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SUPERVALU Pharmacies President inspires pharmacy students at Chicago State University Induction Ceremony

CHICAGO – Chris Dimos, President of SUPERVALU Pharmacies, will welcome 90 students into the College of Pharmacy at Chicago State University (CSU) during the second annual induction “White Coat” ceremony scheduled for Friday, August 28, 2009 at 2 o’clock p.m., in the University’s Emil and Patricia A. Jones Convocation Center. The ceremony symbolizes the entry of the students into the pharmacy profession. A total of 175 pharmacy students will attend CSU this fall.

“Part of our mission is to see that students get encouragement and industry knowledge from experts in the field,” said David Slatkin, dean and professor, College of Pharmacy. “Mr. Dimos, a former nuclear pharmacist, will provide wisdom and share some of his real-life experiences that will prepare students for a new academic year,” Slatkin added.

SUPERVALU Pharmacies recruits CSU students for summer employment, committing to $125,000 over a three year span and an extra $20,000 for student scholarships. SUPERVALU pharmacies provide prescription, immunization, diabetes care and other clinical services under 11 retail brands. These include Jewel-Osco Pharmacy, Cub Pharmacy and Albertsons Sav-On Pharmacy.

“It is important for the College to develop on-going relationships and partnerships, such as SUPERVALU Pharmacies, with industry businesses and organizations to help provide a stimulating educational experience for our students,” said Slatkin. “Our new partnership with the University of Chicago Medical Center will provide opportunities that will help students succeed in an ever-changing global marketplace. Medical Center clinicians will provide lectures that are part of the College of Pharmacy’s curriculum. Students will also engage in experiential rotations as part of their training,” he added.

The CSU College of Pharmacy is one of only four pharmacy schools in the State of Illinois. The Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) has awarded Candidate Status, the second stage of accreditation, to Chicago State University. The CSU College of Pharmacy was created to address the shortage of pharmacists in the state and the low numbers of practitioners from underrepresented populations.

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