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CEDARVILLE, OHIO -- Two student organizations in the Cedarville University [School of Pharmacy](#) were recognized for their achievements at their respective national meetings.

Cedarville's chapter of Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International (CPFI) received the Student Chapter of the Year Award at CPFI's 2021 National Conference. This came a year after [Dr. Jeff Bates](#), the preceptor of Cedarville's CPFI chapter and dean of the school of pharmacy, received the Preceptor of the Year Award.

Cedarville CPFI has also been awarded multiple Hands and Feet grants for their work at flu vaccine clinics and in providing medical supplies for local soup kitchens.

Corri Adams of Akron, Ohio, president of Cedarville's CPFI chapter, said the awards encouraged her and the chapter, which is focused on building up the faith of pharmacy students and helping them integrate their faith and practice. Cedarville's CPFI chapter is only three years old, and with 24 students, CPFI is on the smaller side compared with other pharmacy organizations.

"Being able to say that as a smaller student chapter we can do well with what we have and be able to minister well to our students and faculty is a really big motivator for us this year," said Adams, a third-year [Doctor of Pharmacy](#) student.

Meanwhile, Cedarville's chapter of the Student National Pharmacy Association (SNPhA), which serves underserved populations, received a series of awards in July at the 2021 SNPhA National Convention. **Zach Krauss of Temple, Texas**, who is president this year, and **Chrissy Capo of Galloway, New Jersey**, who was president last year, were awarded first prize in the Dompé Therapeutics Challenge. Capo, a fourth-year Doctor of Pharmacy student, and Krauss, a third-year Doctor of Pharmacy student, presented on a new drug called Cenegermin.

Krauss applied for and won the National Pharmaceutical Association (NPhA) Ms. Ramona McCarthy Endowed Scholarship, which is awarded for pharmacy leadership and advocating for local underserved groups.

Cedarville's SNPhA chapter received the Mental Health Initiative Award for putting on events last year to discuss mental health in the media, psychiatric pharmacy and mental wellness for pharmacy students and community members.

Cedarville's SNPhA chapter was awarded Medium-Sized Chapter of the Year, for chapters with 45 to 75 individuals. The chapter had 55 members last year.

Cedarville's SNPhA chapter received second prize in the National HIV/AIDS Outcomes Award for sponsoring service events with SafeTrade, which is a one-for-one syringe exchange program for patients struggling with substance abuse, and Equitas Health, which offers HIV/AIDS care for LGBTQ+ individuals.

Finally, Krauss and Capo were both nominated for the Community Leader Award by members of the SNPhA National Board.

Krauss cited the Cedarville chapter's community focus as a reason for many of the awards.

"It was a really good year for our chapter, despite so many of us having to pivot back and forth to virtual because of COVID," Krauss said. "A lot of the awards were given to our chapter because we were able to go out into the community and actually do service this year."

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 4,715 undergraduate, graduate and online students in more than 150 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is one of the largest private universities in Ohio, recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, including the [Doctor of Pharmacy program](#), strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings and high student engagement ranking. For more information about the University, visit cedarville.edu.

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