SNPhA Wins Honors at National Meeting

The Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA) at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy took top honors at the group’s national (NPhA/SNPhA) meeting in July, receiving the Rite Aid/Chauncey I. Cooper Excellence Award available to chapters with fewer than 50 members.

The award is given to the chapter with the best accomplishments based on service events in underserved communities, mentorship, and attendance at both regional and national conferences. Participation with Chapter Achievement Partners, smoking cessation programs and HIV/AIDS Awareness initiatives are also considered.

As winner the College of Pharmacy chapter received a plaque and a $5000 award that will be used to increase membership and expand community service activities. The plaque will be on display in the College’s trophy case in Pharmacy South.

Also receiving honors at the national meeting were chapter president Alana Wong, who received the $200 Arlene Aranea Book Award, and Crystal Beal, SNPhA community service chair, who received the $200 Dr. Plas T. James Book Award. Beal was also elected to the National Executive Board to serve as the Bridging the Gap coordinator for 2012-2013.

Deborah Elder, clinical associate professor, and Vivia Hill-Silcott, diversity coordinator, are the chapter’s advisors.