



Greetings CoPPS, IPH Alumni and Friends,

We have journeyed through another year of accomplishments and renewed challenges.

I thank everyone who has supported NDPAC this past 2022 – 2023 fiscal year and I eagerly encourage alumni and friends to join or recommit.

Throughout my term, my focus has been in two areas: 1) increasing membership and participation and 2) improving collaboration with CoPPS, IPH students and faculty. NDPAC has made great strides in these two areas as we have increased our membership numbers after a drop during the pandemic, and we have strengthened our communication and initiatives with CoPPS, IPH students and faculty. We started by continuing the tradition of extending the first year of free membership to recent CoPPS, IPH graduates and sponsoring three free alumni memberships during a membership drive. We also funded two annual scholarships awarded at the end of year CoPPS, IPH awards ceremony. Additionally, we reimbursed 24 students' registration fees for ASHP Midyear in Anaheim, CA. With the donations of our alumni, we provided much needed support to professional students for transportation, housing, and other basic necessities to ensure successful matriculation in the program.

Furthermore, I would be remiss if I did not highlight our amazing committee co-chairs for the past year. They worked diligently to ensure we planned the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention, awarded multiple scholarships, recognized our alumni, began updating our bylaws, registered and retained members, updated the website and social media pages, and continued to raise funds by volunteering their time and effort. Our first in person convention since 2019 was in June and it was a joy to see familiar faces while earning CE, enjoying a hearty laughter session, and interacting with Dean Early and several sponsored students from the College. During the convention we honored a few NDPAC members: Dr. Angela Hill as Pharmacist of the Year, Salesia Smith-Gordon, Esq. with the Distinguished Alumni Award, Dr. Marrissa Walker as the recipient of the President's Award, and the Tampa Chapter as Chapter of the Year. I invite you to join us next year and stay tuned for the 2024 convention location and date in the next couple of months.

In closing, I beseech you to join us. Join us in growing our alumni organization. Join us in giving back to our college and future Rattler pharmacists. Join us by not only giving financial support, but also by giving suggestions for new events and initiatives. If all of us helped just a little, imagine the great impact we could make! Over the years we have made several large donations to CoPPS, IPH for various initiatives, events, and student activities. Whether encouraging student leadership and growth, ensuring last minute financial support for trips, assisting with housing and/or living expenses, or providing crucial NAPLEX study and testing materials, NDPAC has been both eager and willing to support in any way possible. With your membership we can continue to provide support to the College in the years to come. Visit our website at [www.nationaldpac.com](http://www.nationaldpac.com) to become a member for \$75 plus local chapter dues.



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Respectfully,

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