

# Welcome to the National Hispanic Pharmacists Association's December 2024 Newsletter!

## From the President

Dear NHPA Members,

As we reflect on this year's Hispanic HeritageMonth celebrations, I want to express my deepest gratitude to each of you for the incredible energy, creativity, and hard work you brought to make these events successful. Your dedication to showcasing our rich heritage and the contributions of Hispanic pharmacists has left a lasting impact on your campuses and communities.

Looking ahead, I would like to encourage you to keep this momentum going. Let's make 2025 a year of even greater achievements—whether through leadership opportunities, mentorship, or collaborative events that amplify the voices and talents of Hispanic students in pharmacy. NHPA is here to support you every step of the way.

Thank you for being so committed to excellence, cultural pride, and the health of our communities. Together, we can continue to make a meaningful difference.

Warm regards,

Lisa Marie Serrano, PharmD

President, National Hispanic Pharmacists Association (NHPA)



# Hispanic Heritage Month Recap

University of California San Francisco During Hispanic Heritage Month, NHPA Chapter at UCSF partnered with the San Francisco Mexican



Western University This semester, the WesternU Chapter hosted numerous events! During

Consulate and the nonprofit organization Vision y Compromiso to host a successful health fair! Together, they provided 30 blood pressure screenings, 25 glucose tests, 20 flu shots, and 15 COVID-19 Vaccines!



Touro University The NHPA Chapter at Touro University, hosted a Día De los Muertos event where they got together to create themed key chains, and gave a lecture where they discussed the importance of cultural humility and sensitivity! Hispanic Heritage Month, they hosted a Pinata Making event to foster community connections. They also hosted their annual Health Awareness Event in collaboration with the Latino Medical Student Association and the Vietnamese Student Association where they offered free health screenings and education to the community of Los Angeles.



University of Georgia This semester, the University of Georgia Chapter hosted its annual health fairs extending care to the underserved populations in and around the Athens area. In partnership with Walgreens, they provided free blood pressure and glucose screenings as well as vaccines! They ended up giving almost 200 flu shots at their events!



### Special Message from NHPA West Region

A heartfelt thank you to all our West Regional NHPA/UCSF Hispanic Heritage Month Event speakers! Your efforts are tremendous and your stories are inspirational! Let's continue to collaborate to increase Hispanic/Latinx representation in the field of pharmacy. Our California Hispanic/Latinx communities need it.

See you at the 2025\* West Regional NHPA Hispanic Heritage Month Event!

Sincerely, NHPA West Regional HHM Planning Committee

\*If you are interested in helping organize NHPA's West Regional NHPA Hispanic Heritage Month event for 2025, please email Dr. Yvonne Alva, PharmD NHPA's West Regional Director at **Yvonne.Alva.pharmd@gmail.com** and Dr. Hearns-Rivas, PharmD NHPA Board Member at **Maria.Hearns-Rivas@alumni.ucsf.edu.**"

# **Opportunities & Updates**

#### Walmart Pharmacy Residency

Are you interested in Community-Based

## SJF WSoP & JH Residency

The St John Fisher Wegmans School of

leadership?The Walmart Community Residency Program is currently accepting applications for the PGY-1 Accredited Community-Based Pharmacy Residency Program.

The program provides the opportunity to develop pharmacy leaders with expertise. The deadline to apply is January 5, 2025!

Want to learn more? Learn more here!

Interested in applying?: Click to Apply!

Pharmacy (SFJ WSoP) and Jordan Health (JH) is currently accepting applications for the PGY 2 Ambulatory Care Residency Program!

The resident will spend their clinical time at JH and academic teaching time at SJF WSoP.

Want to learn more? Learn more here!

Interested in applying?: Click to Apply!

## The NHPA Mentorship Program is NOW OPEN!

We are excited to share that the 2024-2025 Mentorship Program is NOW OPEN!

The NHPA Mentorship Program allows NHPA Pharmacy Students to be paired with Licensed Pharmacists to meet at least twice a year! The goal of this formal mentorship program is to shed some light on different areas of pharmacy that health professional students have an interest in.

Register to be a mentee here: Apply here!

Register to be a mentor here: Apply here!

If you have any questions, please reach out to nhpa@nhhfx.org!

## Join the NHPA Leadership Team!

Are you a licensed pharmacist looking to expand your leadership roles? The National Hispanic Pharmacists Association's Leadership Board is currently looking to fill the following three positions:

**Mentorship Program Subcommittee Chair:** The Chair shall upkeep, maintain, and develop the NHPA Mentorship Program

**Legislative Subcommittee Chair**: The Chair shall investigate national legislation to support those which fulfill NHPA's Mission and Vision. Shall provide guidance on positions for discussion by NHPA Board Members, with the overarching objective of closing the health disparities gaps in the Hispanic/Latinx communities.

**Elections Subcommittee Chair:** The Chair shall organize and execute annual elections of Subcommittee Chairs, Regional Directors, and Assistant Regional Directors.

If you are interested in applying for any of these positions, please emailnhpa@nhhfx.org!

# **NHPA Members Corner**

We want to hear from you! Contact us at **<u>nhpa@nhhfx.org</u>** for more information.

Why Join NHPA?

- Serve as a Mentor for NHPA Pharmacy Students
- Serve as a Mentee to meet Pharmacists
- Serve as a Speaker for NHPA Webinars/Student Chapters
- Access other members in our Social Circles
- Eligible to apply for the NHHF Hispanic Health Professional Student Scholarship

**JoinCurrent members:** Don't forget to renew your membership to retain your status as an active member of NHPA.

#### RenewClick to see our <u>membership options:</u>

Membership options include individual, institutional, and corporate memberships with varying benefits. Learn more!

Membership: Start an NHPA Student Chapter at your school

If you are interested in starting a student chapter at your school, please visit our website for more information and fill out an online application.

# Support NHPA

We ask that you please consider making a \$25 donation to **help NHPA improve the health of Hispanics** through the pharmacy arena.

## Donate

# Contact Us!

To help you raise any questions, comments, or ideas you have for NHPA, please use this guide:

- NHPA Student Chapters: Please message your <u>Regional Director</u> and your <u>Assistant</u> <u>Regional Director</u>.
- Assistant Regional Directors: Please message your *Regional Director*.
- Regional Directors: Please message <u>NHHF Programs Team</u>
- Programs Committee Subcommittee Chairs: Please message <u>Programs Committee</u> <u>Chair, Gabriela Camacho Cipriano, Pharm.D, BCACP</u>.
- Development Committee Subcommittee Chairs: Please message <u>Development</u> <u>Committee Chair, Dr. Maria Herns-Rivas, PharmD</u>.
- Membership or Other: Please contact us at <u>nhpa@nhhfx.org</u> and we will help to either answer your question(s) and/or re-direct to the appropriate NHPA leader(s).

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