

RETREAT BY THE BEACH

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CPFI: Finding the Faith to Serve

The CPFI Annual Meeting was a first for me in a few ways: the first time at a conference, the first time in South Carolina, and the first time experiencing the incredible connection between pharmacy and faith. Two other students from NDSU and I made the long 25 hour drive with a few stops along the way. It started out as a fun road trip and became a focusing journey. Each morning at Myrtle Beach, the three of us got up just before the sunrise and sat out on the beach doing our daily devotionals. The few minutes of watching God's light shine across the ocean straight in front of us was a visual sign that I knew the day had started with the right focus.

Every day of the conference was enlightening and focused on pharmacy and the life on Christ. Every speaker shared a pharmacy topic that was informative and described how to use this knowledge in a pharmacy practice. They used personal stories to make the topics real and got me thinking of how I would react in a similar situation, whether it would be the Christ-like reaction or otherwise. The connections I made throughout the conference with pharmacy professionals and fellow students are the ones that I value.

This conference showed me how, in the future, I should redirect my thought process in a more Christ-like manner, especially for challenging situations. As a future practicing pharmacist, I now have better understanding of how to practice with a Christian perspective. Additionally, the connections I made with fellow students and professionals helped me gauge my faith, develop stronger communication and relational skills.

- Tarin Lachowitzer, P3

North Dakota State University

WHO YOU NEED TO KNOW









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<u>National Student</u> <u>Retreat Coordinator</u> Andrea Mezentsef P4 @ Palm Beach Atlantic University

My name is Tristram Ford and I am a P4 student at Wilkes University. Serving as the NSC-Chairperson Elect last year grew my faith in Christ in unprecedented ways. It has been a blessing to fellowship with other pharmacy students, and observe how God has faithfully worked through our organization. I joined CPFI during my first year of pharmacy school because I was looking to serve an organization that valued Christ and pharmacy. In return, I've made lifelong friendships, grown professionally, and learned how to be a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. As pharmacy school progressed, God was calling me to use CPFI as a ministry for my colleagues. In September of 2015, my classmates and I established a CPFI chapter at Wilkes University in

Pennsylvania. Since then, CPFI has been an effective ministry for reaching students on campus with the Gospel. As the NSC Chairperson, I plan to serve by networking with student chapters, whether it's starting a new chapter or assisting disconnected chapters. I also hope to connect more schools with the **CPFI** National Student Council in anticipation of next year's conference in Colorado Springs! I am grateful to be a part of CPFI this year, and it is my prayer that we continue to be effective witnesses for Jesus Christ to our patients, preceptors, professors, and anyone else whom we encounter in our profession.

My name is Ashley Devaughan and I decided to join my local CPFI chapter when I was accepted to pharmacy school because I wanted a group that had the same values that I do. I wanted to have people that I could go to that go through the same things I do while going through school, and who are also trying to seek God. I went to the National CPFI meeting in 2015 in North Carolina, and I loved the feeling of community and fellowship that I had with students from all over the country. I became more involved with my local chapter after attending last year's national retreat, and at this year's retreat I knew I wanted to do more so I ran for a national office.

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I felt called to go all-in and give everything I have to this office, and I hope that I am able to serve the Lord and all of CPFI through this office. Please feel free to contact me if there is anything I can do to help you or your chapter this year.

My name is Fredric Starling and I am currently a P2 at the University of South Florida. I knew that from the moment I entered pharmacy school, CPFI would be my route to bring glory to God. My good friend, Sammy, was running the organization and the thought of reaching my campus through CPFI is something I delighted in. I took that fire and energy to engage the organization and found myself being the president for this year. The publicist position was an answer to reaching students on a national scale and uniting everyone under the head that is Christ. In this position, My goals for this year are exhortation, edification, and consolation. I think that the NSC as a whole can bring a greater light to this world using all the resources

available. I look forward to seeing how Christ can be glorified through the media.

My name is Theodora Hampton and I am currently a P3 at Presbyterian College. During my first year orientation session, I was introduced to many organizations that our profession has to offer. I joined CPFI because it answered my question, "how can I be a pharmacist whose career is shaped equally by my faith as it is my knowledge of pharmacotherapy?" Although I have been a member of CPFI since P1 year, I attended my first National Student Retreat and Annual Conference this year. I was challenged intellectually and elevated spiritually by the combination of sessions devoted to faith as well as pharmacy practice. I decided to serve as the new membership transitions coordinator because of my experiences at the retreat. I am honored by the opportunity to work with other members of the student council and the organization as a whole to ensure retention of graduating student members.

My name is Andrea Mezentsef and I am a P4 at Palm Beach Atlantic. I have been involved with CPFI since my 1st year of pharmacy school and I was finally blessed to attend the **CPFI** Annual Conference this year, for the very first time. I would definitely recommend to students that they become involved with CPFI on the national level by attending the annual conference. In my opinion, the best part of attending the conference is being able to meet, worship and pray with students from across the country. As the NSC Student Retreat Coordinator, my role involves planning and promoting the annual National Student Retreat component of the 2017 CPFI Annual Conference. I plan to give my best effort in providing a memorable experience where students are able to worship and network with other students and pharmacists from all over the world (since we have national and international members).

Chapter Ins-N-Outs

CPFI divvied up the student chapters into 9 geographical regions back in 2013 to improve the way that we share information. We started out with just a couple of students willing to reach out to the nearby chapters to having almost all 9 positions filled this year. Since it all started, the attendance of students at the National CPFI meeting has grown from 13 to the mid—50s. Forming the Regions has allowed CPFI to improve our communication to all of the chapters, provide leadership roles for students, and enabled us to encourage each other in our spiritual walks. The student chapters are doing amazing things in their community and because of the Regional Directors, we are able to share that with the CPFI members.

- Kelly Niedzwiecki

PharmD, Rite-Aid

🖈 It's Award Season 🖈





CPFI also recognized Dr. Tom Robertson, Assistant Dean for Students at the Lloyd L. Gregory School of Pharmacy in West Palm Beach, Florida, and longtime member of CPFI, with the Psalm 145 Award.



Dr. Greg Carlson was recognized with the Dr. Warren E. Weaver Service Award, CPFI's high-



The Dr. Fred M. Eckel Student of the Year Award was given to Shenandoah University School of Pharmacy 2016 graduate Dr. Shawn Kohlhaas.

The CPFI Student Chapter of the Year Award, which recognizes the outstanding achievements of a CPFI student chapter, was awarded to Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

What's Up-N-Coming



est award.

MedicalMissions

Global Missions Health Conference

Louisville, KY

November 10—12, 2016 Visit: www.medicalmissions.com for details.



SEE YOU AT THE POLE 2016 Wednesday, September 28 WE CRY OUT A generation seeking Him! —Psalm 24:3-6

For more information, visit www.syatp.com.



2017 National Student Retreat Glen Eyrie Conference Center, Colorado Springs, CO June 14 to June 18, 2017

Online Registration opens from January 10-May 12, 2017

For more information, visit www.cpfi.org

An Opportunity has Risen

The Hands and Feet Grant, a new CPFI community service award, has been established this year and is available to four CPFI Student Chapters. Learn more about The Hands and Feet Grant on Page 6!





"I have really enjoyed my experiences with CPFI, it is an amazing group of people! Everyone involved does an excellent job of integrating their faith into the practice of pharmacy. This organization will help you grow in your faith and in your career as a pharmacist!" - Ashley Devaughan

"Faith. Fellowship. Pharmacy. CPFI offers an authentic community of Christ followers working in the pharmacy world!" - Tristram Ford

"Awesome group of Christian Pharmacists! Please join us in serving Christ and the world through pharmacy!" - Joy Greene

CPFI Hands and Feet Student Chapter Grant

2016 Application Guidelines

The purpose of the CPFI Hands and Feet Student Chapter Grant is to financially support CPFI Student Chapters so they have funding to serve others in need. The CPFI Board of Directors implemented this grant opportunity to enable CPFI Student Chapters to be the hands and feet of Jesus through Christian service and evangelism. It is the hope of the CPFI Board of Directors that students will give back to their communities while sharing the good news of Jesus.

CPFI will award four CPFI Student Chapter Grants per year up to \$500.00 each to foster the expansion of community service involvement. In support of these efforts, CPFI Student Chapters may serve in partnerships with communities, non-profit agencies, schools and governmental bodies.

Eligibility:

CPFI Student Chapters must be in active status with CPFI and have submitted a chapter update form for the current year. At a minimum, chapter officers must be current CPFI members. If you have specific questions, you may contact <u>SCAC.chairperson@gmail.com</u>.

To Apply:

Grant proposals must be submitted by the your school's CPFI Faculty Advisor in the following format.

1. Cover Page

Name of project

University Name and Address

Name and contact information of CPFI Faculty Advisor

List of CPFI student members completing the project

Name and location of where the project will taking place

Goals of the project



2. Letter of Authorization

Include a letter of authorization from your CPFI Faculty Advisor (or Dean) stating their approval of the project

Provide information about other organization/parties involved in completing this project

3. Proposal Statement

In several paragraphs, briefly describe the project and the estimated cost to complete the project

Include a project time period (how long will the project take to complete)

Proposals should not exceed three pages

4. Deadline

Email grant proposals to <u>office@cpfi.org</u> by September 30th, 2016 Grant monies will be issued by October 15th, 2016.