

2019

# Pharmacy Student Legislative Day



February 26, 2019

Sheraton Columbus Hotel at Capitol Square  
Columbus Ohio

There are big pharmacy issues coming up:  
PBM reform, scope of practice expansion,  
new pharmacist payment models, and more!  
We need your help to stand up for pharmacists!



## What is Student Legislative Day?



Student Legislative Day is an advocacy event that allows student pharmacists to meet with legislators to educate them about the value of pharmacists in the world of health care. You will learn about the latest legislative issues in the Ohio Statehouse, learn how to effectively communicate those issues, hear from the legislators themselves, and have a chance to individually visit the offices of legislators. This program will allow you to learn and become involved in the issues impacting Ohio pharmacy practice. We'll discuss new pharmacist-payment models, Medicaid, PBM reform, new laws from 2018, scope of practice expansion, and other critical pharmacy issues.



*At the Ohio Statehouse, student advocates pose with Governor John Kasich during the 2018 Student Pharmacist Legislative Day.*



The Ohio Pharmacists Association and the Ohio Colleges of Pharmacy have joined together for this special advocacy day to inform you of crucial legislation impacting pharmacy practice. Pharmacy Student Legislative Day is designed to develop open dialogue between student pharmacists and lawmakers. Be a part of the important process that will shape our profession.

“ If you're not at the table, you're on the menu.”

### Invited Speakers



Rep. Scott Lipps  
(R-Franklin)



Sen. Dave Burke  
(R-Marysville)



Rep. Thomas West  
(D- Canton)



Rep. Derek Merrin  
(R-Monclova Township)



During the 2018 Student Pharmacist Legislative Day, student advocates meet with Senator Charleta Tavares at her office.

## Preliminary Schedule

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### Who Should Attend ?

Student pharmacists who want to become politically active and advocate on behalf of the profession of pharmacy.

8:30 am Program Registration

9:00 am Become a Legislative Expert

*Ernest Boyd, R.Ph., MBA, CAE, Executive Director, Ohio Pharmacists Association; Antonio Ciaccia, Director of Government & Public Affairs, Ohio Pharmacists Association; and Michelle Fitzgibbon, OPA Lobbyist and President, The Fitzgibbon Group*

In this session, OPA's government affairs team will give an overview of our state government structure and walk you through the lawmaking process in Ohio's legislature. You will learn how to successfully advocate for your profession by becoming an expert on discussing issues with your elected officials, how to maintain relationships with those legislators, and how to effectively communicate pharmacy issues to help protect and enhance our profession.

10:15 am Legislative Leaders Forum

*Key Ohio legislators invited*

Invited Ohio legislators will discuss current legislation pertaining to pharmacy practice. Bring your questions!

11:30 am Lunch

12:00 pm Legislative Briefing on Pharmacy Issues

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Get a complete overview of OPA's current legislative agenda. Learn about new laws/pending legislation impacting the profession of pharmacy, and get the tools and talking points you need to discuss those issues with your legislators.

1:00-3:30 pm Meet with your Legislators

OPA will schedule appointments with your State Representative and/or State Senator. In these meetings, you have the opportunity to discuss critical pharmacy issues with your elected officials. In addition, you will also have the opportunity to tour the Ohio Statehouse and/or observe House/Senate sessions or committee meetings!

3:30 pm Legislative Day Report

Report back to your colleagues and OPA staff on how your meetings went. Which legislators indicated support or opposition to pending pharmacy legislation? Did you develop good rapport with your elected officials? Share your stories, and then discuss plans to build on the relationships you just established with your elected officials.

"There is nothing more powerful than for student pharmacists to have face-to-face meetings with legislators and their aides." – Ernest Boyd

