

CPFI Annual Conference & National Student Retreat Colorado Springs, CO



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I have attended the CPFI conference for the past three years, and each year has been different, but also the same in a good way. I have been able to travel to some beautiful places and see things that I otherwise might not have been able to see. From the time spent in worship to the great speakers we get to listen to each year, the student retreat provides an amazing opportunity to get away from our everyday lives and connect with students and pharmacists who may come from very different places, but aren't so different from us. Ultimately, we are all just striving to be better Christian pharmacists.

I keep coming back every year because of the relationships that I have made with other students from all over the country. My Facebook is flooded with posts from friends throughout the country who are doing some remarkable things. I never dreamed I'd develop relationships with people from North Dakota, Florida, or Virginia, but these retreats made that possible. I will keep coming back for years to come because of these relationships.

-Tyler Cole, P4
Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU)

I attended the CPFI student retreat this summer in Colorado Springs and it was truly one of my favorite experiences in pharmacy school! Four other NDSU students and I made the journey to Colorado to connect with other pharmacy students and practicing pharmacists who share our faith and focus in life. The conference was filled with enlightening and inspirational sessions that showed how I will be able to connect my faith into my future pharmacy practice. Each speaker left me inspired and demonstrated that it is possible to be a successful pharmacist while placing Christ first. The conference allowed me to make meaningful and lasting connections with other students and pharmacists. I can't wait to attend the retreat and conference next year!

-Taylor Ott, P3
North Dakota State University (NDSU)

The national CPFI conference was an experience I will never forget. From the beautiful scenery of Colorado Springs to interesting speeches and seminars given by renowned pharmacists, the conference yielded an amazing week with countless opportunities to grow in Christ. One major aspect of the trip I appreciated was how many wonderful people I met throughout the week. Although most of us came from different backgrounds, it took no time at all to bond and connect through Christ. It is remarkable to see and partake in a group of students and pharmacists from all around the United States who quickly develop sustaining relationships together. Witnessing such marvelous fellowship and dutiful worship was something that can only be explained by God. The conference supplied numerous instances of these unexplainable earthly experiences, and it is those moments of peace that passes understanding that I cherish most.

-Hanlon Maivelett, P3
South Carolina College of Pharmacy – Charleston

My name is Makayla Summers and I am the Membership Chair for the brand new CPFI chapter at Texas A&M Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy. Initially, I was apprehensive about attending the conference knowing I'd be the only person from my college attending. I prayed about it and knew that if God's hand was in it, I'd be welcomed. I was paired to room with a handful of girls from North Dakota and it was a perfect match! We clicked instantly and I truly feel I've made friends for life. The Glen Eyrie castle and the surrounding area in Colorado Springs was utterly breathtaking. The conference itself provided useful study tips, medical mission trip opportunities, ideas for chapter events, self-awareness tools, information about residencies and of course tons of Godly inspiration and encouragement to carry us through everyday life and our future careers. After the daily sessions ended there were ice breakers, games, hikes, site seeing opportunities and chances to bond with others walking in Christ. Seeing God's work through the beautiful scenery and his people was an irreplaceable experience that I pray many more can take part. I absolutely plan on going to the conference in North Carolina next year and hopefully will bring some Texas A&M students from my chapter as well!

-Makayla Summers, P3
Texas A&M Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy

The word that best describes my experiences at the CPFI Student Retreat is "refreshing". As a student pharmacist, it's not uncommon to feel as if my days are rather mundane or monotonous. Each summer it seems the school year ends with slight feelings of emptiness, exhaustion, and enervation. Some days I think to myself, "Is this really what Christ has called me to do?" The Student Retreat seems to come at exactly the right time. The time spent with missionaries, faculty members, and fellow students, is so valuable. It is incredibly encouraging to see how the Lord is moving in and through fellow pharmacists to build His kingdom. Each year I leave the conference feeling refreshed, encouraged, and more in love with the Lord and the calling He has placed on my life. I am so grateful for CPFI and what the organization has done for my walk with the Lord.

-Kelsey Watkins, P4
Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU)



I am a rising P3 student at the South Carolina College of Pharmacy – USC Columbia campus (Go Gamecocks!). This was my first CPFI annual retreat as well as my first experience at a national conference. I did not know what to expect from this conference. I didn't know anyone who was attending, but I was still excited to go and meet other students and pharmacists who were very interested in keeping Christ first in our profession. The event was a great experience for me. I was able to make new friends with some awesome people from different states across the US. The talks and events sponsored by CPFI were great reminders and examples of how to keep Christ as the center of our profession. Being able to increase my network of fellow believers is always a plus, but since this was a pharmacy based retreat it made it even more special. I thoroughly enjoyed the time I spent at this year's CPFI retreat and hopefully I will be able to make the one next summer.

-Adam Pizzuti, P3
South Carolina College of Pharmacy – USC Columbia

I have attended the past three annual CPFI student retreats in North Carolina, South Carolina, and, most recently, Colorado. SWOSU has increased student attendance every year over the past four years, and I believe that is due to the wonderful experience our students have had and how they return home and speak so highly about their experiences. I know that I am always encouraged by the new and familiar students that we see each year and the great speakers that take time out of their busy schedules to come speak to us. Over the years, we have had speakers teach us how to prepare our CVs, educate us about medical mission trips opportunities, advise us on how to handle our finances once we get out of school, and many other topics. These are important subjects that do not necessarily get a lot of time devoted to them in the classroom. I know that as a SWOSU student chapter we use this time to network, but we also spend time together building and preparing for the upcoming school year. This helps our group get excited and bring new ideas to our chapter from other great chapters.

-Taylor Inman, P4
Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU)

Glen Eyrie was my second CPFI student retreat. It was great to see familiar faces and to meet new student friends from around the country. I enjoyed hearing the speakers talk about their experiences on medical missions as pharmacists and how to prepare for one. Another speaker talked about how to study efficiently and honor God through our studying. There was wonderful student-led worship that reminded us why we were there. My favorite part was the game nights when we got to socialize and get to know other students.

-Amber Schauer, P3
North Dakota State University (NDSU)

Meet Your NSC Officers



Fredric Starling, Pakou Vang, Ashley DeVaughan, Haylee Sandry, Emilee Gourde, Jordann Hoernemann

Fredric Starling – Membership Transitions Coordinator

I am a P3 student at the University of South Florida. I am excited to be the Membership Transitions Coordinator because I get to encourage graduates to give back and be involved in raising up generations of Christian students for years to come. I think that staying engaged with the body of CPFI is key to preserving the motivation and adding purpose to the profession. Everyone needs a mentor at some point and to be able to look at someone else's life in hopes of being where they are now is a great inspiration.

Pakou Vang – NSC Chairperson President-Elect

I am originally from Minneapolis, MN. In my very little free time, I enjoy photography, frequenting local coffeehouses, and anything involving the great outdoors. I am in my third didactic year of pharmacy school at Palm Beach Atlantic University Lloyd L. Gregory School of Pharmacy located in West Palm Beach, FL. I was first introduced to CPFI as an organization the summer prior to beginning pharmacy school and had the unique opportunity to attend the 2015 CPFI Annual Conference in Flat Rock, NC where I met many of the CPFI students I have developed great friendships with since. I currently serve as the CPFI President of my student chapter and the CPFI National Student Council (NSC) Chairperson-Elect. I am humbled by the opportunity to serve through the ministry of CPFI and incredibly excited to be a voice for the student body nationally. CPFI has meant so much to me and has continually served as a constant reminder of a greater purpose as I pursue a career in pharmacy. I am daily encouraged by God's truth and my involvement in this organization has allowed me to connect with, learn from, and grow professionally with other student pharmacists and pharmacists across the nation, while sharing the vision of serving the Lord through pharmacy. I look forward to getting to know many of you these next two years and hope to see you at the next CPFI gathering! Know that I will be praying for all of you, wherever you are in your pharmacy journey. God bless.

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you." - Matthew 6:33 (ESV)

Ashley DeVaughan – NSC Chairperson

I decided to join my local CPFI chapter when I was accepted into pharmacy school because I wanted a group that had the same values as I do. I wanted to associate with people who go through the same struggles I do while going through school, and who are also trying to seek the Lord. At the two annual retreats, I have attended, I loved the feeling of community and fellowship that I had with students from all over the country, so I knew that CPFI was the place for me. I became more involved with my local chapter after attending these retreats, and at last year's retreat I knew I wanted to do more and go all-in, so I ran for a national office. I pray that I am able to serve the Lord and CPFI through this office. Please feel free to contact me if there is anything I can do to help you or your chapter.

Haylee Sandry – Student Retreat Co-Coordinator

I am a P2 student at North Dakota State University this year. On the CPFI NSC, I serve as a National Student Retreat Co-Coordinator. In my position, I am most excited to see the National Student Retreat come together and for people to have the time of their lives at an event that I help plan. I am also excited to serve CPFI on a national level and to see how God moves through CPFI this coming year.

Emilee Gourde – NSC Publicist

I am a P3 student at North Dakota State University. Ever since I went to my first national CPFI meeting, I have wanted to become more involved with CPFI in both my local chapter and on the national level. I have been an officer in my local chapter for the past two years and at the CPFI meeting in Colorado Springs, I decided to join the national student council. I am very excited to serve as the NSC Publicist this year. I look forward to being able to share what other chapters are doing and what CPFI has in store for the next year.

Jordann Hoernemann – Student Retreat Co-Coordinator

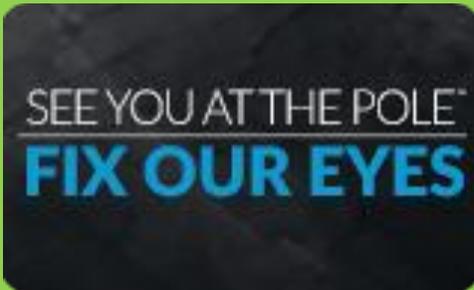
I am a P3 student at North Dakota State University, and I love CPFI! This is my sixth year being part of this unique organization, and I don't plan on stopping that streak anytime soon. One of my greatest passions is discovering how God works with medicine while debunking the God vs. medicine debate. As an accessible health professional, pharmacists have a favorable moment to dispense treatments for a specific condition, and at the same time we can foster the ultimate cure: Jesus Christ. CPFI integrates faith into the pharmacy profession, and it inspires me in my pursuit for God and His people. This year, I have the grand opportunity to serve the organization on a national level by coordinating the national student retreat with my dear friend, roommate, and right hand woman, Haylee Sandry. The one thing that I love more than planning a phenomenal event is when a plan falls into place. I need your help making the national student retreat the best weekend of summer by attending, connecting with other students and pharmacists from all over the country, and discovering God's love even deeper at the end of May in Flat Rock, North Carolina.

Find us on Social Media

Facebook: CPFI – Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International
CCC: CPFI Chapter Community

Instagram: cpfi_students

Upcoming Events



Wednesday September 27, 2017

See You at the Pole is an event where students unite themselves in prayer before God for their generation.

More information can be found at <http://syatp.com/>

Global Missions Health Conference (GMHC)

Louisville, KY

November 9-11, 2017

CPFI will be an exhibitor at the conference and will host a meet and greet for students and pharmacists

For more information:

<https://www.medicalmissions.com/events/gmhc-2017>



MedicalMissions



2018 CPFI Annual Conference & National Student Retreat

Bonclarken Conference Center, Flat Rock, NC

May 30 – June 3

The CPFI Hands and Feet Grant

2017 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 Christ. This year CPFI will award up to eight CPFI Student Chapter Grants 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 have current CPFI membership. The recipient chapter must submit a report on the completed project to the National Office within 30 days of completion of the project. The chapter recipient must complete a poster or presentation detailing the project outcomes. If possible, a representative from the chapter should be available at the annual student retreat to present the poster/presentation. If you have specific questions, you may contact SCAC.chairperson@gmail.com.

To Apply:

Grant proposals must be submitted by the CPFI Student Chapter Faculty Advisor in the following format.

1. Cover Page

- Name of project
- University Name and address
- Name and contact information of CPFI Student Chapter Faculty Advisor
- List of CPFI student members completing the project
- Name and location of where the project is taking place
- Goals of the project

2. Letter of Authorization

- Include a letter of authorization from your CPFI Student Chapter Faculty Advisor (or Dean) stating approval of the project
- Provide information about other organization/parties involved in completing this project

3. Proposal Statement

- In 250 words or less, briefly describe the proposed project and whom the project will impact. Please describe how other chapters could implement your proposed project (or something similar) at their campus
- Include a proposed total budget for the project and please indicate the specific budget items for which the grant will be used. Please list the source(s) and amount of other funds used for this project, if any.
- Include an outline of the project time period (how long will the project take to complete)
- Proposals should not exceed three pages

4. Deadline

- Email grant proposals to office@cpfi.org by September 30, 2017
- Grant monies will be issued by October 31, 2017.