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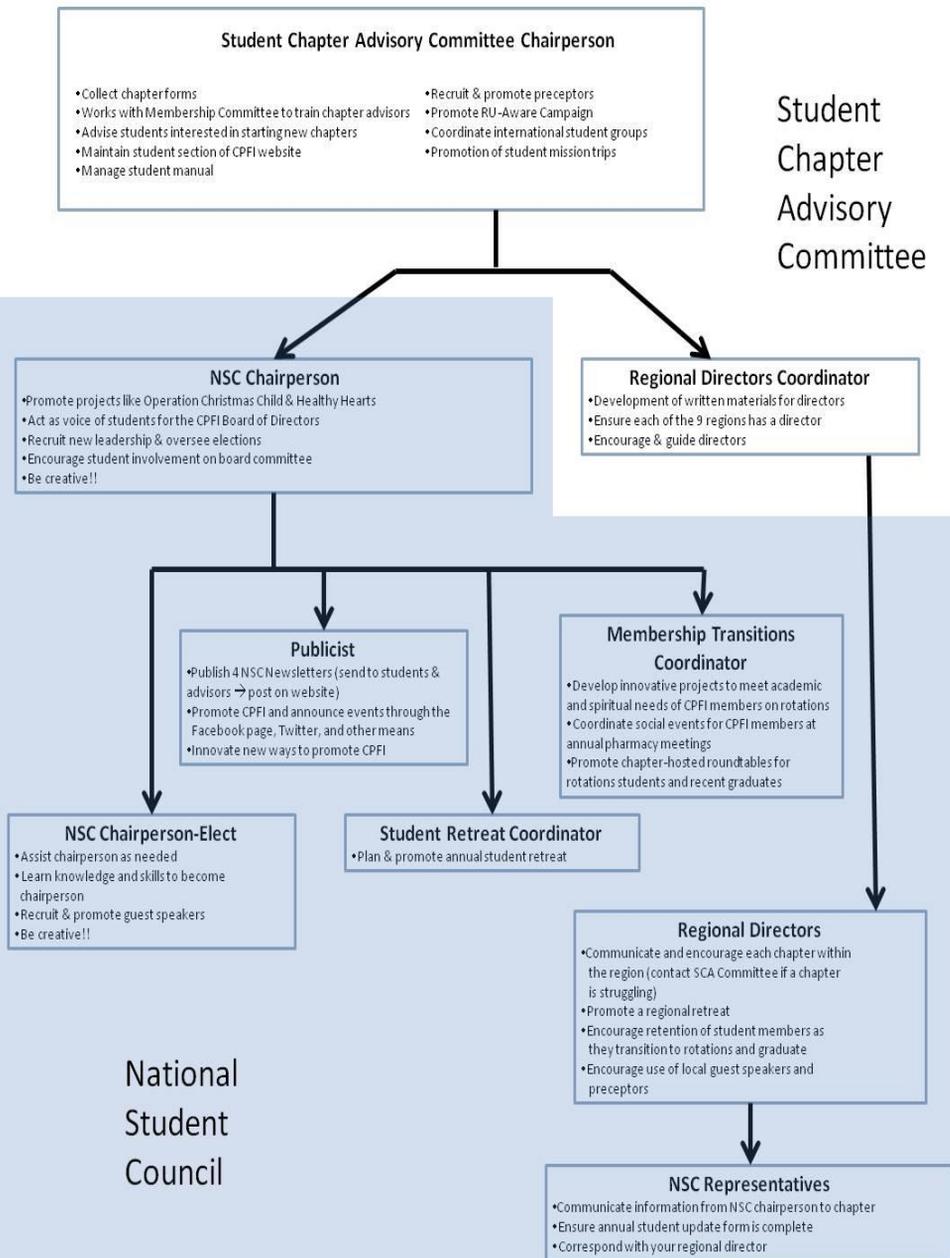
Something Bigger

I attended my third CPFI Annual Conference & National Student Retreat this year. As a new P4 student already being asked what I want to do after graduation (and not having a solid answer), I focused more on networking, advice about rotations and residencies, and why certain pharmacists picked their respective fields. One of my favorite parts of the retreat was the “Speed Networking” event ; this allowed us to meet with pharmacists and talk to them about their residency experiences, the call they felt to their job position, how they incorporate their faith into their everyday work, and what rotations are like from the preceptor’s perspective—all in a relaxed atmosphere. They provided information that they as students would have wanted to know as well as prompted us with questions to think about as we try to determine if a particular field of pharmacy would be a good fit for us. They were genuinely committed to helping us narrow down potential career choices. Another aspect of the retreat that I enjoyed was seeing CPFI members from last year and the year before (both students and professionals). I can’t help but beam when a professor remembers having seen me at past CPFI retreats or when I see someone who was at previous retreats as a student and is now returning as a pharmacist (and in some cases return to the student retreat portion). This is a testimony to the bond that we have formed as CPFI members, a bond that extends to different states and even different countries. I am grateful that I have had the opportunity to attend three annual conferences and national student retreats and have become a part of something bigger. A something that provides me with support, love, and fellowship. – Delia Marie Valerio



**See You Next Year: 2016 National Student Retreat
Springmaid Beach, SC June 7th – 12th**

Who's who in the National Student Council



NSC Chairperson: Shawn Kohlhaas The previous year serving as NSC Chairperson Elect served as an opportunity to really explore the reaches of my own spiritual existence. I had not only been given the opportunity to carry out the will of our God but more importantly to begin to conceptualize the core concept at the heart of our great organization. How we as pharmacists should incorporate our love and devotion to Christ into every facet of our profession. As the values of our nation continue to change, we will face even more challenges that will test of our faith. As it is written in Matthew 10:16, "Behold, I am sending you like sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and as simple as doves," be steadfast in your faith but let the love of Christ flow from you into the hearts of your patients through the care you provide each and every day.

National Student Council

NSC Chairperson Elect: Tristam Ford I first heard of CPFI in the fall of 2013 and approached my professor about setting up a student chapter at Wilkes University. With the help of my classmates and prayers from family and friends, our school will have a recognized CPFI chapter this September. I am grateful that Jesus has given me the platform of pharmacy so that I can use it to lift his name higher. Having attended the annual conference this year, I am thrilled to see how the students have brought the energy to CPFI. As chairperson-elect, I will assist Shawn Kohlhaas and foster the skills and knowledge to lead a new generation of Christian student pharmacists. This year, I look forward to connecting with students and pharmacists on the local and national level in an effort to promote and grow CPFI.

Who's Who Continued:

Publicist: Sarah Leonall I am currently a P4 at Wingate University and feel so blessed to have the chance to serve as the National Publicist this year. I have been a member of CPFI all throughout my pharmacy school career and truly love everything this organization has to offer. It is my hope that in everything I do that God can be glorified. My role as publicist is a job that is new this year. Basically, my duties are to put together the national newsletters and to oversee all the forms of social media that we have from Instagram to Facebook to twitter. I hope to utilize these sites to bring unity to our organization and also proclaim the love of Christ.



Shawn Kohlhaas



Tristram Ford



Sarah Leonall



Gevette Ocasio



Austin Greanias

Student Retreat Coordinator: Gevette Ocasio I'm a 4th year pharmacy student at Palm Beach Atlantic University. I was fortunate to be able to attend the 2015 CPFI Annual Conference in Flat Rock, North Carolina. It was a great experience where I was able to grow in my faith and experience the presence of God through the connections established with different students from across the country. As the NSC Student Retreat Coordinator, my responsibility is planning and promoting the annual student retreat component of the CPFI 2016 Annual Conference. My hope is to bring students a positive experience where students can learn, worship and network with students and pharmacist from across the country.

Membership Transitions Coordinator: Austin Greanias I am a P4 student at the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy and doing my clinical rotations. I been involved with CPFI since my P1 year and have been to both regional and national meetings. I'm planning on applying for residencies this year, mainly generalized PGY1's then furthering my training with a PGY2 specializing in either pediatrics or Hematology and Oncology (or even a mixture of the two!). As the Membership Transitions Coordinator, it is my privilege to work with the rest of the NSC executive board, as well as the members of the national CPFI Board of Directors, to encourage students to stay involved and interested in CPFI when they transition into becoming professional members. I'm here to let you know what CPFI has to offer you, and why CPFI needs members like you to stick around, and spread the word of God through your career as a pharmacist.

" By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:35 NIV)

Beyond the Chapter: CPFI Regions

There are 3 main priorities each person has in life: Family, Career, and Faith with each in different order of importance. CPFI has brought together two of these main priorities; our Love of Christ and our Passion to make people healthier. We are Christians that happen to be pharmacy students and pharmacists. As students, we can lead each other in prayer when the stress of exams becomes overwhelming. As professionals, we can pray with and for our patients.

What better way for us to grow in our faith than by being in community with like-minded individuals. CPFI has created that opportunity with our student chapters. Since the chapters are located in the United States and around the world, CPFI has found a way for the student chapters to stay better connected. Each chapter was assigned to one of the nine Regions based on geographical location and a Regional Director is elected from student member volunteers to oversee them. The Regional Directors share information from the National level, help facilitate and improve the communication between the chapters within the region as well as a single state, they help answer questions, encourage, and can plan a Regional Retreat. There are currently four Regional Directors out of the possible nine and we would love to be able to share the great things CPFI is doing with all of our Regions. This is the 4th year that we will have Regional Directors and we have already seen the improvement they have made over such a short period of time. If you feel the Lord calling you to be a leader and help us share what the CPFI student chapters are doing all around the world, and provide those chapters with the news and updates from CPFI, then please submit a Regional Director application online at www.CPFI.org/national-student-council. The Regions that are still in need of a Regional Director include: Northeast, Southeast, South Atlantic, Great Lakes, and the Central Plains. Check out the map of our Regions and apply on the CPFI.org website under Student Chapter Resources and click on Chapter Development.

- Kelly Niedzwiecki, PharmD
Regional Director Coordinator

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National Award Winners

"The Fred M. Eckel Distinguished Student Award was established in 2011 "to identify a person who has distinguished themselves as a strong leader dedicated to promoting student activities and leadership development within CPFI chapters."

Winner: Austin Greanias



Chapter of the Year

Winner: Wingate University



Global Missions Health Conference

November 5-7, 2015, Louisville, KY

Register online @

www.medicalmissions.com/conferences/gmhc-2015

See you at the Pole

September 23, 2015

**Upcoming
Events:**