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## **\$50,000 support for CSU pharmacy students**

Australian Pharmaceutical Industries (API) has announced a \$50,000 commitment to the Charles Sturt Pharmacy Foundation at a recent function held on Charles Sturt University's (CSU) Wagga Wagga Campus.

The funds are being offered to support students studying the Pharmacy Course at CSU, providing \$10,000 per year to sponsor CSU's Retail Management programme and rewarding the most outstanding student in this component of the Charles Sturt Pharmacy Programme.

CSU's Professor Patrick Ball, Chair of Rural Pharmacy, commends API and their Board for developing such an exceptional partnership and assisting in the development of future pharmacists.

"This is a true partnership which will bring substantial benefits to CSU, to our students, and of course to API," Professor Ball said.

"API will contribute considerable funds and other support over a five year period in addition to providing key executives as Guest Lecturers in the Programme," he added.

Peter Gissing, Chair of the Charles Sturt Pharmacy Foundation, welcomed the partnership with API and presented Jeff Sher, Group Leader of API, with a certificate signifying API's support, at the Annual Charles Sturt Pharmacy Foundation Dinner held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July,. In addition to prize money and commitment of key executives support, API is offering employment opportunities to pharmacy students.

According to CSU Pharmacy Graduate Candice Pascoe, the Pharmacy dinner, held annually to raise funds for the Foundation, was once again an extremely successful event.

"The dinner itself went very well and it was great to see the various areas of pharmacy coming together to support such a great cause," she said.

"Any commitment to CSU and its students is always so valuable in assisting with the learning and development of our future pharmacists," she added.

Other recent supporters of the Pharmacy Foundation were also honoured on the night, including the Pharmacy Guild of Australia, Peter Carroll, the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia NSW, Maxine Goodman and Dowley's Amcal Pharmacy.

Businesses and individuals wishing to support CSU Pharmacy students through donations and scholarships should contact the Charles Sturt Pharmacy Foundation on 02 6338 4680

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