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Springfield, New Jersey Pharmacist, Peter T. Lau, Honored by Pharmacists Society of the State of New York for Outstanding Community Service

Washington, DC – The Pharmacists Society of the State of New York (PSSNY) has selected Peter T. Lau as the recipient of the 2011 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Lau was presented with the award during the 2011 PSSNY Annual Convention & Exhibition, June 26-29, 2011. The Award is sponsored by the American Pharmacists Association Foundation and the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations.

Lau is an active community health care educator, regularly conducting seminars and radio programs for local hospitals, health clinics, senior citizen centers and the American Cancer Society. With the support of physicians, lawyers, nurses and social workers, Lau's workplace – Confucius Pharmacy – is hosting monthly healthcare related workshops for local residents, on topics including Lupus awareness, the Alzheimer patient and family support, Fitness activities, Diabetes Nutrition and Health Plan Selections. In 2004, the pharmacy established an annual college scholarship fund to award to three students with excellent academic and community service performance records and a demonstrated financial need.

Lau has also worked with members of the Healthy Heart Coalition – local community health centers, physicians, nurses, restaurants – to implement the “You are what you eat” project. This program worked to educate residents on the importance of good nutrition and encouraged participating restaurants in Chinatown to provide an option of a “low salt, Low Fat – Healthier Menu.” Lau has been a strong financial supporter of many community functions including health fairs, street cleaning projects, cancer walkathons, etc. He has donated wheelchairs to area hospitals including Gouverneur, New York Downtown, Beth Israel, Brooklyn Hospital, and Lutheran Brooklyn Medical Center to help improve patient care. Lau has conducted career workshops for high school seniors and participated in Alumni Mentor Days sponsored by the Arnold & Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy.

As a Citizen's Rights advocate, Lau was the president of Chinese American Voters Federation, a non-profit, non-partisan organization to educate eligible citizens to register to vote. He has also served at many non-profit service organizations: Treasurer of the Chinatown Health Clinic Foundation, President of the Chinese Planning Council Project Open Door Senior Center, Treasurer of Hamilton Madison House, President of the Jesuit NY Wahyan Hong Kong High School Scholarship Foundation, Trustee of Springfield Presbyterian Church and Member of the Springfield Lions Club, NJ.

Established in 1958, the Bowl of Hygeia Award recognizes pharmacists who possess outstanding records of civic leadership in their communities and encourages pharmacists to take active roles in the affairs of their respective communities. The award is presented annually by participating state pharmacist associations, including those in the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In addition to service through their local, state and national pharmacy associations, award recipients have devoted their time, talent and resources to a wide variety of causes and community service.

The Bowl of Hygeia is the most widely recognized international symbol for the pharmacy profession and is considered one of the profession's most prestigious awards. The Bowl of Hygeia has been associated with the pharmacy profession since as early as 1796 when the symbol was used on a coin minted for the Parisian Society of Pharmacy. The bowl

represents a medicinal potion and the snake represents healing. Healing through medicine is precisely why the pharmacy profession has adopted the Bowl of Hygeia symbol.

Information regarding contributing to the Bowl of Hygeia future is available by contacting the APhA Foundation at 202-429-7565 or info@aphafoundation.org.

About the American Pharmacists Association Foundation

The APhA Foundation is affiliated with the American Pharmacists Association, the national professional society of pharmacists in the U.S. The APhA Foundation, a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C., works to design solutions to medication use problems in America. The APhA Foundation's mission is to improve the quality of consumer health outcomes affected by pharmacy. For more information, please visit the APhA Foundation website <http://www.aphafoundation.org/>.

About the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations

The National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations (NASPA) promotes leadership, sharing, learning, and policy exchange among pharmacy leaders in all 50 states and Washington, DC, and provides education and advocacy to support pharmacists, patients, and communities working together to improve public health. NASPA was founded in 1927 as the National Council of State Pharmacy Association Executives (NCSPAEE). For more information, please visit the NASPA Web site www.naspa.us.

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