

Auburn Students to Compete for First Place in NCPA's Pruitt-Schutte Student Business Plan Competition



Pictured (L-R): Dennis Miller, owner of Medical Arts Pharmacy in Opelika (project consultant); Jared Johnson, Assistant Clinical Professor - HSOP (team advisor); and Student Pharmacists: Garrett Aikens, Lauren Sofy, Denise Sutter, and Brittney Shippee.

A team of four students from the Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy has been selected as one of three finalists in NCPA's annual Business Plan Competition. They will present the plan at the NCPA Annual Convention in Philadelphia on Saturday, October 23. Other finalists include Drake University and Washington State University.

The Pruitt-Schutte Student Business Plan Competition allows one entry from each pharmacy school in the nation. Each team creates a blueprint for either starting a new pharmacy from scratch or purchasing an existing one. Auburn's team, made up of Garrett Aikens, Brittney Shippee, Lauren Sofy, and Denise Sutter, decided to purchase an existing pharmacy and improve the services it offers. This included beginning an HIV service in the area with the fastest growing HIV population in the state. Dennis Miller, owner of Medical Arts Pharmacy in Opelika, agreed to work with the students on the plan, and his help was instrumental in the team's success.

If you are planning to attend the NCPA Annual Convention, please consider arriving in Philadelphia in time for the competition on Saturday to support Auburn's team. The plan they have created is very impressive. For more information, please email team advisor Jared Johnson, johns41@auburn.edu.