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CEDARVILLE, OHIO -- State legislators, pharmacists, professors and pharmacy students will gather at Cedarville University on Friday, Sept. 14 to discuss ways to curb the opioid crisis at a legal and pharmaceutical level, and help those impacted by the epidemic. The event is from 8 am until 3 pm in the Stevens Student Center.

The symposium is part of the State of Ohio's Pharmacy education program. Leaders from all seven Ohio's pharmacy schools, including Cedarville University; Northeast Ohio Medical University; Ohio Northern University; Ohio State University; University of Cincinnati; University of Findlay, and the University of Toledo, will be in attendance. They will be joined by state legislators and law enforcement officials.

Statewide notable speakers include Dr. Jon Sprague, director of the Ohio Attorney General's Center for the Future of Forensic Sciences at Bowling Green State University; Dr. Phyllis Grauer, pain management specialist at Charxis Consulting; Jennifer Lloyd, director of Statewide Outreach on Substance Abuse for the Ohio Attorney General, and Rob Amiet, retired Ohio Board of Pharmacy compliance specialist. Cedarville speakers for the event are Dr. Marc Sweeney, dean of Cedarville’s school of pharmacy, and Dr. Mark Caleb Smith, chair of the history and government department and director of the Center for Political Studies.

“There is a huge problem in our community and all over Ohio related to opioid abuse and addiction,” said Sweeney. “We are banding together as the school of pharmacy with the state of Ohio to attempt to benefit those who struggle with this and prevent this from happening again. This symposium is about serving others and helping them.”

Legislators expected to participate in a roundtable discussion on solutions to the opioid crisis include Rep. Niraj Antani (Montgomery County), Stephen Huffman (Tipp City), Anthony DeVitis (36th District), and senator Bob Hackett (Greene County).

There will be breakout sessions that address the science, psychology and legality behind opioid addiction and the ways that it can be prevented.

Pharmacists attending can earn up to 4.5 hours of Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) accredited Continuing Education (CE) hours. Register online for this freesymposium at eventbrite.com; search for Ohio pharmacy advocacy symposium.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 4,193 undergraduate, graduate, and online students in more than 150 areas of
study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings, and leading student satisfaction ratings. For more information about the University, visit [www.cedarville.edu](http://www.cedarville.edu).

[Cedarville University Campus Map](http://www.cedarville.edu) (Event is in building #17)

**State of Ohio Pharmacy Symposium**

*How Pharmacists Can Play a Key Role in Addressing the Opioid Crisis*

September 14, 2018

Cedarville University

**Schedule of Events**

- **8:00 am**  
  Arrival / Continental Breakfast

- **8:20 am**  
  Welcome, Introduction, and Goals  
  Marc A. Sweeney, Pharm.D., Dean, Cedarville University School of Pharmacy

- **8:30 am**  
  The Science Behind the Problem (CPE provided)  
  Jon Sprague, R.Ph., Ph.D., Ohio Attorney General's Center for the Future of Forensic Science, Bowling Green State University

- **9:30 am**  
  The Person Behind the Problem (CPE provided)  
  Phyllis Grauer, Pharm.D., Charxis Consulting, Pain Management Specialist

- **10:30 am**  
  Break

- **10:45 am**  
  What Role Can Pharmacists Play in the Opioid Solution?  
  Panel Discussion: Deans of Ohio Colleges of Pharmacy

- **11:15 am**  
  What Role Can the Ohio Legislators Play in the Opioid Solution?  
  Panel Discussion: Ohio Congressional Representatives with Senator Bob Hackett, State Representatives Niraj Antani, Stephen Huffman, Tony DeVitis

- **12:00 pm**  
  Lunch and Breakout Sessions  
  Discussion questions will be provided to each group

- **1:00 pm**  
  What Action Steps are Needed for the State to Work Together?  
  Panel Discussion: Leaders of Ohio Pharmacy Professional Associations

- **1:30 pm**  
  How Can Pharmacists Partner with Law Enforcement?  
  Panel Discussion: Law Enforcement Representatives including Jennifer Lloyd, director of Statewide Outreach on Substance Abuse for the Ohio Attorney General, and Dr. Patrick Oliver, former chief of police in Cleveland, Grandview Heights, and Fairborn, Ohio

- **2:00 pm**  
  Ohio Opioid Law Update (CPE provided)
Rob Amiet, R.Ph., M.B.A., Retired Board of Pharmacy Compliance Specialist

3:00 pm     Wrap Up and Moving Forward