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# FAITH, FAMILY, AND PHARMACY

Official CPFI National Student Council Newsletter



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## IN A TIME OF CHANGE, CPFI IS HERE FOR YOU

We never would have expected that our 2020 would look like it does now... we're praying for all of you. We're including some updates about how COVID-19 is affecting us as student Christian pharmacists, and we hope that you'll let us know if we can be of assistance to you in these difficult times.

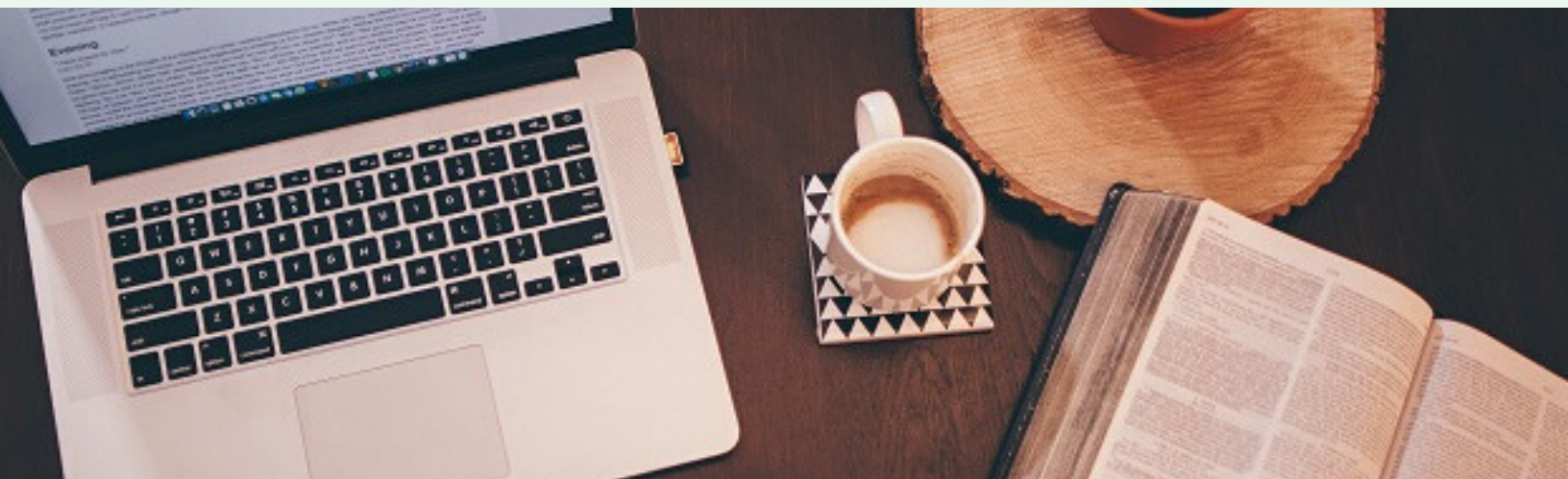
If you have events or meetings you'd like to share with us and the students at other chapters, reach out to Zach Krauss ([zacharykrauss@cedarville.edu](mailto:zacharykrauss@cedarville.edu)) so he can spotlight your chapter and what the Lord is doing through your members!

# SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

## *Handling the COVID-19 Crisis with Zoom*

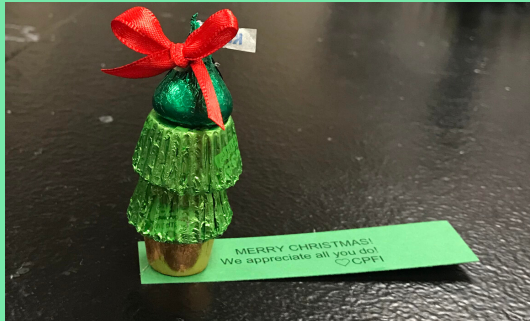
The SWOSU chapter in Weatherford, Oklahoma is proud to have been able to use Zoom video conferencing to continue doing their weekly devotionals. Last week, they decided to start an 8-week Bible study on 1 John that will help them to stay connected even during the summer! There has been some great feedback and conversations during these sessions, and the students are grateful that the sessions will continue.

We're so glad to see that coming together with the Christian community and learning about God's Word hasn't discontinued, even with the difficulties brought on by social distancing!



This year, the CPFI chapter at University of South Carolina held a few new events and have had great success so far! One of the events they've held this year is their Clinical Pearls Fundraiser. The students assemble booklets comprised of 3 to 5 page summaries of disease states. These summaries are sold to students so that they can have a reference while they're on rotations. The chapter's success with these fundraisers allowed them to fund fellowship events for all of their members for the entire year!

One other event that the chapter set up was actually an idea taken from some brainstorming done at the National meeting last year. In the fall, the chapter created mini Christmas trees out of candy and hot glue and gave them as Christmas/Final exam encouragements to the students, and as a thank you to the faculty. The U of SC chapter is excited to continue this tradition, and plans to implement it at other holidays such as Easter!



# TOURO COLLEGE OF PHARMACY



## GENERAL BODY MEETING

12/03/19



## STRONG BEGINNINGS FOR A NEW CHAPTER

The CPMI chapter at Touro College of Pharmacy in New York was officially inaugurated in January, and we're so excited to add a new group of Christian pharmacy champions to our family! So far, just this year, they've already had a general body meeting with their inaugural members. They also set up a pre-exam prayer meeting with all of their members that they began in order to have some fellowship and community encouragement before exams.

# A MESSAGE FROM SUSIE, OUR FAVORITE CHAIRPERSON!

Dear CPFI family,

We did it! Another year of pharmacy school complete! Whether that means moving on to your APPE rotations, or graduating for the class of 2020, I want to congratulate ALL of you for completing this year in victory! It has been my upmost pleasure serving this organization as NSC Chairperson. Two years ago, I took a leap of faith running for a leadership position for an organization I absolutely love. God has made my time in leadership so fruitful and overflowing with His goodness and I am so proud and thankful to be a part of this wonderful organization.

Throughout this year, seeing and hearing of how the CPFI chapters all across the nation are touching lives through service projects and spreading God's love has made my heart overflow with joy! I want to personally thank you for the time, effort, and love that you all have poured into this organization! Even though the world may not acknowledge your service for God's kingdom, God is smiling down on you for all the hard work you have invested for His kingdom! Thank you for being a part of our CPFI family. I pray that as you move on to this next chapter in your pharmacy journey, that you will continuously strive to bring glory to God and serve his people with a humble heart.

I want to share with you something that I heard during the Global Missions Health Conference. Our identity is in Christ and becoming a pharmacist should not be our identity. I hope we all strive to be Christians who happen to be a pharmacist, rather than a pharmacist who happens to be Christian. Let's live out our life with faith and perseverance in our Lord Jesus Christ!

I will end this with verses from my favorite song The Blessing: "May His favor be upon you and a thousand generations. Your family and your children and their children and their children. May His presence go before you and behind you, and beside you. All around you, and within you He is with you, He is with you. In the morning, in the evening, in your coming, and your going. In your weeping, and rejoicing, He is for you, He is for you".

To God be the Glory,

Susie Kim

# UT TYLER MAKES THE MOST OF THE SEMESTER

The CPFI chapter at UTT Ben and Maytee Fisch College of Pharmacy has been able to conduct meetings every other week, and have continued doing so through Zoom video conferencing. They have speakers from their community, faculty, and other student pharmacists come and talk about the Christian's identity in Christ, God's love, unity, and more!

This semester the chapter also partnered with their school's SNPhA chapter for a ministry through *Clinic Under the Bridge*, which is a partnership with *Hunger for Love* in order to serve the underserved. Pharmacy students helped with blood pressure and blood glucose checks, while also giving free supplies to those in need.



*Interested in running for National Student Council? Here are the positions we have available and their descriptions. Check your email for more information about running!*

## **NSC CHAIRPERSON-ELECT**

- Assists the chairperson as needed and learns the skills needed to become the chairperson of the NSC.

## **PUBLICIST**

- Creates the quarterly newsletter, updates social media, and helps promote CPFI in creative ways! Individuals need skills in desktop publishing and writing

## **STUDENT RETREAT COORDINATOR**

- Plans, promotes, and manages the National Student Retreat. Works closely with CPFI planning team to seamlessly transition from the retreat to the national conference

## **MEMBERSHIP TRANSITIONS COORDINATOR**

- Works to encourage CPFI members on rotations while encouraging CPFI membership after graduation. Encourages CPFI alumni to return to be involved with CPFI events on a national level.

## **REGIONAL COORDINATORS**

- Promotes and encourages CPFI chapters within local regions. Helps to plan and host regional meetings or retreats. Connects chapters in a specific region.



## GREAT LAKES JOIN FOR REGIONAL RETREAT

This year our Great Lakes Regional Coordinator, Erin Ballentine, led the initiative to start a regional retreat for the CPFI Great Lakes Region, and it looks like they had a great time! The conference was hosted at Cedarville University in southern Ohio, and more than 5 schools of pharmacy were able to attend and send CPFI members.

At the retreat, Erin Ballentine and her chapter's executive team helped to lead worship and facilitate brainstorming between the chapters, and several Christian pharmacists came to provide sessions on important topics in the world of pharmacy today.

Students also worked on a service project making bags out of donated T-shirts in order to donate to patients in Honduras during a medical missions trip taking place over spring break!



It's so encouraging to see so many chapters doing amazing things for God's kingdom. We want to encourage all of you in this crazy time. COVID-19 has changed the world, but we can keep changing the world through the spread of God's Word and the love of Jesus Christ.

The National Student Retreat and the National CPFI Conference are cancelled in their in-person format. The Conference is now completely online, along with the National Student Retreat. Check out [cpfi.org](http://cpfi.org) in order to register now! We want to see you there! The last page of the newsletter contains the new information about the conference.

Even though the National Student Retreat won't be just like it was last year, we're still planning on holding elections! Be on the lookout for information from Susie Kim about the new process for electing officers for the National Student Council.

Make sure you're following us on our social media so you can keep updated on new events and initiatives while also hearing words from Scripture from time to time:

Instagram - [cpfi\\_students](#)

Facebook - [CPFI chapter community](#)

# CPFI NATIONAL CONFERENCE

An Update regarding Rescheduling



Serving Christ and the World  
Through Pharmacy

## THE CONTEXT

This year we had to make a difficult decision to cancel our in-person 2020 CPFI Annual Conference and National Student Retreat, which was to be held in Flat Rock North Carolina at the Bonclarken Conference Center. Many of you expressed disappointment, but were understanding and supported our decision. We are grateful for your support. We knew early on that we needed to try to find a way to offer an alternative that would provide an opportunity for Christian pharmacists to come together for some great fellowship and faith-based learning that many of you have come to know and love over the years.

## THE RESPONSE

Education Affairs Committee Chair, Jeff Bates, has prepared an online version of the traditional meeting and the national student retreat. This will be a great way to offer this option for fellowship and Christian education. 4.5 ACPE approved live-web CE hours will be offered, along with most of the devotions originally planned for the meeting. Jeff and Sheryl Bates will also be leading the group in worship! You don't want to miss this!

## DETAILS

The new online format of the conference and retreat will be held on **Friday, June 5th, 2020.**

The National Student Retreat will be held from **8:00 AM ET to Noon.**

The Annual Conference will be held from **Noon ET to 9:00 PM with a break for dinner.**

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Go to [cpfi.org](http://cpfi.org) for more information and the full program, as well as information about those who will be presenting at the conference.

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Once you've registered, information will be sent to you before the conference with details about how to attend and join the conference.

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