
JAMES (JAY) OWEN BAREFOOT

A dedicated pharmacist with over 34 years of experience in community pharmacy. In 1990 I graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a BS in pharmacy. While in pharmacy school I participated in the Academy of Student Pharmacists, Syntex Practitioner of the Year Selection Committee, and I was a member of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity. I've spent the last 34 years working in community pharmacy while having experiences in long term care pharmacy as well, focusing on improving patient care and team development. My contributions to the field have been recognized with awards such as Pharmacy Development Manager of the Year (Runner Up) for Rite Aid In 1996 and District Pharmacy Manager of the Year for Eckerd Drug in 1999. Currently I am a District Leader for CVS Health in the Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill area. I have been with CVS Health for 21 years. From a professional standpoint, I am currently a member of NCAP, served on the Wake Tech College of Business Curriculum Board, and the Easter Seals Walk With Me Committee.

I live with my wife Rita of 32 years, and we are the proud parents of three grown children Zeke, Maggie and Ava. During my time off I enjoy spending time at Topsail Beach, North Carolina. My hobbies include boating, fishing, and reading. I also enjoy working on the farm with my father-in-law, which my wife views as my mid-life crises!

My "why" for running to represent the Northeastern District: First and foremost, improving the health and wellbeing of the citizens of North Carolina and promoting initiatives to enhance patient safety and care standards in all pharmacies. Additionally, advocacy for pharmacists in the state is also important to me, ensuring your voices are heard in any policy discussions. I believe we are at or coming to a crossroads in pharmacy, one in which innovation of technology will play a role in the future of our profession. This innovation needs to be thoughtfully considered to ensure the best interest of patients and pharmacists are captured as the profession moves forward. I also believe pharmacy is a people business so it will be important to me to also focus on diversity and inclusion, as well as development of younger pharmacists to ensure our profession is in good hands for the future. Lastly, I would like to give back to the profession that has so fulfilled my life professionally and personally. I feel being a member of the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy would be a great way to accomplish that goal.

Thank you for your consideration in my candidacy for the Northeastern District Seat of the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy. With your help in my election, together we can improve on the already great progressive pharmacy view of the board and improve even more the health and well-being of all citizens in the Great State of North Carolina!