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2014-2016 PRESIDENTIAL THEME:
"A NEW FOUNDATION"

*"Let us move together towards
a better organization. Let us
become the voice for issues in
minority pharmacy. Let us
take this organization to
another level."*

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CONVENTION RECAP

This year's convention was definitely a great experience, but in case you missed it, here is a brief overview.

Convention attendees heard from great speakers like Dr. Lawrence 'LB' Brown, Dr. Kevin Sneed, and our very own NPhA President, Dr. Carleton B. Maxwell. Dr. Maxwell delivered a short, but impactful, speech at the SNPhA/Rite Aid Opening General Session. During the NPhA business sessions, Dr. Maxwell also shared the progress of the organization and gave a bright forecast for the future of our organization. Currently, NPhA is ahead of the set 5 year plan, and will continue to make strides this year and years to come!

There were numerous exhibitors at this year's convention which included Rite Aid, Kroger, Walgreens, Kaiser Permanente, Walmart/Sam's Club, Department of Veteran Affairs/Orlando VA Medical Center, Mercer University College of Pharmacy and the University of Toledo to name a few. The exhibitor hall was a great place to network, along with the Kroger sponsored New Practitioner Network Workshop and Luncheon. The opportunity to meet new faces and advise aspiring pharmacy students continued at the hospitality suite and various school sponsored socials.

It would be remiss if we did not mention the support provided by the NPhA Foundation (NPhAF) to SNPhA. This year a grand total of \$21,000 in scholarship money was awarded to deserving pharmacy students in the form of endowed scholarships, book awards, and competition

awards. For the full list of all scholarships awarded from our very generous sponsors and from NPhAF, please see page 4.

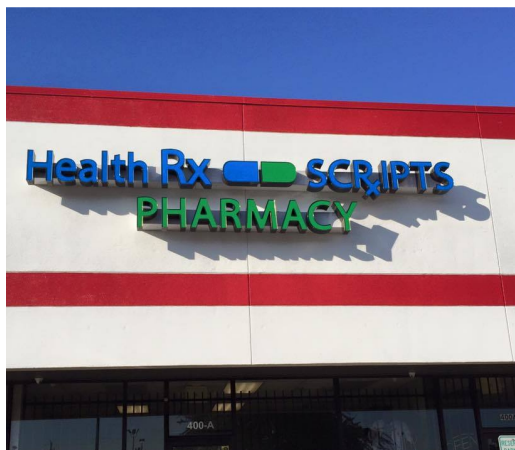
During the NPhA Opening General Session, the following awards were given out:

- ▶ Chauncey I. Cooper Medal to Dr. Marie Chisholm-Burns, Dean, University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy, Memphis, TN.
- ▶ NPhA Young Pharmacist of the Year to Dr. Gayle Tuckett, US Public Health Service, Fort Defiance, AZ
- ▶ Wendell T. Hill, Zone Director of the Year to Dr. Frank North, Houston, TX
- ▶ Terrence Burroughs Leadership Award to Dr. Lakesha Butler, Clinical Associate Professor, SIU-Edwardsville School of Pharmacy, Edwardsville, IL

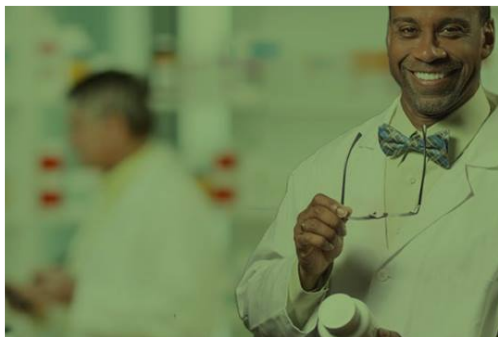
The Sunday Soiree, held at Embers, definitely made the conference end with a bang. This social gathering brought together both SNPhA and NPhA member, along with sponsors, and provided an environment to relax and let loose. It was a time to mix, mingle and have fun, and will definitely be a tradition that is continued from here on out. So if you missed the convention this time around, be sure that you are present at the 69th Annual Convention next year! This convention is set to be held in Atlanta, GA. We hope to see you there!

NEW INDEPENDENT PHARMACY FULFILLING THE MISSION OF NPhA

Health Rx Scripts is a new independent community pharmacy located in the southeast region of Houston, TX. This pharmacy's focus is to understand and serve the needs of the underserved in its surrounding area. Not only does this newly founded pharmacy exemplify the mission of NPhA with its unique focus, but also through promoting excellence in pharmacy and advancing the standards of pharmaceutical care. Some of the services provided include, but are not limited to, veterinary prescriptions, home delivery, nutritional products, and Spanish translations in person and online.



This minority-owned pharmacy was founded by, our very own, Dr. Joseph T. Lee, PharmD in 2014. Earning his Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from Texas Southern University (TSU), Dr. Lee continues to give back by serving as a preceptor for TSU College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Dr. Lee credits his start in pharmacy leadership to his involvement in TSU's student Texas Pharmacy Association, Houston Pharmacy Association, local SNPhA chapters, and National Treasurer of SNPhA. He continues to be active participant in the profession of pharmacy through his membership in TSU's National Alumni Association (TSUNAA), Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, and NPhA. Dr. Lee has displayed commitment to NPhA by becoming a lifetime member and service as our current Treasurer.



With more than 38 years of pharmacy experience in a variety of pharmacy settings, Dr. Lee has spent his last year and a half creating, establishing and founding Health Rx Scripts. The Grand Opening of this unique independent community pharmacy was on August 1, 2015. With the help of University of Houston SNPhA members to deliver health fair screenings, and the support of many others, the opening was a success! NPhA congratulates Dr. Joseph T. Lee on this very big venture and accomplishment.

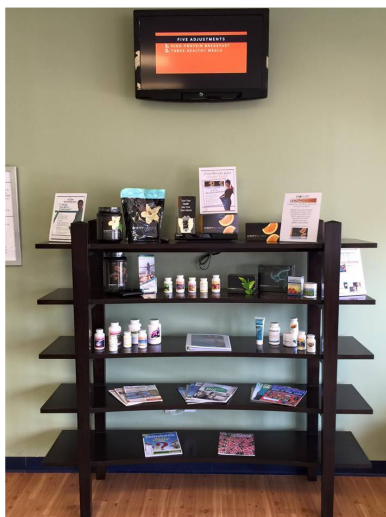
For more information on Health Rx Scripts and to check out all it has to offer, please visit the following websites:
<http://healthscriptsr.com>

HealthRXScripts

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ELECTION RESULTS & APPOINTMENTS

Treasurer - Dr. Joseph T Lee, PharmD
(featured to the left)



Zone II Director - Dr. Kimberly Lewis,
PharmD, CACP, BCACP



Zone V Director - Dr. Ruth Awosika,
PharmD



Speaker of the House - Dr. Leshawn Smith,
PharmD



Legislative Liaison - Dr. Darius Mason,
PharmD, BCPS



Patient Access to Pharmacist Care Coalition (PAPCC) Coordinator - Dr. Ishita Gandhi,
PharmD



Dean Matthews Awarded the 2015 Larry L. Braden Meritorious Service Award

Dr. Hewitt W. "Ted" Matthews, Ph.D., began his college education at Clark Atlanta University earning a chemistry degree in 1966. In 1968, he graduated with a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from Mercer's Southern School of Pharmacy. He received his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in pharmaceutical biochemistry in 1971 and 1973, respectively, from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, where he was a National Institutes of Health Pre-Doctoral Fellow and a Fellow of the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education. Matthews joined the faculty of Mercer School of Pharmacy in 1973, was appointed the Hood Myer Professor of Pharmacy in 1982, and was named Dean of the College of Pharmacy in 1990.

From July 9 - 12, 2015, the Georgia Pharmacy Association (GPhA) held their annual convention on Amelia Island, FL. There, Dean Matthews received the 2015 Larry L. Braden Meritorious Service Award. This award, which is not awarded annually, recognizes a Georgia pharmacist who, over the course of his or her career, has made extraordinary, invaluable contributions not only to GPhA, but to the practice of pharmacy in the state of Georgia. This is the highest award bestowed upon a pharmacist by GPhA.

In his introduction, GPhA President Bobby Moody described Matthews as "a

force for good, a force for progress in our profession ... simply an original in Georgia pharmacy." Moody acknowledged Matthews' visionary leadership at Mercer, his mentoring of countless pharmacy students, and his service to GPhA, including chairing the committee that rewrote the Pharmacy Practice Act in Georgia.

Dean Matthews presence is definitely one that is noticed every year at NPhA's annual conventions. Matthews leads by example through his time, commitment, and philanthropy to students and the profession. NPhA congratulates, our very own, Dr. Hewitt W. "Ted" Matthews on receiving this tremendous award.



Dr. Hewitt W. "Ted" Matthews, B.S., B.S., M.S., Ph.D., Dean of Mercer College of Pharmacy, Vice President for the Health Sciences

Dr. Frank North Selected for Houston Black Leadership Institute

An initiative of the Greater Houston Black Chamber of Commerce, the Houston Black Leadership Institute (HBLI) is an international development program for the next generation of African American leaders in the city of Houston. HBLI develops the best and brightest young professionals, cultivating a cadre of individuals who are capable and willing to positively affect the social and economic problems facing our communities. The mission of HBLI is to develop, engage, and sustain a continuous pipeline of active leadership in the Houston community that advances the direction of the city politically and

economically.

Dr. Frank North earned both his Bachelors of Science in Biology degree and Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Texas Southern University. After participating in the Integrated Technology Transfer Network Fellowship, Dr. North received a Certificate of Business Entrepreneurship-Technology Transfer from California State University - San Bernadino. A proud brother of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Dr. North leads the way in activism through his involvement not only with NPhA, as previous Speaker of the House and current Zone IV Director, but as a member of Texas Pharmacy Association, American Pharmacist Association, American Public Health Association, and Phi Delta Chi Pharmaceutical Fraternity.

The Class III cohort of HBLI is an intense 9 month program featuring training modules focusing on diversity, collaboration, personal and professional development, Houston's black history, and strategic planning. Also, participants will work with mentors and complete various comprehensive projects designed to promote community awareness and personal growth. Dr. North's passion for the profession, its progression, and leadership in and outside of pharmacy is clearly exuded at annual NPhA conventions and with discussions with SNPhA members. Thus, he is a great selection for this cohort. To learn more and support Dr. North, please click here



SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS

WalMart NPhA Future Leader Scholarships

Region 1 Sequence Baker - Hampton University
 Region 2 Lindsey Schobert - University of Tennessee
 Region 3 Jeehee Scoville - Ohio State University
 Region 4 Chandler Schexnayder - Xavier University
 Region 5 Nicole Quang - California Northstate University

Target SNPhA National Leadership Scholarship

Chiboukem Amuneke-Nze - University of Texas
 Shannon Kraus - Ohio Northern University

Rite-Aid Endowed Scholarships

Basirat Adeyemi - Touro College
 Sequence Baker - Hampton University
 Cathlyn Chan - University of Tennessee
 Lilian Allahverdian - California Northstate University
 Chris Evans - Samford University
 Angela Kao - South Carolina College of Pharmacy-Columbia

Kroger Endowed Scholarships

Tushar Patel - South Carolina College of Pharmacy-Columbia
 Chandler Schexnayder - Xavier University
 Nour Samra - Nova Southeastern University
 Teresa Lewis - Chicago State University
 Tiana Johnson - Hampton University

Walgreens Diversity Advancement Award

Region 1 Wanda Azu Owoh - Hampton University
 Region 2 Robbie Fisher - LECOM Bradenton
 Region 3 Allison Liao - University of Michigan
 Region 4 Rose Mary Duchane - Xavier University
 Region 5 Kharmen Gray - Howard University

Walgreens SNPhA Student Pharmacist Excellence Scholarships

David Dadiomov - University of Michigan
 Osunloye Omobonike - Temple University
 McWade Palmer - Chicago State University
 Ikechukwu Oji - Howard University

Christopher Okoye - Shenandoah University

Rite-Aid Chauncey I Cooper Chapter Excellence Award

Small chapter - Touro University-California
 Medium chapter - Samford University
 Large chapter - University of Houston
 Overall winner - University of Houston

Rite-Aid SNPhA Community Leader Award

1st place: Sequence Baker - Hampton University
 2nd: Ikechukwu Oji - Howard University
 3rd place: Cathlyn Chan - University of Tennessee

Dr. Barry Bleidt Endowed Scholarship

Randi Agata - Nova Southeastern University

Mr. Wilbert Bluitt Endowed Scholarship

Amanda Briscoe - Texas Southern University

Mr. & Mrs. Terrence and Terri Burroughs Endowed Scholarship

Jesse Fulmer - South Carolina College of Pharmacy-Columbia

Dr. Horace and Ethel Bynum Endowed Scholarship

Olawonla Abiona - Touro University

Dr. Cleon Fowler Endowed Scholarship

April Butler - Texas Southern University

Ms. Ramona McCarthy Hawkins Endowed Scholarship

Jeehee Scoville - Ohio State University

Mr. James Brickly Hills Endowed Scholarship

Trang Nguyen - University of Oklahoma

Dr. JW and Erma Ligon Endowed Scholarship

Oluwabumi Joseph - Texas Southern University

Dr. HW "Ted" Matthews Endowed Scholarship

Jessie Nia Hwang - St. Louis College of Pharmacy

Dr. Craig and Sandra Ruffin Endowed Scholarship

Jontia Gentry - Chicago State University

Dr. Leonard Edloe Endowed Scholarship

Osunloye Omobonike - Temple University

Walmart Health and Wellness Endowed Scholarship

Houng Pham - University of Georgia
 Tracey Thomas - University of Houston

Ms. Ramona McCarthy Hawkins Officer Award

Joshua Blackwell - Ohio Northern University

Jacquelin Holland Scholarship

Wei Kwan Yuet - University of Oklahoma

NPhA Auxiliary Scholarship

Gaelle Njonkou - University of Maryland

Dr. Jenena Ferguson Book Awards

Cathy Tankoua - Samford University
 Amanda Brenski - Ohio State University

Yvonne Wilson Book Award

Abiola Ojo - Howard University

Drs. Ryan Marable & Ashleigh Lyons Book Award

Ambre Camp - University of Arkansas

Dr. Johnnie L. Early Book Awards

Hanin Chouman - University of Toledo
 Kaitlyn Barfield - South Carolina COP-Charleston

Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan and Carmita Mills Book Awards

Jessica Morrison - University of Findlay
 Michaela Smith - Chicago State University
 Ikechukwu Oji - Howard University
 Chiemeka Ike - University of Houston
 Edana Holliday - Presbyterian University

Dr. Gayle Tuckett Awards

Stephanie Villasis - University of New England
 Kalyann Kauv - Virginia Commonwealth University
 Laken Bush - University of Tennessee

Willie Davis Book Award

Akeem Bale - University of Toledo

Troy & Sybil Green Book Awards

Meran Halaweh - Ohio State University
 Jeremy McLemore - Howard University
 Novia Watson - Hampton University

Dr. Bobby Price Book Awards

Laken Bush - University of Tennessee
 Nosa Osagiede - Duquesne University

University of Tennessee Book Award

Thuy Tran - Virginia Commonwealth University
 Gerald Phillips III - University of Tennessee

Kroger SNPhA Clinical Skills Competition

Division I

3rd place: Xinfu Chen & My-Ly Le - Texas A&M University
 2nd place: Melissa Hoffman & Joseph Prioriello - California Northstate
 1st place: Sefa Kploanyi & Justice Kwansa - Touro College of Pharmacy

Division II

3rd place: Hanh-La Phan & Anna Phung - Washington State University
 2nd place: Ben Iredell & Thuy Tran - Virginia Commonwealth University
 1st place: Ekim Ekinci & Caitlin Sinclair - University of Kentucky
 Virginia Commonwealth University chapter grant
 University of Kentucky chapter grant

JB Hills Chapter President of the Year Award

Thomas Roduta - Texas Southern University

Most Registrants

Small Chapter - University of Maryland, University of South Florida (9)
 Medium Chapter - Nova Southeastern University (21)
 Large Chapter - University of Tennessee (30)

Scrapbook Award

1st: Texas Southern University
 2nd: University of Tennessee
 3rd: Mercer University

NPhA Scientific Poster Session Competition

1st: *Cell-Extrinsic Effects of Metformin in the Breast Cancer Microenvironment* - Demetrius Onuaguluchi, Kabrina Miller, et al - Xavier University
 2nd: *Difference in the Use of Natural Hypoglycemic Products among Mexican American, Non-Hispanic Black and White Adults with Diabetes* - WL Gordon - Nova Southeastern University
 3rd: *Positive Association Between Increased Neighborhood Alcohol Access and Hospital Admissions for Alcohol Withdrawal Syndrome in New Orleans Neighborhoods* - UL Vu, JL Johnson - Xavier University

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS (CONT.)

Walmart Rx for Service Awards

Region 1 - Howard University

Region 2 - Mercer University

Region 3 - Sullivan University

Region 4 - Texas A&M University

Region 5 - University of Washington

Overall Winner - Texas A&M U-Bryan Donald, Kevin Ferrall,

Heaven Carrejo, Jennifer Tran

Walgreens HIV/AIDS Health Outcomes Award

1st - Mercer University

2nd - University of Southern California

3rd - St. Louis College of Pharmacy

CHARTERING A CHAPTER

Are you interested in starting a local NPhA chapter, but not quite sure where to start? Your Zone Directors are here to help you initiate the process and offer support along the way. To find out what "zone" you belong to, [click here](#). Once you have identified your zone, you should contact and get to know your respective Zone Director. [Click here](#) to access chapter applications and guidelines.

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Meet Your Zone V Director

Dr. Ruth Awosika

• Professional Title/Position

- Staff Pharmacist with Walmart in Panorama, CA

• Credentials and Affiliations

- Pharm D, MTM certified, Certified Immunizing Pharmacist
- CoFounder & CEO of a non-profit Global Healthcare Technologies (GHIT)
- Member of the American Pharmacist Association (APhA), and International Pharmaceutical Federation (fIP)
- Board Member of the Nigerian Association of Pharmacists & Pharmaceutical Scientists in the Americas (NAPPSA).
- Chapter President of the California affiliate NPhA chapter & NPhA delegate @ APhA 2015 San Diego, CA
- NPhA Lifetime Member Inductee

• Hobbies

- Dancing, Listening to music, Dining out

• What do you hope to accomplish in your current position?

- My short-term goals are membership recruitment, increasing Zone V SNPhA member transition into NPhA, and supporting the new NPhA California Affiliate Chapter. My long term goals are to establish an open communication between the NPhA Board of Directors and the members in my region. I plan to create zone wide outreach projects that keep pharmacists and students engaged. We want to keep our members active in providing health screenings and education in underserved populations.
- There has been interest in expanding our mission on a global scale and this can be an opportunity to promote cultural competency through service-learning. One of the barriers to enhancing patient care is the lack of culturally competent healthcare providers and we must take the necessary steps to provide better service to all patients. I will also like to charter new affiliate chapters so that our vision and impact in the entire region can foster growth and determination to build on the NPhA legacy.

• What drug best represents you and why?

- Epinephrine! I respond quickly and efficiently. I work well under pressure and during emergencies I remain focused on the task at hand.

• Favorite Quote/Inspirational Quote

- "Patients don't care how much you know until they know how much you care".
- "Don't make a permanent decision based on temporary circumstances"
- "As we tackle health disparities each day, we will touch a life, and a life will touch ours and that is a blessing"

"I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination." - Jimmy Dean

CONVENTION CAPTURED IN PHOTOS



NPHA AWARD WINNERS



Chauncey I. Cooper Medal

Dr. Marie Chisholm-Burns, Dean,
University of Tennessee College of
Pharmacy, Memphis, TN



NPhA Young Pharmacist Award

Dr. Gayle Tuckett, USPHS, Fort Defiance, AZ



Wendell T. Hill Zone Director of the Year Award

Dr. Frank North, Houston, TX



Terrance Burroughs Leadership Award

Dr. Lakesha Butler, SIU-Edwardsville
School of Pharmacy, Edwardsville, IL

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