
NOBLE THOMAS

****Noble Thomas: A Dedicated Advocate for Pharmacy****

Noble Thomas is a seasoned pharmacist with a deep commitment to advancing the profession and ensuring equitable access to healthcare. His career has been marked by significant achievements and a steadfast dedication to both his peers and the communities he serves.

As President of the Palmetto Pharmacist Association, Noble collaborated with the South Carolina Pharmacy Association to support the "Freedom of Access Bill." This pivotal legislation allowed small independent pharmacies to participate in payment plans on a more equal footing with large chains and health systems, ensuring these vital community resources could continue to thrive.

Noble has always been vigilant in protecting the integrity of the pharmacy profession. He was one of the first to raise the alarm when national chains attempted to influence boards of pharmacy to create a new class of pharmacy technicians that could potentially replace pharmacists. Understanding the risks to patient safety and the profession's standards, he drafted and supported resolutions with national pharmacy organizations to counter these actions.

His dedication to fostering the next generation of pharmacists is evident in his founding of student chapters of national pharmacy organizations at both the Medical University of South Carolina (M.U.S.C.) and the University of South Carolina (U.S.C.). By encouraging student involvement in professional organizations, Noble has inspired many young pharmacists to actively participate in shaping the future of their profession.

Noble is a Military Veteran who's career began at the Sickle Cell Foundation, where he served as a Clinical Research Pharmacist and later as the Newborn Screening and Outreach Coordinator. These roles allowed him to represent the Foundation on national and international stages and through various media outlets. His ability to interpret complex scientific literature for the general public was invaluable in raising awareness and understanding of sickle cell disease.

His professional journey includes experience with a major national pharmacy chain, a regional chain store, and directing the pharmacy of a health center. In 2008, Noble was among the first pharmacists to receive mid-level medical provider status, demonstrating his forward-thinking approach and dedication to advancing the role of pharmacists in healthcare.

Born in a farming community in South Carolina, Noble attended Francis Marion College and earned his Pharmacy Degree from M.U.S.C., where he made the Dean's list, founded or served as president of several organizations, and received the "Undergraduate Research Award." He also completed an elite executive training internship with a major pharmaceutical company.

Noble's extensive certifications include Anti-Aging Medicine, Diabetes Care, Hypertension Management, Immunization, Medication Therapy Management, Anti-coagulation Therapy, Physical Assessment,

Laboratory Interpretation, Hormone Contraceptives, and Long-Acting Injectable Medications. This broad expertise ensures he is well-equipped to address the diverse needs of pharmacists and patients alike.

He has served on the Board of Directors for the National Pharmaceutical Association, the Executive Committee for the Palmetto Medical Dental and Pharmaceutical Society, and as Treasurer for the Charlotte Medical Society. His contributions extend to the Board of the North Carolina Integrative Medicine Society and a Governor-appointed position as Public Health Commissioner for North Carolina.

Currently, Noble works with a small independent start-up and a holistic wellness center, continuing to innovate and inspire. In his personal time, he enjoys photography, spending time with his canines, and traveling.

Noble Thomas's career is characterized by a relentless pursuit of excellence, a passion for advocacy, and a commitment to both his profession and his community. His breadth of experience and unwavering dedication make him an exemplary leader in the field of pharmacy.