Mullen Receives Scholarship

Tyson Mullen, son of Kevin and Kathy Mullen, was recently awarded the partners in Pharmacy Scholarship at the 109th National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) Annual Convention and Trade exposition. The convention was held October 13-17 in Anaheim, California.

Named for the Partners in Pharmacy, an auxiliary organization initially started in 1915 by the wives of NCPA pharmacist members, the scholarship recognizes academic achievement, community service and a demonstrated interest in independent community pharmacy. The scholarship was presented by Partners in Pharmacy co-chairs Karen Tilley of Downey, California and Kay Smith of Indiana, Pennsylvania during the NCPA Foundation Awards Ceremony attended by peers, friends, and family, pharmacists, and deans and faculty from 104 pharmacy schools. The eleven recipients received a stipend for travel as well as the $2000 scholarship award. A reception followed in honor of award recipients.

Tyson is a national delegate on the NCPA Student Executive Council, which represents student pharmacists in eight regions of the country. Tyson represents region four and is in his third academic year of professional study at the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy.

The annual convention attracts several thousand independent pharmacy owners and managers from around the country. The conference provided pharmacists educational programs about the very latest therapies and technologies available to help better serve their patients. Pharmacists learned about niche programs for improving patient care such as long-term care services, immunizations and compounding. Sessions covered new technologies, expanding opportunities in medication therapy management and controlling health care costs, and the patient safety benefits of electronic prescribing. Annual convention gave attendees an opportunity to exchange ideas and learn about new industry

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products and technologies at the trade show exposition, which featured more than 200 vendors this year. The NCPA Foundation is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization established in 1953 to honor former NARD Executive Secretary John W. Dargavel, Contributions to the NCPA Foundation are tax-deductible to the extent permitted under federal tax law. The Foundation supports the growth and advancement of independent community pharmacy through low-interest educational loans and scholarships to pharmacy students in need, critical research and programs to improve the success of independent pharmacy, and financial assistance to community pharmacy owner's for their recovery in the event of disaster, accidents, illness, or adverse circumstances.

The National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) represents the nation's community pharmacists, including the owners of more than 23,000 pharmacies. The nation's independent pharmacies, independent pharmacy franchises, and independent chains reported an $84 billion marketplace, employ over 300,000 employees and dispense nearly half of the nation's retail prescription medicines.