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## NDPAC NEWSLETTER

JULY - SEPTEMBER 2013

### President's Message

The mission of the National Diamondback Pharmacy Alumni Council (NDPAC) is, in summary, to connect, give, and promote. NDPAC is affectionately known as Diamondback.

Diamondback is the alumni organization of the Florida A & M University College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (FAMU COPPS), developed by us, for us. If you graduated from the FAMU COPPS, then Diamondback is your organization. You belong to a network of approximately 4,000 FAMU Pharmacists graduating from the FAMU COPPS since inception (1951) until present

(2013). We're four thousand pharmacists with a



common bond and great potential for unity towards a common mission. Diamondback is developing as a national organization, so your involvement matters. Your involvement

makes a difference and NDPAC makes a difference to our beloved alma mater, the FAMU College of Pharmacy, to the local communities we serve, and to our evolving pharmacy profession.

This year we have exciting initiatives planned, continue to contribute to the FAMU COPPS, for activities, such as support of students attending ASHP Mid-year, or providing clinical resources such as Lexicomp, regular dialogue between the national leadership of NDPAC and leadership of FAMU COPPS, and novel efforts to increase communication to all FAMU pharmacists.

In addition, this year we have set some ambitious goals, such as raising \$50,000 from the Annual Giving Campaign which is entirely funded by individual donations of alumni pharmacists, increase in the number of alumni pharmacists who are preceptors to FAMU P4 Pharmacy Students, and increase in alumni pharmacists attendance to our Annual Convention in June 2014, to name a few. More information will be communicated both traditionally and through social media on the NDPAC website, Facebook and now LinkedIn page, so please get **connected** to Diamondback!

Thank you again for electing me as your President. I'm excited to serve as your President and my hope is collectively as ~4,000 pharmacists, we continue to make a difference.

Pharmacists and Rattlers Forever!

In service,  
Michelle

Michelle K. Rutledge ('00 PharmD)

## NEW OFFICERS

Please join me in congratulating our new National NDPAC officers for 2013-2014:

**Vice-President**, Walter Clark ('78 BSPHarm)  
**Treasurer**, Cary Brown ('80 BSPHarm)  
**Secretary**, Hattie Alexander ('74 BSPHarm)  
**Sergeant at arms/Chaplain**, Jaffice Donaldson ('77 BSPHarm)  
**Parliamentarian**, Elmer Mosley ('73 BSPHarm)

We, thank Dr. John Scrivens ('72 BSPHarm), , **our Immediate Past President**, for his dedication to Diamondback. And thank you to our national officers on last year for your service.

And we also thank Gwen Washington ('69 BSPHarm) and Monica Brady ('02 PharmD) for their hard work coordinating our Annual Convention. The Annual Convention is always a treat, be-

ing both a unique educational and cultural experience. The Annual Convention is also a fun opportunity to catch up and spend time with fellow pharmacists. Pictures are available on the [www.NationalDPAC](http://www.NationalDPAC.com) website and our [Facebook page](#). Request your vacation time off now for our [2014 Annual Convention in Toronto, Canada!](#) Rooms are \$205 at the host hotel, Intercontinental. And family and friends are welcome. Other HBCU Pharmacy grads such as from Howard, Texas Southern, and Xavier will be invited also.



Dr. John Scrivens



Vondalyn Crawford

## WHY I'm a NDPAC active member

Hello fellow alumni, my name is Vondalyn Crawford. I'm a 2008 graduate of Florida A & M University College of Pharmacy. The reason that I'm active in the National Diamondback Pharmacy Alumni Council organization is because I feel that to whom much is given much is expected and I consider myself blessed. I want to be the face of hope because once you instill hope in peoples heart the sky is the limit. I am currently the pharmacy manager at Sweetbay Supermarket Pharmacy and hope one day to open my own independent pharmacy in the inner-city of Tampa. Thank you

*If interested in being featured in the alumni spotlight, please email [president@nationaldpac.com](mailto:president@nationaldpac.com).*

## MEMBERSHIP

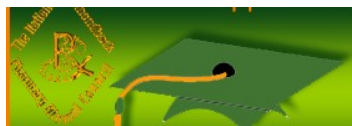
Please complete the NDPAC Membership Survey at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/pxkrd6b](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/pxkrd6b) by today, *October 1 2013* and let your voice be heard!

So are you ready to join NDPAC and make a difference? Paying \$75 is all that is needed to become an active NDPAC member. The Membership period is between July 1 to June 30 of each year. [A membership application](#) is attached and can be returned by mail to PO Box 13052, St. Petersburg, FL 33713-3052 or dues can be paid online at [www.NationalDPAC.com](http://www.NationalDPAC.com). Membership following the first year after graduation is free. Yes, Class of 2013 your membership is free!

Dues for local chapters are determined by individual chapters. And for more information on local chapter locations, please visit the chapter section of [www.NationalDPAC.com](http://www.NationalDPAC.com)



# WHO'S GOT SPIRIT CAMPAIGN



We're introducing **NDPAC's new campaign, "Who's Got Spirit?"**

It's the Spirit Award. Any FAMU COPPS graduate group, such as graduation class, Kappa Epsilon alumni, Kappa Psi alumni, Jack & Jill

Mom pharmacists, Walgreens or CVS pharmacists, etc which best exemplifies the mission of NDPAC together during the year (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014) will be eligible. The FAMU COPPS alumni group who has got the "Most Spirit" will be announced during the 2014 NDPAC Annual Convention in Toronto, Canada Award criteria is the following:

- COMMITTED IN THEIR SERVICE TO THE PHARMACY PROFESSION, THE COMMUNITY AND/OR THE FAMU COPPS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND DOCUMENTS EFFORTS ON [WWW.NATIONALDPAC](http://WWW.NATIONALDPAC) &/OR THE NDPAC FACEBOOK OR NDPAC LINKEDIN PAGE.
- NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME NDPAC ACTIVE MEMBERS &/OR NDPAC ANNUAL CONVENTION ATTENDEES
- A RECIPIENT REPRESENTATIVE OF GROUP MUST BE PRESENT AT THE NDPAC ANNUAL CONVENTION TO RECEIVE AWARD.
- RECIPIENTS MUST BE GRADUATES OF THE FAMU COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES (COPPS).

**DEADLINE FOR AWARD APPLICATION IS FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2014.**

## Are You Interested in being AN AREA CONTACT or Starting A New LOCAL CHAPTER?

We're seeking volunteers to serve as a point of contact, particularly in states/areas with no local NDPAC chapters. The goal is to help keep FAMU Pharmacists connected to our R\_xattler Nation network in all states, and hopefully around the world

:-) If so, please reply with your contact information and state of interest to [president@nationaldpac.com](mailto:president@nationaldpac.com).

Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming

**To start a new local NDPAC chapter**, you will need

- At least five FAMU pharmacists,
- \$200 for annual chapter dues and
- \$200 for an ad in the Annual Convention Souvenir Booklet paid to the National Council, and lastly
- A budget and financial report submitted twice a year to the National Council.



**Start a NEW LOCAL CHAPTER**



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### **For The Good of Diamondback**

We recognize events in the lives of our members, joining in celebration or thinking of them in difficult times:

### **Congratulations**

To First-Time NDPAC Members, Deanna Hendrix ('00 PharmD) and Kendra Lewis ('08 PharmD)

### **Thinking Of**

Hattie Alexander ('74 BSPHarm), Eugene Boglin (Associate Pharmacist, Xavier), Tayanna Richardson ('01 PharmD), Ron Swilley ('75 BSPHarm) and Martha Welters ('78 BSPHarm)

### **In Memory Of**

Mary Boglin ('70 BSPHarm)

*Share any occasion, such as Promotions, New Jobs, Birthdays, Anniversaries, New Homes, Baby Showers or condolences with your local President or email us at [president@nationaldpac.com](mailto:president@nationaldpac.com).*



## Upcoming Events

**9/30/13** – Florida Pharmacy License Renewal Due

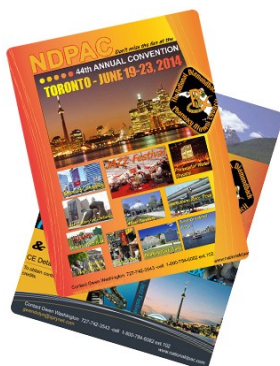
**9/30/13** – NDPAC Membership Survey Due

**October** – American Pharmacists Month

**10/19/13** – FAMU COPPS's Homecoming Tailgate & Brick Laying Ceremony

**February** – FAMU's Clinical Symposium

**June 19-24, 2014** – 2014 NDPAC Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada



### **44th ANNUAL CONVENTION**

Toronto, Canada, in conjunction with the Toronto Jazz Festival.

JUNE 19-23, 2014

8 hours CE will be offered

**Join now!>>**

**Donate to NDPAC >>**