



*"When I first found out I was going to attend the Education Conference in San Diego, CA I was overcome with excitement because I was going to be surrounded by some of the best compounders and pharmacists in the country. But nothing could prepare me for the experience and many connections I would make upon leaving.*

*I traveled across the country from South Carolina College of Pharmacy-USC campus to San Diego and all the arrangements for my hotel and accommodations were in place thanks to the IACP Foundation. Meetings started the following morning where all the students were treated as special guests. At the welcome reception, I was able to meet up with a couple of my preceptors for my upcoming P4 year and even met an alumni from my pharmacy school, who I have sense kept in touch with. During this conference, I was able to connect with several compounding pharmacists who I have had communications with prior or whom I had found connections with.*

*All of the students were invited to special events outside of the conference where we were welcomed with warm hearts, special introductions, and even a time to give a last-minute speech. By the end of the conference I left with several business cards and invitations to visit pharmacies in other states close to me on the east coast. I could not have imagined all of the connections I made and how it has continued to help me grow as a future compounding pharmacist and person.*

*Since then I was able to attend CCH thanks to a sponsorship from Doug Yoch, the alumni from my school I met at Edu Con. My mentors, Lisa and Jay Ashworth and Jennifer Petska, from Edu Con were also there and I enjoyed catching up with them. After attending both conference I have seen all the hard work the IACP Foundation puts in to helping students attend these meetings and how excited all the pharmacists are to have students who are interested in the cause and wish to see compounding prosper. IACP is an organization I continue to be involved with as a student and look forward to the transition of becoming a pharmacist member upon graduation in May 2018."*

Kristen Spoon  
PharmD Candidate 2018  
South Carolina College of Pharmacy-USC Campus

*"The best decision I ever made was to apply for the Fund-the-Future student travel grant to attend IACP's 2017 Educational Conference. Having this experience exposed me to a variety of career options that I had previously been unaware of, including veterinary pharmacy, compounding, and association management. The conference provided me the opportunity to network with professionals who have been vital to my professional development. Throughout all the meetings, presentations, and events there was never a dull moment. I feel honored to have had the opportunity to attend one of IACP's conferences and I encourage anyone who has an interest in independent pharmacy or compounding to apply!"*

Alexandria Gochenauer  
PharmD Candidate 2019  
The University of Mississippi College of Pharmacy

*"In pharmacy school, attending conferences can be intimidating. They are often expensive and you might not always know someone else who is going. Thanks to the IACP Foundations Fund the Future travel grant I was able to experience an amazing conference and learn so much about the compounding world. This was an absolutely amazing experience. We got to sit in on board meetings, mix and mingle with current compounding pharmacists from all of the United States and get a new perspective from the diverse list of continuing education classes offered. My favorite part about this experience was that all of the members made me as well as the other travel grant recipients feel very welcome and included! I made more connections with pharmacists at this conference than any other conference I have attended. I am forever grateful that IACP truly cares about student pharmacists!"*

April Sartin  
Pharm D. Candidate 2019  
UNM College of Pharmacy

*"As an IACP Compounder's on Capitol Hill scholarship recipient, I was able to have one of the most unique experiences of my student career. Compounding pharmacy has always been very near and dear to my heart and I knew at the time of attending the conference that it was the career path I would be pursuing. Attending Compounder's on Capitol Hill allowed me to become engaged with the issues that would be impacting my career directly and in which my voice would need to be heard. The meetings I had with congress members and senators on Capitol Hill was be an experience I will never forget. It truly lit a fire within me to become involved in compliance and policy issues to and stay abreast of constantly changing jurisdiction. I look forward to returning to Compounder's on Capitol Hill in the future as a colleague and speaking with future scholarship recipients to try to make sure that they understand how important it is that they make their voices heard to protect the profession."*

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