



Recognizing the value and extraordinary contributions pharmacists provide to improving the vaccination rates in their communities.

2023 Awards Presentation & Reception

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023
Phoenix, AZ

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Celebrating Pharmacists' Contributions to the Immunization Neighborhood

About the APhA Immunization Champion Awards

The American Pharmacists Association established these special awards in 2008 to recognize the value and extraordinary contributions pharmacists provide to improving the vaccination rates in their communities. Across the country, more than 400,000 pharmacists and student pharmacists and 125,000 pharmacy technicians have completed training as immunization providers. In all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, pharmacists have the authority to administer vaccines. Members of the pharmacy team have assumed one or more roles as immunization educators, facilitators, and vaccine administrators, thereby reducing vaccine-preventable morbidity and mortality across the lifespan.

Pharmacists, in collaboration with physicians, public health officials, and other immunization stakeholders, are recognized as important members of the immunization neighborhood and are developing solutions to increase access to vaccines and other public health services. Millions of vaccines are administered by pharmacists each year, and the COVID-19 pandemic has spotlighted the significance of the profession's contributions to public health. The profession's dedication to meeting the public's immunization needs and protecting people from vaccine-preventable diseases is evident in the work of this year's nominees and the many thousands of immunizing pharmacists practicing in communities nationwide.

The APhA Immunization Champion Awards program consists of six categories of recognition, including individual practitioners, friend of pharmacy's immunization efforts (not awarded in 2023), corporation/institution, community outreach, pharmacy team member, and travel health.

Nominees were evaluated based on the areas of impact, collaboration, originality, and overcoming challenges, as well as for creating opportunities for pharmacists. The nomination packets received this year described the work of innovative immunizing pharmacists, practices, and community leaders. APhA applauds all pharmacists who are working toward improving the health of the people in their communities. APhA also recognizes CDC, GSK, Merck Sharp & Dohme, Moderna, Pfizer, and Sanofi/Vaxserve for their support of this awards and recognition program.

P R O G R A M

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

5:30 PM RECEPTION OPENS

6:00 PM PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Master of Ceremonies

Michael D. Hogue, PharmD

Individual Practitioner

National Winner

Chichi Ilonzo Momah, PharmD (Springfield, PA)

Honorable Mention

Bridget Ogden, PharmD (Stillwater, MN)

Renee Robinson, PharmD, MPH, MSPHarm, MBA (Anchorage, AK)

Corporation/Institution

National Winner

Cub Pharmacies' Clinical Programs Team (Stillwater, MN)

Honorable Mention

Stanford Health Care IBD Clinical Pharmacy Team (Redwood City, CA)

Community Outreach

National Winner

Kevin Cleveland, PharmD, ANP (Meridian, ID)

Honorable Mention

Uri Bassan, BSPharm (Albuquerque, NM)

Pharmacy Team Member

National Winner

Amber Coleman, CPhT (Gulfport, MS)

Honorable Mention

David (Nate) Ryder, CPhT (Franklin, TN)

Travel Health

National Winner

Beverly Schaefer, BSPharm (Seattle, WA)

6:40 PM RECEPTION CONTINUES

7:00 PM ADJOURNMENT

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Individual Practitioner

National Winner

Chichi Ilonzo Momah, PharmD, RPh

Owner, Springfield Pharmacy & Medical Supply



Chichi Ilonzo Momah,
PharmD, RPh

Chichi Ilonzo Momah, PharmD, RPh is a graduate of Temple University's School of Pharmacy, and owns the Springfield Pharmacy in Springfield, PA since 2012. Though born in New Jersey, Chichi was raised in her family's native Nigeria in a multigenerational household. It was here that she witnessed her grandparents' struggles with diabetes, and the lack of education and resources available to the general public to manage such conditions. The experience is what first sparked Chichi's ambition to become a pharmacist, and advocate for the treatment of those who could not do so themselves.

During the shortage of the new shingles vaccine in 2018, Chichi partnered with a vaccine manufacturer to gain access, and was the only pharmacy to stock the vaccine across multiple counties in her area. Chichi made waves in the Spring of 2021 when her pharmacy was chosen as one of the first sites in PA's Delaware County, the largest county in the nation without a public health department, to administer the COVID-19 vaccine. Chichi and the team at Springfield Pharmacy's support of the COVID-19 vaccine rollout were featured locally and nationally, from the HHS, Philadelphia's FOX29, NBC Nightly News, and Philadelphia Inquirer to NPR News.

Chichi serves as a luminary to the Pennsylvania Pharmacy Care Network (PPCN), an Advisory Board member to the Elevate Pharmacy Services Administrative Organization (PSAO), and The Freckled Strawberry organizations. She is currently the only approved Vaccine For Children (VFC) pharmacy provider in the state of Pennsylvania. She also partners with the Department of Health, local health departments, local community leaders, and various long term care facilities to address vaccine hesitations, and run vaccine clinics.

Through her work—which she says is driven by her care philosophy of 'leading with love'—she has proven that pharmacists are problem solvers, leaders and above all, a critical patient advocate.



Individual Practitioner

Honorable Mention

Bridget Ogden, PharmD

Clinical Point Person
Cub Pharmacy



Bridget Ogden,
PharmD

Bridget Ogden, PharmD received her doctorate degree from Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. Bridget is a dedicated pharmacist and has been working in or supporting the community pharmacy setting for her entire career. She currently holds the Clinical Point Person position for Cub Pharmacy and also serves as the primary preceptor for the Cub Pharmacy PGY1 Residency Program. In this role, Bridget spearheads vaccination clinic efforts for Cub Pharmacy in the twin cities and greater Minnesota area.

Bridget works to coordinate and schedule over 250 influenza vaccination clinics each year and added another 350 COVID-19 vaccination clinics in 2022. Her most notable effort in the past 12 months is the partnership she was able to forge with multiple pediatrician practices in the twin cities area. When the monovalent Pfizer product for ages 5-11 years was going through the authorization process, Bridget started conversations with several pediatrician offices regarding their plans to vaccinate their patients. When it became clear that many well-established and successful pediatrician practices did not have the staffing resources to vaccinate this population in a timely fashion, Bridget partnered Cub Pharmacy with three pediatric clinic groups. Cub Pharmacists and other credentialed immunizers went to the pediatric clinic, utilized their exam rooms and space, and administered the vaccinations. For the first round of first dose events alone, Bridget and other Cub Pharmacy immunizers vaccinated 1,500 children who otherwise would have experienced delayed access.



Individual Practitioner

Honorable Mention

Renee Robinson, PharmD, MPH, MSPharm, MBA

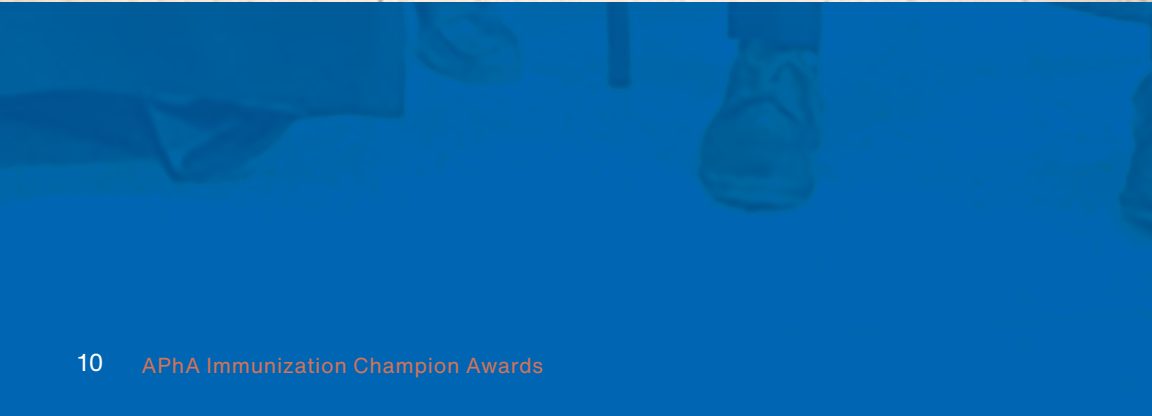
Associate Professor, Idaho State University, College of Pharmacy



Renee Robinson,
PharmD, MPH,
MSPharm, MBA

Renee Robinson, PharmD, MPH, MSPharm, MBA completed her doctorate in pharmacy at the University of Georgia, a fellowship in clinical research through the National Institutes of Health and pediatric pharmacotherapy, Masters in Epidemiology and Masters Patient Safety. From 2002-2006 she conducted research as faculty in the Department of Pediatrics, studying medication adherence and decision-making. In 2008 Renee joined the USPHS conducting health research with/for tribal communities in Alaska. In 2018, she joined UAA/Idaho State University College of Pharmacy as an Associate Professor pursuing external research funding to address health disparities through health technology.

Renee has received a number of professional awards: USPHS Junior Pharmacist of the Year, Distinguished Alaskan Pharmacist Award, Pharmacy Times Educator of the Year, and has worked on a number of immunization efforts such as a Pediatric Ebola Vaccination Trial in Liberia, the Assisted Living Home Immunization event in Alaska, ProjectPak efforts to vaccinate children in the HeadStart program, and partnering with the Navigators, to support public health and pharmacy immunization initiatives.



Corporation/Institution

National Winner

Cub Pharmacies' Clinical Programs Team



Community engagement has been a long-standing pillar for Cub Foods/**Cub Pharmacies**, and their vaccination efforts have been no exception. Cub Pharmacy's established relationship with state and local public health became critical as the COVID 19 pandemic hit, and they continued to partner with the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and Hennepin County Public Health to expand and support access to vaccinations. Cub Pharmacies is dedicated to vaccinating the underserved, and often marginalized, members of the communities.

Cub Pharmacies co-hosted several mass vaccination events with Hennepin County at local public libraries. The events were open to all, regardless of insurance or any other status. Cub Pharmacies collaborated with an important local non-profit, Encouraging Leaders, which supports projects that target BIPOC youth residing in the poorest neighborhoods in Minneapolis and around the Twin Cities, particularly in high-crime rate neighborhoods. Cub held multiple events at Encouraging Leaders headquarters, offering hundreds of participants an opportunity to get vaccinated against COVID, flu, and other routine immunizations who had no option previously.

These successful partnerships and Cub's competence to provide a respectful and seamless experience for participants ultimately lead to a final partnership with UCare health plan which lead to the establishment of another six underserved vaccination clinic partnerships.

These efforts stretched the capacity for Cub Pharmacies, and required immense patience at times as all parties took the time needed to cultivate these relationships. Cub's efforts were recognized at a state level by both the MDH and the Minnesota Governor's Office. In an introductory email between the MDH and a county public health coordinator, MDH stated "Cub played a pivotal role in the early vaccination of teachers last winter and they've been very active in our mission of health equity in the response."



Corporation/Institution

Honorable Mention

Stanford Health Care IBD Clinical Pharmacy Team



Stanford
MEDICINE

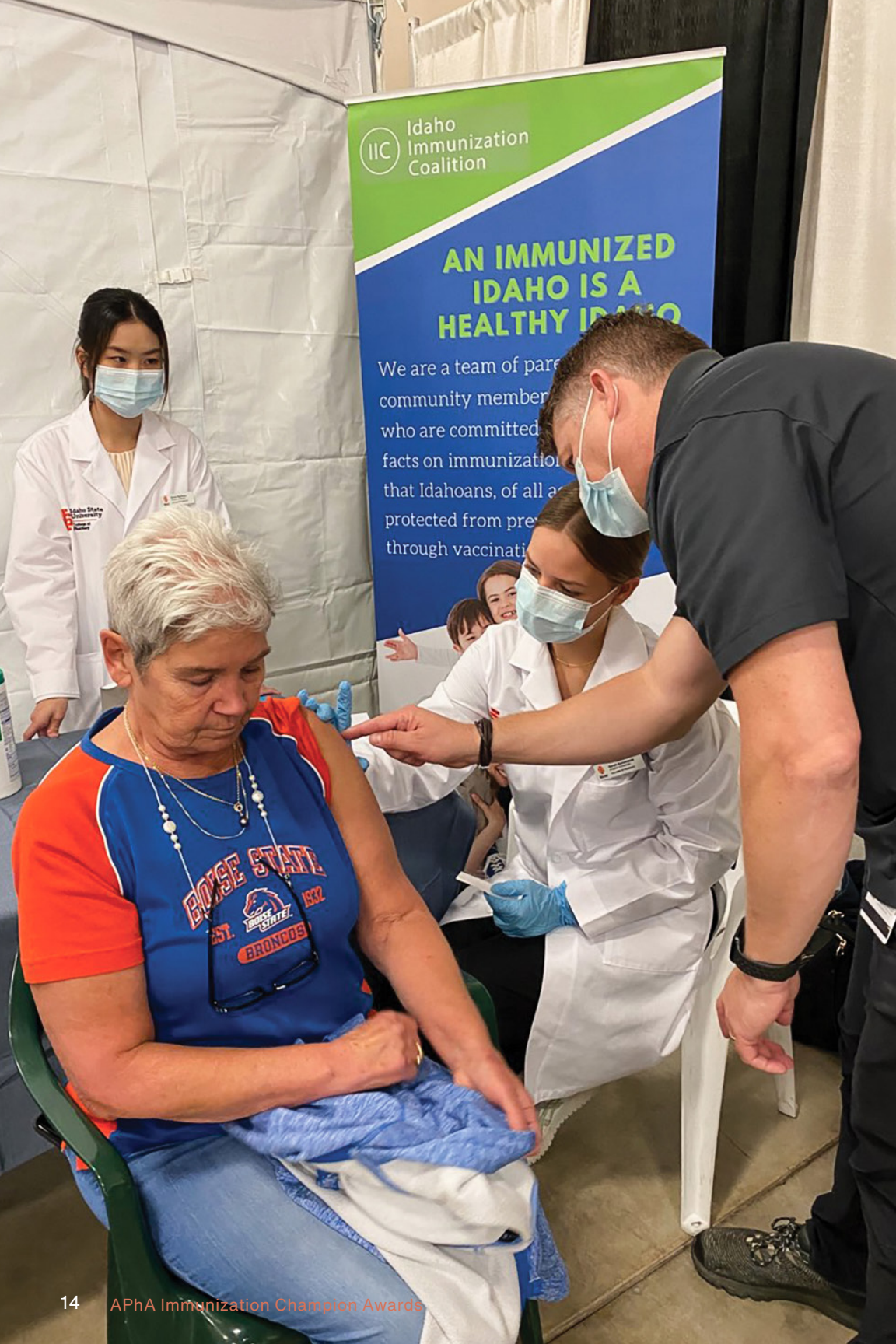
Health Care

The Stanford Health Care (SHC) Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Clinical Pharmacy Program was established in 2018. Initially, one pharmacist worked alongside 2 of the IBD providers (MDs and PAs) during their patient visits, discussing new medications and vaccine recommenda-

tions based on current health maintenance guidelines for IBD patients who have increased risk of infection due to their condition. Only 52% of gastroenterologists get an accurate vaccination history from their IBD patients, and primary care physicians are often unaware of the additional vaccination recommendations in IBD. This leaves a significant gap in providing IBD patients with their necessary vaccinations. The most common infections that lead to hospitalization of IBD patients are vaccine-preventable, such as pneumonia and shingles.

After a short time of working in clinics, the SHC IBD Clinical Pharmacy Team aimed to provide all of their IBD patients the knowledge of the recommended vaccines and access to obtain them. After creating approved Vaccination Guidelines for patients and a Pharmacist Collaborative Practice Agreement (CPA), SHC adjusted their care model to provide a health maintenance consultation to ALL new patients and opened services to all IBD providers and their patients on a referral-basis to reach existing patients in need of vaccination consultation. SHC's IBD program has 5 clinic locations throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, composed of a multidisciplinary team of 9 IBD prescribers, including 8 physicians and 1 PA, who see approximately 3,500 patients per year.

The SHC IBD Clinical Pharmacy program has received excellent praise and collaboration from the IBD providers and wonderful support from the Pharmacy Department since its inception.



Community Outreach

National Winner

Kevin Cleveland, PharmD, ANP

Associate Professor, Idaho State University College of Pharmacy



Kevin Cleveland,
PharmD, ANP

Kevin W. Cleveland, PharmD, ANP is an Associate Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at Idaho State University College of Pharmacy. He earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Idaho State University and completed a clinical pharmacy residency in drug information at the Idaho Drug Information Center the following year. He has been a member of the faculty with Idaho State University for 19 years and has been involved with the experiential education for the past nine. His specialty areas include pharmacy delivered immunizations, medication therapy management, drug information and nuclear pharmacy.

For eight years, Kevin served on the Executive Board for the Idaho Immunization Coalition and held several leadership positions including Chair of the Executive Board. During his leadership tenure, the Coalition created a long-term sustainability plan to secure the longevity of their successful vaccination mission in Idaho. Kevin coordinates the ISU College of Pharmacy's pharmacy delivered immunization training, health screenings, immunization clinics, and educational sessions. Over the last three years, he has worked with numerous community stakeholders on statewide vaccination efforts including coordinating drive-through influenza clinics, COVID-19 vaccination clinics and increasing vaccination rates in underserved populations in rural Idaho.

Kevin is a member of the United States Pharmacopeia, Rho Chi, and Phi Lambda Sigma. When he is not working, he is out spending time with family, mountain biking, hiking, backpacking, traveling, and Spartan racing.



Community Outreach

Honorable Mention

Uri Bassan, BSP Pharm

Immunization Program Manager, Best Buy Drugs and Rx Innovations



Uri Bassan, BSP Pharm

Uri Bassan graduated from the University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy in 1998 with a Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy. He worked for Walgreens for 12 years, then Omnicare Pharmacy for 9 years, then Albertsons for 5 years, and now Best Buy Drugs & Rx Innovations for the last 2 years. Uri was already conducting large pop-up vaccination clinics before the pandemic and leveraged that experience to bring the COVID vaccine to rural New Mexico. His efforts were so successful that the New York Times featured a story about the program on Thanksgiving in 2021.

In 2022, Uri memorialized a New Mexico immunization program that began before COVID-19 and grew exponentially during COVID-19 to what is now a model program that should be shared across the country. Prior to COVID-19, Uri was a pharmacy manager at a grocery chain, responsible for coordinating their on-site vaccination program. When COVID-19 began, because of his previous relationship with senior centers, assisted living centers, and nursing homes, he was contacted by the New Mexico Department of Aging (a state program) to partner with and support and scale COVID-19 vaccine administration in the northern part of New Mexico. With his team, he set up vaccination clinics at senior centers, churches, and businesses all over the state, traveling to more than 100 cities/towns. By the end of 2021, the grocery store chain no longer wanted to support the vaccine program, but the demand for vaccines was higher than ever. Uri decided to start his own business. Working with a local well-established independent pharmacy (Best Buy Drugs), Uri has taken vaccinating the state of New Mexico to a whole new level. His team of more than 100 employees (pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, medics, physicians, nurses) covers half the state of New Mexico going to schools (Vaccine for Children), churches, senior centers, assisted living facilities and anyone in the community that needs vaccines. He never says, "no." Growing this successful business is a model for every state to learn how to overcome challenges of a diverse and rural population.

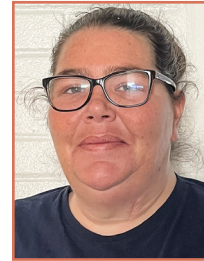


Pharmacy Team Member

National Winner

Amber Coleman, CPhT

Certified Immunizer, PTCB, Walgreens



Amber Coleman, CPhT

Amber Coleman, CPhT started as a Pharmacy Technician in 2004 with Price Chopper in the Kansas City Metro Area where she was promoted from Pharmacy Technician to Lead Pharmacy Technician. In 2012, after moving to the Gulf Coast area, Amber continued her passion of working in the pharmaceutical area with the Kessler Air Force Base before accepting a position with Walgreens in 2014.

Throughout the recent COVID-19 pandemic and continuing flu seasons, Amber has provided endless support to Walgreens pharmacies in the state of Mississippi. Starting in March 2021, Walgreens received their first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. Amber instantly sprang into action by providing support to not only the community but to the pharmacists, as well. Her work was critical in setting up and coordinating vaccine administration to long term care facilities within the state. She was able to set up clinic dates, initiate clinic agreements, procure vaccines, and coordinate with pharmacists to help them administer the COVID-19 vaccines in an efficient and safe manner. Alongside her COVID-19 vaccine lead role, Amber also helps schedule and complete yearly flu vaccine clinics. These flu clinics protect patients in long term care facilities, local schools, and local businesses. Since starting her vaccine lead role, she has helped and supported the protection of over 5,000 patients from COVID-19 and influenza.

Amber has received the Champion of Champions Award, PTCB Educator for the Mississippi District, and Pharmacy Technician of the Year award through the MPHA in 2022.



Pharmacy Team Member

Honorable Mention

David (Nate) Ryder, CPhT

Certified Immunizing Technician, Walgreens Pharmacy



David (Nate) Ryder,
CPhT

David (Nate) Ryder, CPhT has been a team member since February 2022. He became PTCB certified and an immunizer immediately. The store's goal was to provide 1,275 flu shots by end of fiscal year 2023. Nate approached his immunizing role seriously and helped boost many COVID-19 shots with each flu shot he administered. For example, Nate helped perform a clinic at Ramsey Solutions to immunize the entire staff of 200. He helped organize the clinic and assist the pharmacist on the day of clinic. The store currently has immunized close to 3,300 patients since March 2022 for COVID-19 and exceeded the goal for flu shots in early November 2022.

Nate's confidence and mannerisms in the Health patient room have often brought back patients asking specifically for him. He has taken the immunization portion of daily pharmacist role and owned it. Pharmacists can confidently perform their other daily job tasks comfortably knowing that Nate has this piece locked down.



Travel Health

National Winner

Beverly Schaefer, BSP Pharm

Co-owner, Katterman's Sand Point Pharmacy



Beverly Schaefer,
BSP Pharm

Beverly Schaefer, BSP Pharm was named one of APhA Foundation's Next Ten Women in Pharmacy, which prompted her staff to create a "Vaccine Queen" window display highlighting many of Beverly's awards, her Husky University of Washington connection, and telling the story about how she evolved as the "Vaccine Queen". The neighborhood loved the display and attracted people to the pharmacy for the first time to get an audience with "The Queen" for their travel immunizations.

Katterman's Pharmacy offers a complete line of travel immunizations and medications for travelers of all ages, including infants. The pharmacy educates and informs people about vaccines that would be most appropriate for their travel needs, including a review of personal immunization histories in the state data base and making recommendations to bring all patient immunizations up to date. Many Seattle organizations refer travel appointments to Katterman's including Kaiser Permanente, University of Washington, The Boeing Company, Seattle Merchant Marine, and several airlines. Katterman's Pharmacy is an immunization champion year round, providing about 15,000 immunizations annually.



Individual Practitioner Past Recipients

2022

National Winners
Alexandria Rothey
Jordan Smith
Honorable Mention
Jacinda C.
Abdul-Mutakabbir

2021

National Winner
Krista Capehart
Honorable Mention
Grace Lee

2020

National Winner
Heather Stewart
Honorable Mention
Erica Mahn

2019

National Winner
Kimberly McKeirman
Honorable Mention
Cherokee Layson-Wolf
Sarah Mahdy

2018

National Winners
Andrew Demotto
Holly E. Gurgle
Honorable Mention
Tuong-Lan Nguyen
Luis Rosago

2017

National Winners
Jeff Jackson
Alanna Isobe
Honorable Mention
Mihran Chaprazian

2016

National Winner
LCDR Holly Van Lew
Honorable Mention
Deanne Hall
Anne Skoe

2015

National Winners
Kelechi Aguwa
Kenneth McCall
Honorable Mention
Mary Choy
MAJ Brandi Schuyler
Maria Young

2014

National Winners
Eric Crumbaugh
Julie Gambaiani
Honorable Mention
Carlisha Gentles
Todd McWilliams,
George Veltri

2013

National Winners
Donald Auwinger
Kerri Okamura
Honorable Mention
Carl Wright

2012

National Winner
Marty Feltner
Honorable Mention
Karen Horbowicz
Paras Chokshi,
Dan Heller

2011

National Winners
C. Derris Hurley
Michelle G. Johnson
Honorable Mention
Ruben D. Atencio
Ashley Branham
Monali N. Majmudar

2010

National Winners
Dennis C. Galluzzo
Katherine Schmoll
Probst
Honorable Mention
Louis Carl Fontana
Adam C. Welch

2009

National Winners
Vincent A. Hartzell
Paul A. Schiavi
Honorable Mention
Edward Christofano
Joe Heidrick

Corporation/Institution Past Recipients

2022

National Winner
Kroger Health
Honorable Mention
University of Southern
California School
of Pharmacy - Los
Angeles City COVID-19
Vaccination Program

2021

National Winner
Rhode Island
Pharmacist Association
Honorable Mention
Purdue University
Pharmacy

2020

National Winners
Sand Run Pharmacy
Walgreens Co.
Honorable Mention
Red Lake Indian Health
Service Pharmacy
Rite Aid

2019

National Winner
Oklahoma City Indian
Clinic Pharmacy

Honorable Mention
FDA PHS Vaccine Clinic

2018

National Winner
Albertsons Companies

2017

National Winner
Norton Sound Health
Corporation

2016

National Winner
Giant Eagle Pharmacy

Honorable Mention
Realo Discount
Drugs, SUPERVALU
Pharmacies

2015

National Winner
Walgreens Co.
Honorable Mention
H-E-B Pharmacy

2014

National Winner
Safeway
Honorable Mention
Osterhaus Pharmacy

2013

National Winner
Target
Honorable Mention
CVS Caremark

2012

National Winner
Rite Aid
Honorable Mention
Children's Medical
Center
Dallas, TX

2011

National Winner
Walgreens
Honorable Mention
Tim Mitchell Medical,
Inc.

2010

National Winner
The Kroger Co. Family
of Pharmacies
Honorable Mention
West Milford Pharmacy

2009

National Winner
Safeway



Community Outreach Past Recipients

2022

National Winner
Jennifer Twilla
Honorable Mention
Mayank Amin
Edmond Hudon

2021

National Winner
Brian Winbigler
Honorable Mention
Jeffrey Marentette

2020

National Winner
Zeshan Mahmood
Honorable Mention
Sara Fietsam

2019

National Winner
Leslie Hurst
Honorable Mention
Elizabeth Skoy
Melvin Baron

2018

National Winner
Reeves-Sain Drug Store
2017
National Winner
Duquesne University School of Pharmacy

2016

National Winner
Pratik Patel
Honorable Mention
West Penn Hospital Immunization Clinic

2015

National Winner
Mayank Amin
Honorable Mention
Safeway Pharmacy

2014

National Winner
Monali Majmudar
Honorable Mention
Allison Dering- Anderson

2013

National Winner
University of California-San Diego Student-Run Free Clinics
Honorable Mention
University of Oklahoma

2012

National Winner
University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy

2011

National Winner
Pequot Pharmaceutical Network (PRxN) FluCru
Honorable Mention
University of Georgia College of Pharmacy

2010

National Winner
Ukrop's Pharmacy
Honorable Mention
Share Our Selves Free Medical Clinic

2009:

National Winner
HEB

Pharmacy Team Member Past Recipients

2022

National Winner
Amanda Hittle

2021

National Winner
Sara Dreyer

2020

National Winner
Christine Ramos

2019

National Winner
Casey Haycock

2018

National Winner
Cecilia Dudero

2017

National Winner
Celia Sadler

2016

National Winner
Kathie Smith

2015

National Winner
Louis Jimenez III

2014

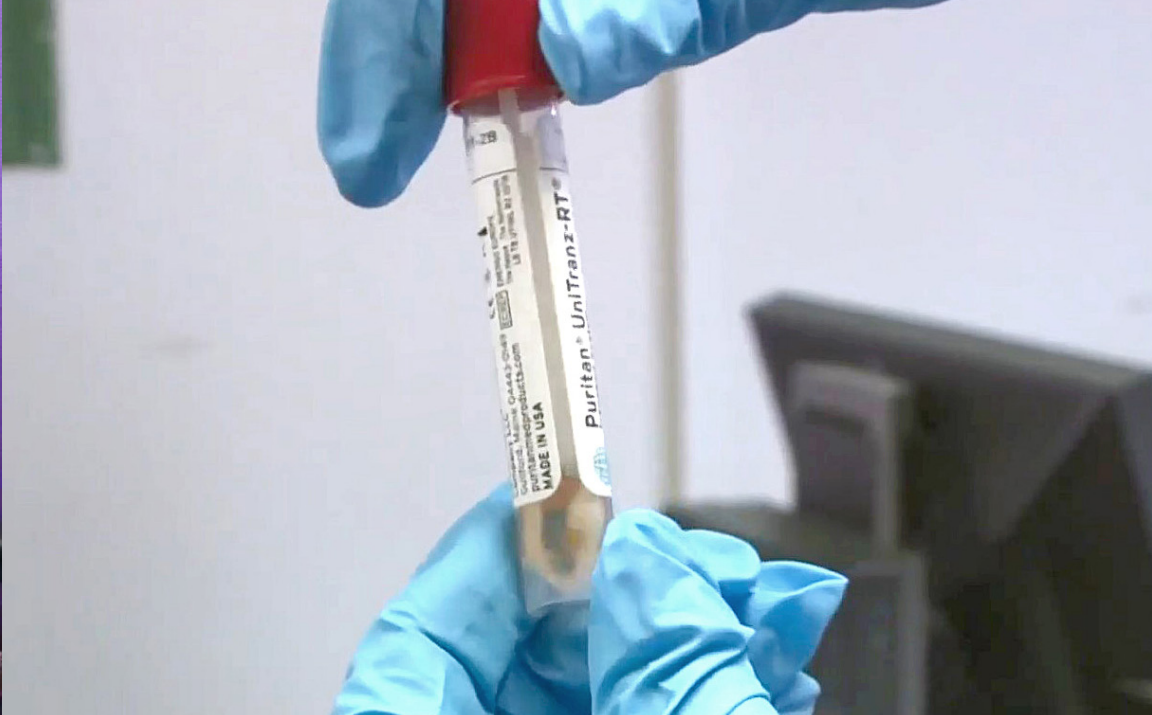
National Winner
Marianne Reed

2013

National Winner
Debbie Isakson

2012

National Winner
Micheline Gleason



Travel Health Past Recipients

2020

National Winner
Karl Hess

Honorable Mention
**UNC Campus Health
Pharmacy**

2019

National Winner
Crockett Tidwell

Friend of Pharmacy Past Recipients

Friend of Pharmacy: an individual who is a non-pharmacist and has supported, facilitated, or advocated for pharmacists' role in immunizations. Individuals could include a coalition leader, community leader, policy maker, physician, public health official, reporter, etc.

2022

National Winner
William Chang

2021

National Winner
Mike Popovich

2020

National Winner
Michelle Martinez

2019

National Winner
**Kyle Pohl, MD
Jay Flynn, MD**

2018

National Winner
Kimberly Battreall

2016

National Winner
Bruce Gellin, MD, MPH

2015

National Winner
Paul Jarris, MD, MBA

2014

National Winner
William Schaffner, MD

2013

National Winner
**Carolyn Buxton Bridges,
MD**

2012

National Winner
Deborah Wexler, MD

2011

National Winner
**Elizabeth Rosenblum,
MD**

2010

National Winner
**RADM Newton E.
Kendig, MD**

2009

National Winner
Litjen "LJ" Tan, PhD

Lifetime Achievement Past Recipients

2022

Michael D. Hogue, PharmD, FAPhA, FNAP

Outstanding Career Achievement Past Recipients

2019

**Jeffery Goad, PharmD,
FAPhA, FCPHA, FCSHP**

2018

**William L. Atkinson,
MD, MPH**

2012

Dennis Stanley, RPh

2010

**Stephan L. Foster,
PharmD, FAPhA**

Partnership with Other HealthCare Providers Past Recipients

2018

National Winner
Project VACCINATE

2017

National Winner
Margie Padilla
Honorable Mention
**Michigan Pharmacists
Association**

2016

National Winner
**Maryland Partnership
for Prevention**
Honorable Mention
Cape Fear Clinic

2015

National Winner
**Garth Reynolds,
Illinois Pharmacists
Association**

2014

National Winner
**White County, Arkansas
Local Health Unit**
Honorable Mention
**Lifetime Health Medical
Group**

2013

National Winner
**The University of Texas
at El Paso Student
Health Center**
Honorable Mention
IPHARM

2012

National Winner
**University of Missouri-
Kansas City School of
Pharmacy**
Honorable Mention
Tieton Village Drugs

2011

National Winner
**The Buffalo Psychiatric
Center, New York State
Office of Mental Health**
Honorable Mention
**USPHS/ISH/Phoenix
Indian Medical Center**

2010

National Winner
**Touro College of
Pharmacy**
Honorable Mention
**Washington State
University College of
Pharmacy**
2009
National Winner
**Oregon Pharmacists
Association**



Additional Immunization Activities

The 2023 Immunization Champion Awards nominations reflected a tremendous amount of work by pharmacists to support the immunization neighborhood through a variety of collaborations, partnerships, and innovation. In particular, the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to manage COVID-19 vaccinations motivated pharmacists to take their work to an even higher level. Much of the work being recognized included:

- Collaboration with multiple health professionals
- Partnership with businesses and community organizations
- Outreach to the community
- Leveraging students and pharmacy technicians to expand vaccination services

Here are a few examples of other great work being done by some of the 2023 nominees:

- Ritch's Pharmacy took immunizations outside the 4 walls of the pharmacy and offered immunization services to senior centers, local restaurants, community centers, law firms, and long-term care/assisted living facilities.

- The team at Sterling Rapid Response provided education via telephone to patients prior to team members arriving at patients' homes. They conducted clinics for churches, companies, a food pantry, and a government building.
- ONU HealthWise provided immunization and chronic care services to food banks, homeless shelters, and underserved communities. The mobile clinic served 30 sites in 10 counties. The team also partnered with health department nurses to provide vaccines to rural areas including the county fair. They worked with the YMCA, nursing homes, public libraries, county officials, churches, schools, first responders, and media outlets.
- In communities with high vaccine hesitancy and limited trust in the medical system, Hillcrest Pharmacy and Compounding partnered with the local council of churches to vaccinate congregations, including pastors and their families. By partnering with the Office of Aging, Hillcrest filled a vital community role in vaccinating home-bound patients in need of flu, shingles, and COVID vaccines. Hillcrest also increased vaccination rates in the community by making it easy and fun, bringing groups together at churches, community events, expos, and schools to enjoy each other's company while being vaccinated. They motivated kids with toys and played movies and music during waiting periods.
- The Purdue University Pharmacy partnered with and utilized the student pharmacists enrolled in the Purdue University College of Pharmacy to provide immunizations across the campus community. This allowed student pharmacists the opportunity to practice what they have learned and engage in clinical services. The pharmacy also partnered with the university's student health center to coordinate the vaccination of all incoming freshmen.
- Walmart coordinated a nine-city, health and wellness tour in October 2022. Each of these free, community events featured an 18-foot, Walmart Wellness trailer, complete with four clinical exam rooms. Walmart pharmacists offered free, CDC-approved, COVID-19 vaccines and boosters for adults as well as for children five and older. In addition, the services included free health screenings, pharmacist consultations, and eyeglass adjustments and cleanings. And a variety of low-cost immunizations and the flu vaccine were available for patients who are 10 and older. In addition to the vehicle, Walmart deployed a custom pop-up display for events the vehicle can't reach or attend, such as the rotunda of a Capitol building or an expo space at a hotel conference.
- Walmart utilized its technicians to increase the capacity to vaccinate. Walmart has trained approximately 14,000 technicians to immunize and continues to train interested technicians to assist in protecting their communities.

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Thank you to the more
than 400,000 trained pharmacists and
student pharmacists, and more than
125,000 pharmacy technicians who are
improving the public health of
their communities.