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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – Cedarville University’s Student Society of Health-Systems Pharmacy (SSHP) was one of 25 schools awarded an Outstanding Professional Development Project award during the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Midyear Clinical Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Cedarville’s SSHP earned the award through its ingenuity and commitment to ASHP’s Practice Advancement Initiative (PAI).

“PAI is a professional-led initiative that empowers pharmacists to take responsibility for providing optimal patient care,” said Charles Snyder, president of Cedarville’s SSHP. “It’s all about pharmacists advancing the practice of pharmacy to better help patients.”

The project included interviewing faculty members and students about their experience in advancing the role of pharmacists in patient care. Then the information was compiled and shared with other pharmacy students.

“Our goal was to make practice advancement more practical for students,” said Trevor Stump, a fourth-year professional pharmacy student who led the initiative. “We wanted to show students how we were already involved in advancing the practice of pharmacy and other ways we can do that moving forward.”

Students have already been developing new programs at hospitals to improve patient care, training pharmacy technicians to better employ their skills and collaborating with other health care students to serve in homeless shelters.

Faculty members have also been involved in utilizing technology to advance the practice, finding innovative ways to meet the needs of patients and working on their certification so they can practice at the top of their license.

“Through this project I learned that the world of health care is constantly evolving, and we are never too young or inexperienced to help shape the profession of pharmacy,” said Stacy Lin, a first-year professional pharmacy student who was in charge of interviewing faculty and staff for the project.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 3,760 undergraduate, graduate, and online students in more than 100 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.