

# **Student National Pharmaceutical Association**

## **Chapter Achievement Partners (CAPS)**

CAPS is a program designed to increase the communication between SNPhA chapters by providing a means of establishing new networks and strengthening existing ones.

SNPhA chapters are paired based primarily on chapter reports from previous years, often with a chapter from another region, to foster communication of new perspectives in pharmacy based on different regions of the country. The list of partnerships will be posted on the national website. Partnerships will rotate every two years in order to provide schools with a sufficient amount of time to communicate with one another. This length of time was also selected to help optimize the opportunity to establish a unique program and share it with the partner school.

A request may be made to change a partner school; however, the NPhA-SNPhA Executive Committee discourages this practice. In addition, if a school is already working in collaboration with another school in their region, the partnership should not dissolve due to this program. In fact, chapters are encouraged to communicate with as many other chapters as possible. This program should significantly add to the existing relationships that have been established with other chapters.

### **ESTABLISHING COMMUNICATION**

Initial contact could be established with the chapter advisor and/or chapter president of your partner school. This can be accomplished via telephone, e-mail, or face-to-face contact.

### **CAPS COORDINATOR**

It is recommended that each school appoint a CAPS Coordinator who will keep the chapter informed of issues discussed with the buddy chapter. The CAPS Coordinator should establish contact with their partner on a monthly basis, in order to acquire through conversation the progress being made.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR CAPS EVENTS

- Must involve at least 5 members (or at least half of membership if fewer than 5 chapter members) from each CAPS partner
- Must consist of a detailed agenda of activities that will be performed
- The event must be directed towards chapter development, membership education, or a disease state focus. This includes but is not limited to:
  - Joint events
  - Assisting in reactivating an inactive chapter
- Must include one of the following criteria to qualify as a CAPS event:
  - Done in direct contact.
  - Performed by conference call. Chapters must submit their conference call agenda and minutes to the National Vice President

## RECOGNITION & DOCUMENTATION

Any communication or interaction with your Chapter Achievement Partner should be documented in chapter monthly and annual reports in addition to submitting the CAPS Participation Reporting Form to the National Vice President. Chapter Excellence points will be awarded for any documented conference calls and joint projects implemented with your CAPS partner that fulfill the project requirements.

## CONCLUSION

The success of this program is dependent on chapter involvement. It is the responsibility of each chapter to communicate and assist each other in achieving their particular goals and objectives for the year. For example, if a chapter had a very successful fundraiser that will assist them with travel expenses to a regional or national meeting, that chapter should share the activity or event with their partner. Each chapter should take advantage of this program to strengthen, share, and network with their colleagues. If your chapter has ideas or suggestions to better cultivate the program, please feel free to contact your national officers. By working together, students can better prepare themselves for the current issues that are facing the profession. When we learn to communicate and work as a team we have a stronger voice and a larger presence.



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## 2010 – 2012

<b>REGION I</b>
University of New England, Northeastern University, University of Connecticut
Temple University, Rutgers University, Long Island University
State University of N.Y. at Buffalo, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM)
University of Maryland, Howard University
Virginia Commonwealth University, Hampton University
Duquesne University, University of Pittsburgh, University of Charleston
<b>REGION II</b>
University of Mississippi, University of Tennessee
Samford University, Auburn University
Mercer University, University of Georgia
Wingate University, Campbell University, University of North Carolina
University of South Carolina, Medical University of South Carolina
Auburn University at Mobile, <i>Xavier University (Region IV)</i>
Nova Southeastern University, University of Florida at St. Petersburg
Florida A&M University, University of Florida
<b>REGION III</b>
Drake University, University of Iowa
Purdue University, Midwestern University
University of Cincinnati, University of Kentucky
Wayne State University, University of Michigan
University of Toledo, University of Findlay, Northeastern Ohio Universities (NEOUCOM)
Ohio Northern University, The Ohio State University
Chicago State University, University of Illinois at Chicago
Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, <i>University of Colorado (Region IV)</i>
<b>REGION IV</b>
University of Houston, Texas Southern University
University of Texas at Austin, University of the Incarnate Word, Texas A&M University
University of Oklahoma, University of Arkansas
University of Colorado, <i>Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville (Region III)</i>
Xavier University, <i>Auburn University at Mobile (Region II)</i>
<b>REGION V</b>
Loma Linda University, University of Southern California
University of California San Francisco, Touro University, California Northstate