

Ohio Pharmacists Association 2021 *Student Pharmacist* *Virtual Legislative Day*



February 26, 2021

Who Should Attend ?

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

Presented by:



What is Student Pharmacist Virtual Legislative Day?



Student Pharmacist Virtual Legislative Day is an advocacy experience that allows student pharmacists to meet with legislators to educate them about the value of pharmacists on the healthcare team. On-demand pre-event videos will educate you on the legislative process, teach you how to advocate for your profession and prepare you to engage with your senator and representative. Via a Zoom link on February 26, 2021, you will learn more about the latest legislative issues at the Ohio Statehouse, hear from the legislators, and have the opportunity to visit with your legislators. We will discuss updates from the Ohio Department of Medicaid, new laws, PBM reform efforts, and other critical pharmacy issues.



At the Ohio Statehouse, student advocates pose with Senator Tim Schaeffer during the 2020 Student Pharmacist Legislative Day.



The Ohio Pharmacists Association and the Ohio Colleges of Pharmacy have joined together for this special advocacy event to inform you of crucial legislation impacting pharmacy practice. *Student Pharmacist Virtual 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



Senator Steve Huffman
(R-Tipp City)



Sen. Matt Dolan
(R-Chagrin Falls)



Rep. Thomas West
(D-Canton)



Rep. Scott Lipps
(R-Franklin)



Rep. Tim Ginter
(R-Salem)

Student Pharmacist Virtual Legislative Day Preliminary Schedule

Week of February 1

Video: Overview of the legislature and how a bill becomes a law

This session will give an overview of our state government structure and walk you through the lawmaking process in Ohio's legislature with a Q&A discussion board to follow.

Week of February 8

Video: How to Advocate

This webinar will review key advocacy and communication skills with a Q&A discussion board to follow.

Week of February 15

Video: Current Pharmacy Issues

This session will introduce you to current pharmacy issues with a Q&A discussion board to follow.

Week of February 22

Student Pharmacist Virtual Legislative Day event details and links sent via email

What Attendees Need to Know:

Once registered, you will receive three pre-event emails with video links to help prepare you for an optimal experience of the OPA 2021 Student Pharmacist Virtual Legislative Day (SPVLD). Prior to February 26, each registrant will receive another email with event details including two Zoom links. One link gives access to participate in the SPVLD general assembly; the second link is to join the meeting with your Ohio Senator and Representatives.

Friday, February 26, 2021

9:00 - 11:00 am Welcome to OPA Student Pharmacist Virtual Legislative Day,
Why is Advocacy Important and
Legislative Leaders Zoom Drop-Ins

Ernest Boyd, R.Ph., MBA, CAE, Executive Director, and Antonio Ciaccia, Senior Advisor, Ohio Pharmacists Association; Michelle Fitzgibbon, OPA Lobbyist and President, The Fitzgibbon Group; and invited key Ohio legislators

Via Zoom, you will learn the importance of advocacy for your career and how to maintain relationships with your legislators. A presentation on key pharmacy issues will be given. Invited Ohio legislators will discuss current legislation pertaining to pharmacy practice.

11:00 - 11:15 am *Break*

11:15 am - 12:30 pm Zoom Break-Outs

In your Zoom breakout, pharmacy issues will be discussed and communication skills practiced for how to effectively communicate these issues to help protect and enhance our profession for the scheduled Legislator meetings.

12:30 - 1:00 pm *Lunch*

1:00 - 4:30 pm Zoom Legislator Meetings

OPA will schedule Zoom meeting appointments with your State Representative and/or State Senator. In these meetings, you along with fellow students and faculty mentors will have the opportunity to discuss critical pharmacy issues with your elected officials. Access your Senator and Representative meeting link via the email sent during the week of February 22.

FYI: Student pharmacist registrants will receive co-curricular and/or professional development hours for attendance at the OPA 2021 Student Pharmacist Virtual Legislative Day.

