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Our Community Commitment

You're studying at St. Louis College of Pharmacy to join a profession that serves the community. Probably other aspects of a career in pharmacy appealed to you as well—the abundance of opportunities, the profession's commitment to both basic and clinical research—but essentially you're in it to make a difference for your patients and society as a whole.

We feel the same way. So we make it easy for you to start building the patient relationships that will be a cornerstone of your career through community involvement and service. You'll learn some of the profession's most important lessons—including the value of understanding, empathy, and compassion—through a host of hands-on service opportunities we support.

Even if you're not yet of college age, you can get a taste of STLCOP's culture of caring through one of a handful of programs we sponsor for middle and high school students. If you like the idea of helping people improve their health but you're not sure what part of the health care profession is right for you, you have a chance in these programs to immerse yourself in the sense of commitment and service upon which the profession of pharmacy thrives. One of these programs may well help you determine your career.

So whether you're a current or a prospective student, take a look at some of the ways we play a part in our community and see if you may be a fit for one of them.



- **St. Louis Medication Disposal Initiative.** Join STLCOP students and faculty members as they help collect unused, unwanted, and expired prescription drugs. We typically collect hundreds of pounds of medicine during our take-back events, for which we partner with the city of St. Louis and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.
- **STLCOP Community Awareness Reaching Everyone in St. Louis (C.A.R.E.S.) event.** Students take the lead in this high-powered annual event. Each October, the Student Pharmacists Association coordinates STLCOP students, alumni, and faculty and staff members for a coordinated day of service in the community at locations such as Forest Park, Habitat for Humanity sites, and senior living centers.
- **St. Louis Science Center Events.** As a St. Louis College of Pharmacy student, you'll have several opportunities to serve as a front-line medical advisor at the St. Louis Science Center. You may:
 - Join STLCOP fourth-year students who serve every Friday in the Science Center's Life Science Lab Classroom, completing their introductory practice experience (IEP) by leading visitors in hands-on activities such as making "goo" or filling pill capsules. Participating students, who work in groups of six, also teach visitors about pharmacy, poison prevention, and medication disposal strategies throughout the school year.
 - Help host a STLCOP health fair slated for April 10 at the Science Center. The health fair, scheduled to run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. as part of the College's Advocacy and Outreach Day, will feature about 10 booths focusing on such health topics as asthma, immunization, and general health literacy.
 - Present health information during a Science Center Poster Day. Sixth-year STLCOP students will display about 35 health information posters from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 26 throughout the Science Center. The posters aim at disease prevention, covering topics ranging from alcoholism to obesity and influenza.
- **Boo Fest at Pumpkin Park.** The College works with the [Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation](#) (JDRF) each year to hold a Halloween celebration for St. Louis-area children with diabetes. Pitch in at this event to help create a carnival-like atmosphere for participants, who avoid the day's emphasis on sugary foods and focus instead on a costume competition, a bounce house, face painting, and a bevy of other activities.
- **Ready Readers.** You might want to be among the STLCOP students who help the [Ready Readers](#) nonprofit organization prevent reading problems among preschoolers from low-income communities. All you need to do is read aloud to kiddos and encourage them to read for themselves. Our student pharmacists typically add preventive health care to their visits by reading a health-related book each week and leading activities that reinforce the book's main health message.


Middle and High School Programs

- **BEST Pharmacy Summer Institute.** A partnership between STLCOP, Barnes-Jewish Hospital, and

Express Scripts, the BESt institute is a free, six-week summer program that encourages minority students to consider careers in health care. If you join this program, you'll take classes in mathematics, science, language arts, and ACT preparation, as well as attend pharmacy lectures and site visits.

- **Walgreens-St. Louis College of Pharmacy Career Explorers Diversity Outreach Program.** This four-week summer program introduces minority high school juniors and seniors in the St. Louis area to a wide range of possible pharmacy careers in hopes of increasing interest in the profession. It includes an introductory pharmacy course, work at a Walgreens pharmacy, and a field trip to the Missouri Botanical Garden to view and learn about medicinal plants.
- **Summer Pharmacy Academy.** You'll be among the youngest students on STLCOP's campus if you take part in this weeklong program for seventh- and eighth-grade students. It aims to give younger students an early opportunity to take a hands-on look at pharmacy careers.



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The College excels at educating the health care leaders of tomorrow.

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