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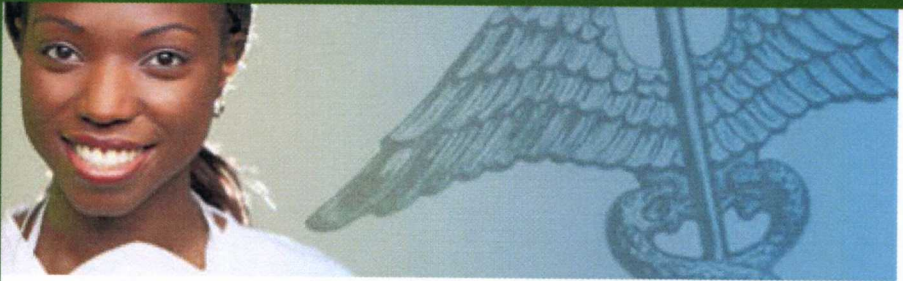
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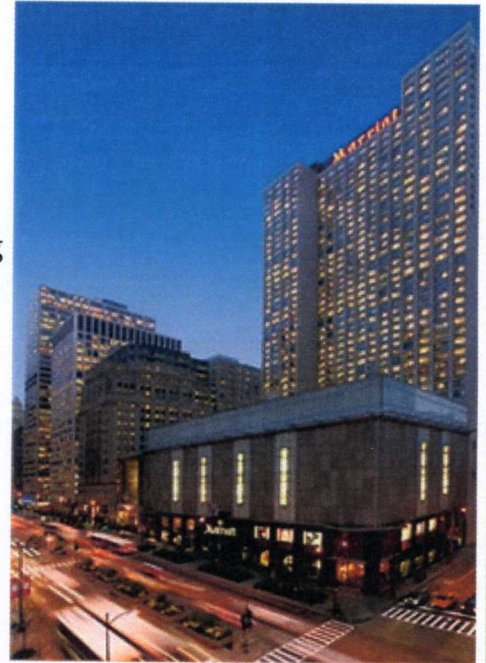
"Bridging The Gap" (BTG), is a mentorship program that was established by SNPhA to assist in the transition of its members into NPhA. Since its inception,

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The 62nd Annual NPhA convention will take place this year in Chicago Illinois on the beautiful Magnificent Mile from July 17th-20th. This years convention will feature Continuing Education, Corporate Exhibits as well as Education and Recruiting Exhibits. Registration can be completed online, faxed or mailed in. The link to the online registration as well as other pertinent convention information can be retrieved at npha.net. I have posted a link to the online registration below. We look forward to seeing you all there.

[Convention Registration](#)



the program has provided a venue for both organizations to fellowship at the regional and national conferences. This year BTG would like to enhance the opportunities to assist SNPhA students with: career/leadership development, resume critique, and money management. As a result, NPhA and SNPhA will continue to strengthen their relationship while preparing SNPhA members for a successful future and transition into NPhA upon graduation.

To date, there are 100 SNPhA students who signed up to participate in the mentorship program but there are several who are without a mentor at this time. If you can volunteer at least 15 minutes per week to be a mentor and "bridge the gap", it will make a tremendous impact in the success of the program.

As the SNPhA BTG Coordinator, I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support. If you have any questions about the participating in the mentorship program please feel free to contact me at tamarataylor@snpha.org "



Our condolences go out to the families of the following members who have passed away recently

Mr. Emile LaBranche

Eugene Toyne, RPh (Doc Toyne)

NPhA is Pleased to Announce A New Collaboration

NPhA recently signed a memorandum of understanding with Healing our Village, Inc. (HOV), a minority-owned chronic disease management, advocacy, and medical education company. With this agreement, NPhA will actively recruit members interested in providing Medication Therapy Management (MTM) to underserved populations, who will work with HOV, disseminate the HOV newsletter to our membership, create opportunities to increase members knowledge of HOV in part by increased visibility of HOV at the national convention, incorporate disease state management training at the national conventions, and work with HOV to create a residency program for SNPhA members. NPhA is excited about this new collaboration. More info to come.....

Greetings From Our NPhA President Dr. Marissa Lewis

Greetings,

I am honored to serve as your President for the next two years. This is a challenging time in our nation and in health care. Health care reform is a priority of President Obama's administration and seems to be closer to reality than ever before, while health disparities are continuing to disproportionately affect minority communities. Advances in technology, specifically automation and robotics have revolutionized health care delivery, and the practice of pharmacy. These changes will have a profound effect on the practice of pharmacy and the manpower needs of the future. Medication therapy management (MTM) has expanded the role of pharmacists, and has significantly improved patient outcomes. Elevating pharmacists' intervention through MTM will be one of my foci over the next two years.

The National Pharmaceutical Association (NPhA) is uniquely positioned to address many of the health care issues impacting our communities. As an association we have a rich history, and our future is equally promising. I invite you to join us in Chicago, IL, July 17th - 20th for the 62nd annual convention.

This will be a great opportunity to hear about advances in health care, share experiences, and learn about best practices in pharmacy. Through our continuing education (CE) program, pharmacists and technicians obtain CE hours, and keep current in their respective practice disciplines.

Our 2009 convention theme is "Celebrating Excellence, Continually Raising the Bar". Don't miss this stimulating educational event. I look forward to seeing and interacting with you in Chicago, and in serving you as President.

Marisa A. Lewis
President 2008 - 2010

* The newsletter committee appreciates the contributions of our members to the newsletter. Please note that the views expressed in these member viewpoint articles are not necessarily those of the NPhA or NPhAF organizations.

New Lifetime Member

Glenn Brantley , RPh
Pharmacist / Owner
Metro Pharmacy, Jackson, MS

Many Thanks for your Continued Support!

NPhA In The News

Dr. Henry Lewis III at Florida A&M University received the Hugo H. Schaefer Award. The Award was established by APhA in 1964 in honor of its longtime treasurer. The award recognizes exemplary voluntary contributions to the organization, the profession and society.

Dr. Lewis received his B.S. Degree in Pharmacy from FAMU and his Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from Mercer University. His Post-Doctoral training was completed at the Institute for Education Management at Harvard University.

Dr. Henry Lewis's pharmacy career spans more than 35 years and has been Dean at FAMU College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences -his alma-mater- for the past 14 years.

Dr. Henry Lewis has also served as President of The National Pharmaceutical Association.

This is a significant recognition.

Congratulations Dr. Henry Lewis III.

Mary Munson Runge of Modesto, California, has been selected as the 2009 recipient of the KE/Merck Vanguard Leadership Award by Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, Inc., with the support of, and in association with Merck Human Health Division.

This honor is bestowed upon a member of Kappa Epsilon Fraternity for exemplary leadership, integrity, and extraordinary contributions to the profession of pharmacy; it also recognizes multiple other achievements of distinction within the discipline and beyond.

The KE/Merck Vanguard Leadership Award was presented to Mary Munson Runge on Saturday, April 4, 2009, at the Kappa Epsilon Fraternity Reception, held in conjunction with the APhA Pharmacy Exposition series of events

Congratulations Mary Munson Runge!

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Dr. Joseph Ofosu has been appointed as the first Dean of Saint Joseph College of Pharmacy in West Hartford Connecticut.

Dr. Ofosu is the former associate Dean of Howard University's School of Pharmacy, Nursing and Health Sciences.

Dr. Ofosu holds a B.S. and a PharmD in Pharmacy from Howard University. He completed his Post-Doctoral Residency at Children's National Medical Center and the George Washington University Medical Center Washington D.C.

Congratulation Dr. Ofosu! This is a great accomplishment!

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