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SNPhA Mission

SNPhA is an educational service association of pharmacy students who are concerned about pharmacy and healthcare related issues, and the poor minority representation in pharmacy and other health-related professions.

The purpose of SNPhA is to plan, organize, coordinate, and execute programs geared toward the improvement for the health, educational, and social environment of the community.

Legislative Initiative Mission

The legislative initiative strives to promote equal rights and to advocate for underserved populations. The purpose of this initiative is to increase registered voters and also to address, educate, and advocate for legislation that positively impacts the profession of pharmacy and issues related to healthcare for all patients, including the minority and underserved populations. This initiative is dedicated to enforcing and advocating for legislation.

Legislative Initiative Chair Duties

- Educate patients, legislators, and members of the pharmacy and/or healthcare profession about legal or legislative issues affecting healthcare
- Coordinate letter writing campaigns to educate local and national legislators about concerns and offer potential solutions to topics pertaining to healthcare reform and the profession of pharmacy
- Host voter registration drive with additional information on how citizens can become more involved with both local and national legislative system
- Encouraged to implement Lunch & Learn event(s) to facilitate discussion on current topics up for vote

National Legislative Initiative Chairs: Current/Past Officers

2017-2018
Lauren Latten, PharmD Candidate 2019
Howard University College of Pharmacy

2016-2017
Billie Evans III, PharmD Candidate 2018
Florida A&M College of Pharmacy

2015-2016
Joseph Napora, PharmD
University of Pittsburgh College of Pharmacy, 2016
Legislative Initiative Event Ideas

Letter Writing Campaign
Local chapters are highly encouraged to participate in this annual event. This event directly supports the mission of SNPhA and the Legislative Initiative. The purpose of the Letter Writing Campaign is to get SNPhA members involved by writing letters to local, state, and federal legislation. These letters typically support legislation that supports the pharmacy profession, such as provider status. It is a great way to advocate for the pharmacy profession.

Voter Registration Drive
As a citizen of the United States, we are afforded the right to vote. Voting allows there to be checks and balances between citizens and the government. However, everyone did not always have the right to vote. Historically, racial minorities and women were not first given that right. They faced discrimination when they tried to exercise their right to vote and faced legislative hurdles, such as identification card laws. In fact, women were not allowed to vote until 1919 when “The Nineteenth Amendment was adopted by Congress and ratified by the states into law”.¹ Each chapter is highly encouraged to organize voter registration drives.

Legislative Lunch & Learn
This is a new legislative event. Networking is key to learning and to growing professionally. This year, we encourage local SNPhA chapters to implement a new event series called Legislative Lunch & Learn. The purpose of this event is to inform SNPhA members of current political and pharmaceutical updates. Invite your chapter members to hear a professor or local pharmacist speak about political topics or play innovative games that educates members about new FDA approved drugs, while eating lunch. The lunch could be provided or you could tell members to bring their lunch.

American Pharmacists Month
October is American Pharmacists Month. Throughout the month, we encourage chapters to plan and execute events that advocate and educate about the pharmacy profession. Annually, we hold a video competition called the Ready Set ACTion Video Competition. The purpose of this competition is to get SNPhA members involved by making a short video that will educate the public about the pharmacy professional. It is a fun and creative way to celebrate American Pharmacists Month. Also, we encourage that all SNPhA chapters participate in the annual American Pharmacist Month Selfie Day.
Partnership Opportunities Contact Information

1. Voto Latino http://votolatino.org/
3. Congressional Black Caucus http://www.cbcfinc.org/
4. Project Vote http://www.projectvote.org/
5. HeadCount https://www.headcount.org/organizations/
7. Rock The Vote 
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8. U.S. Students Association http://usstudents.org/
10. Young Republicans http://yrnfgop/

Chauncey I. Cooper (CIC) Chapter Reporting Guidelines

CIC Chapter Excellence Program is a tool utilized by the Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA) in order to recognize chapter involvement and excellence. This system was named after Dr. Chauncey I Cooper, who has a vast history with the Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA) and Howard University College of Pharmacy, where he was the previous dean. This is how we document our activity nationally as an organization. Points are awarded for completion of various events that align with the mission and goals of the Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA).

Currently, we use CIC 2.0 in order to manage chapter reporting a CIC points. CIC 2.0 is an online resource that allows us to recognize all our chapter’s hard work and dedication. Local chapter submit their events and national officers will award the chapter points or ask for additional information. This allows us to track national chapter ranking. CIC points are awarded to SNPhA chapters for hosting events that meet certain criteria. However, there are some events that do not qualify for points such as chapter meetings, fundraising, professional, and executive board meetings.

Legislative Events
Must meet the following requirements to receive credit:

- 3 pictures
- Advocate or educate on legislative topics that affect the pharmacy profession
- Voter registration drives
- All events are due 14 days from the date the event was held
  - Start counting on the day after the event (14+1 Rule)
  - Example
    - Event occurred September 6th
    - Report is due September 20th

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