

CPFI NSC Newsletter

South-Atlantic Region Update

Over the past several months, God has been using the South Atlantic (SA) student region of Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International (CPFI) to create many wonderful events that promote fellowship and service amongst its members. CPFI's SA region has been serving their respective communities and sharing the love of Jesus Christ with as many people as possible. Here are a few examples of how the SA region has been a blessing to their schools and communities:

The University of Florida (UF) – Gainesville chapter promotes unity at their school by having an inter-professional potluck/worship night. A multitude of students studying different disciplines such as law, nursing, medicine, and dentistry attend this event each year.

The University of Georgia (UGA) currently hosts a bi-weekly morning Bible study where over thirty members attend to spend time with God. UGA is also actively involved with the homeless community in Athens, Georgia. They recently taught homeless women about medication safety and women's health and they provided sack lunches to the homeless in downtown Athens alongside an organization called Athens PBJs.

Palm Beach Atlantic University (PBAU) held their annual fellowship dinner at their chapter advisor's home at the beginning of the semester. They were also blessed to have Keith W. Allhands, past president of CPFI, as a guest speaker at their October meeting. He spoke about his experiences going on medical mission trips to Egypt and he presented them with a duplicate CPFI Chapter of the Year Award. PBAU continues to serve the homeless at St. George's Episcopal Church and they participated in Operation Christmas Child in November.



(Keith W. Allhands presenting PBAU CPFI with a duplicate CPFI Chapter of the Year Award)

South University's – Savannah chapter holds events for students such as weekly Bible studies, movie nights, and worship gatherings. The Savannah chapter also participates in several outreach activities such as health screenings, Relay for Life, Thanksgiving canned food drive, and collecting donations for both The Living Vine and New Beginnings: Recovery Home for Women. This chapter also used the funds that they received from the CPFI Hands and Feet Student Chapter Grant to help reduce the costs for students to attend a medical mission trip to Costa Rica in December.

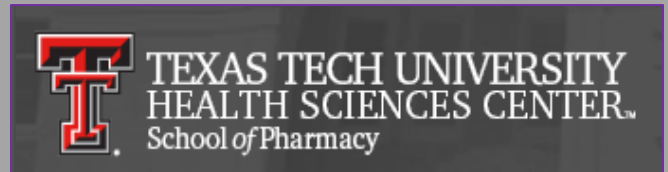
As you can see, God has given the SA region so many great ideas to effectively serve the public and each other. They're the perfect example of how we can accomplish many things with the help of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

- Joy V. Kirby
Palm Beach Atlantic University
South-Atlantic Regional Director

Hands and Feet Grant Recipients

Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, School of Pharmacy, Abilene, TX

Texas Tech provided a free multicultural health screening for refugees and the Hispanic population in Abilene, TX in November. They provided education on nutrition, hygiene, and performed health screening tests such as cholesterol, blood glucose, and blood pressure checks to these populations that may not have regular access to health care.



California Northstate University, College of Pharmacy (CNUCOP)

CNUCOP travelled to Cambodia in December to serve and provide health education to children. They partnered with a local church, Gracepoint Fellowship in Fremont, for their first mission trip. Their overall objective was to empower Christian pharmacy students to strengthen their faith in their pharmacy career by serving patients in need in Cambodia.

Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy – East Tennessee State University

ETSU collaborated with Appalachian Miles for Smiles to provide blood pressure and blood glucose screenings prior to the patient being seen by the dentist. They also provided Gospel tracts and Bibles to the patients.

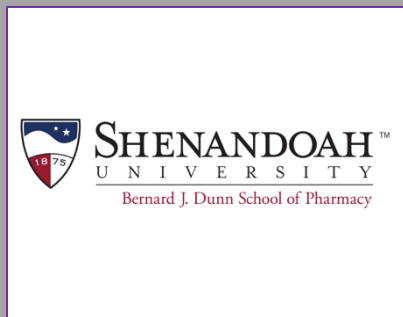
University of the Incarnate Word Feik School of Pharmacy

Incarnate Word provided a Thanksgiving meal for nearly 40 families overcoming homelessness while living at San Antonio Metropolitan Ministries (SAMMinistries).

Hands and Feet Grant Recipients

Medical University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy

USC provided a meal to those struggling through their Hot Dog Ministry. They provided a devotion and prepared and distributed the food to those in need.



Shenandoah University Bernard J. Dunn School of Pharmacy

Shenandoah plans to purchase winter clothing, hygiene items, cross key chains, and Bible verse cards to distribute to local homeless shelters at the end of January. They also plan to serve at these shelters.

South University School of Pharmacy Savannah, GA

Students travelled to Costa Rica in December to provide pharmacy services as well as general medicine and public health services to residents with little or access. They also spread Christ's love to all that were willing to listen.



UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy Asheville, NC

UNC will be hosting The Asheville Summit this March to discuss policies and practices that exemplify how pharmacies can better serve underserved populations. They will be hosting a prayer breakfast the morning of the meeting.

Upcoming Events

CPFI Prayer Breakfast at the APhA 2018 Annual Meeting & Exposition

Sunday, March 18

7:30 – 8:45 AM

More information and registration can be found at:

<http://aphameeting.pharmacist.com/APhA2018/sessions/cpfi-prayer-breakfast-ticket-required>



The banner features the CPFI logo (a blue fish-like shape with 'CPFI' inside) and the text 'Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International'. Below this, it reads '2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE & NATIONAL STUDENT RETREAT'. A red banner across the middle says '15 HOURS ACPE APPROVED CE AVAILABLE!'. The background shows a scenic view of a conference center (Bonclarken Conference Center) and several photos of people at the event. At the bottom, it says 'MAY 30 TO JUNE 3, 2018'.

Registration for the 2018 Annual Conference & National Student Retreat is now open!

More details and information can be found at:

<http://www.cphi.org/annual-meeting>

We would love to hear what your chapter is up to! You can email us your updates at nsc.publicist@gmail.com and you may be featured in the next newsletter.