy Scholarship in memory of Steve Salvatori, supported by Salvatori-Scott**

Anisha Jackson, Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy  
Sam Smith, Mercer University College of Pharmacy



### **A LETTER FROM THE NCPA FOUNDATION PRESIDENT**

The NCPA Foundation was established 70 years ago in St. Louis. From providing disaster relief grants and assisting students with their

education at its beginning, the foundation's mission has grown, improving community-based health care access, through the sustainability and growth of independent community pharmacists.

This year the foundation provided 12 disaster relief grants to community pharmacists affected by tornadoes, hurricanes, and flooding, as well as over 30 scholarships to deserving students who are the future of independent pharmacy. We continue to grow the Dispose My Meds™ program, as well as recognize individuals who champion the profession.

Your support continues to help us grow and expand our mission. Please support 70 years of the foundation today!

Best,

**Jerry Shapiro, PharmD**  
NCPA Foundation president

### **DISASTER RELIEF GRANTS**

With donations from individuals and the Amerisource-Bergen Foundation sustaining the AmerisourceBergen Foundation-NCPA Foundation Disaster Relief Grant, the foundation continued 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. This past year, the foundation distributed over \$40,000 in disaster relief grants.

### **DISPOSE MY MEDS™**

Dispose My Meds offers information and resources for pharmacies to create medication disposal programs to help current and potential 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](http://www.disposemy meds.org) for additional information. ■

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