

CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY PHARMACY DOCTORAL CANDIDATE EARNS PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIP

(CHICAGO) — Chicago State University (CSU) announced Wednesday that CSU Pharmacy doctoral candidate Tiffany Brown has been awarded the esteemed National Association of Chain Drug Stores Foundation (NACDS) Student Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to pharmacy doctorate candidates nationwide each year with the goal of supporting the development of future leaders in community pharmacy.

The NACDS Foundation Student Scholarship is open to students who have completed their first year of pharmacy school and have experience working in community pharmacy. In addition, academics and community service are taken into account in the evaluation of applicants.

Brown, a class of 2013 doctorate of pharmacy candidate, believes that CSU's pharmacy program will prepare her to be an effective community pharmacist. She lauds the program for quickly placing students in a community setting where they learn directly from practicing pharmacists.

“Many programs require you to wait over a year before you are able to work in a community setting. At CSU, we are quickly placed at pharmacies to gain the essential hands-on learning we need to succeed,” said Brown. “CSU's approach has been to create a curriculum that prepares us to succeed by working in community pharmacies, which aided me in receiving this scholarship. I am so grateful to the NACDS Foundation for offering this scholarship and allowing me to continue my education at Chicago State University.”

Giving back to her community is one of Brown's top priorities. She also returns to her elementary school, Burnside Scholastic Academy in Chatham, and her high school, Kenwood Academy in Hyde Park, to speak with students about the importance of attending college.

“While I was growing up my family struggled to get by, but I refused to let that get in the way of my education,” said Brown. “I go back to speak with students and attempt to instill in them the importance of attending college. They need to realize that even if you are in a tough situation, you cannot give up. If you work hard, you can succeed.”

Brown added that she hopes to set up a scholarship for students from her community.

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*Chicago State University was founded as a teacher training school in Blue Island, Illinois on September 2, 1867. Today, the University is a fully accredited public, urban institution located on 161-picturesque acres in a residential community on Chicago's South side. CSU is governed by a Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor of Illinois. The University's five colleges—Health Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Business, Education and Pharmacy—offer 36 undergraduate and 25 graduate and professional degree-granting programs. CSU also offers an interdisciplinary Honors College for students in all areas of study and has a Division of Continuing Education and Nontraditional Degree Programs that offers extension courses, distance learning and not-for-credit programs to the entire Chicago community.*

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