

2015

Pharmacy Student Legislative Day



March 24, 2015

Sheraton Columbus Hotel at Capitol Square
Columbus Ohio

There are big pharmacy issues coming up:
expanding pharmacy pricing standards, provider
status, consult agreements 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 MAC pricing legislation, provider status, modifications to the consult agreement, medication synchronization, and other critical pharmacy issues.



At the Ohio Statehouse Rotunda, student advocates of the 2014 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. Tim Brown
(R-Bowling Green)



Sen. Dave Burke
(R-Marysville)



Speaker Cliff Rosenberger
(R-Wilmington)



Sen. Joe Uecker
(R-Miami Township)

Who Should Attend ?

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



Preliminary Schedule

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8:30 am Program Registration

9:15 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.

10:30 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 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

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Special Faculty Registration Form

Name _____ Nickname for Badge _____

Home Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

College of Pharmacy _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

E-mail _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone (_____) _____

Registration Fee and Payment

Cost: \$24 per registrant

MasterCard VISA Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____ **Total Remitted \$** _____

Account Number _____ Name on Card _____

Billing Address if different from above: _____

Mail to: Ohio Pharmacists Association 2674 Federated Blvd Columbus, OH 43235
Or fax with credit card: 614.389.4582

Due to the cost associated with this program, we cannot honor refund requests. If physically impaired, please indicate any special assistance you will need.

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Location



Sheraton Columbus Hotel at Capitol Square
75 East State Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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Ohio Statehouse
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, OH 43215

Parking options can be found in your registration confirmation.

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Can't make it?

While we highly recommend participating in our Pharmacy Student Legislative Day, there are other ways to participate and support our legislative efforts.

Join OPA's Rx Advocacy Team

To enhance our outreach efforts to legislators, we've launched OPA's new Rx Advocacy Team – where we match up one to two pharmacists with each legislator in the state to serve as a point of contact for all matters relating to pharmacy. Members of the Rx Advocacy Team are tasked with getting to know their legislators, communicating pharmacy issues to them, and participating in our VoterVoice Calls to Action. You don't have to already know your legislator to get involved – all you need is the desire. If you're interested in participating in this new initiative, please visit <http://bit.ly/16sLbJi> or contact Antonio Ciaccia at aciaccia@ohiopharmacists.org.

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Support the Pharmacy PAC

Pharmacists and student pharmacists can strengthen the influence of pharmacy in Ohio's General Assembly legislative session through the OPA Pharmacy Political Action Committee (PAC). Our PAC is your means of informing and educating state legislators about the significance of our profession in Ohio, and your contributions will go to help good candidates who support pharmacy "and our values." With health care reform and many important legislative battles this session, we need your help to attain our goals at the Ohio Statehouse. To contribute to the OPA Pharmacy PAC and support our legislative efforts, visit http://bit.ly/OPA_PAC or mail a personal contribution made payable to "Ohio Pharmacists Association Pharmacy PAC" to Ohio Pharmacists Association, 2674 Federated Blvd, Columbus, OH 43235. No corporate checks allowed.

