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2018 AWARDS AND HONORS

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The American Pharmacists Association is pleased to recognize the following individuals and organizations for their significant contributions to the profession of pharmacy. Through its recognition program, APhA believes it can stimulate research, practice innovations, quality publications, and leadership development that will improve medication use and advance patient care. APhA would like to thank all of the volunteers who have contributed their time and expertise to ensure that these deserving individuals are recognized.
Awards and Honors Presentations
APhA2018 Annual Meeting

Federal Pharmacy Forum Opening General Session
Friday, March 16, 2018 • 8:30 am–12:15 pm
Omni, Broadway Ballroom A-E
APhA Distinguished Federal Pharmacist Award

APhA-PAC Reception
March 16, 2018 • 5:30 pm–6:30 pm
Music City Center, Room 209BC
APhA Hubert H. Humphrey Award
APhA Good Government Pharmacist-of-the-Year Award
APhA Good Government Student Pharmacist-of-the-Year Award

APhA Opening General Session
Saturday, March 17, 2018 • 9:00 am–11:00 am
Music City Center, Karl Dean Grand Ballroom
Remington Honor Medal
APhA Outstanding APhA–ASP Chapter Advisor Award
APhA Daniel B. Smith Practice Excellence Award
APhA Takeru Higuchi Research Prize
APhA Fellows
APhA Hugo H. Schaefer Award
APhA Gloria Niemeyer Francke Leadership Mentor Award
APhA H.A.B. Dunning Award

Community-based Pharmacy Residency Networking Reception
Saturday, March 17, 2018 • 5:15 pm–6:15 pm
Music City Center, Room 209B
APhA Community Pharmacy Residency Excellence in Precepting Award

APhA–APPM Nuclear Pharmacists’ Breakfast and Special Interest Group (SIG) Business Meeting
Sunday, March 18, 2017 • 7:00 am–9:00 am
Music City Center, Room 205
APhA–APPM William H. Briner Distinguished Achievement Award in Nuclear Pharmacy Practice

APhA Second General Session
Sunday, March 18, 2018 • 9:00 am–11:00 am
Music City Center, Karl Dean Grand Ballroom
APhA Honorary President
APhA Honorary Membership
APhA–APRS Ebert Prize
APhA–APRS Clinical Research Paper Award
APhA–APRS Wiederholt Prize
APhA–APRS Research Achievement Award
APhA Distinguished New Practitioner Award
Generation Rx Award of Excellence
APhA Pharmacy Management Excellence Award
APhA–APPM Distinguished Achievement Award in Pharmacy Practice
APhA–APPM Distinguished Achievement Award in Service

APhA–ASP Awards Celebration
Sunday, March 18, 2018 • 8:00 pm–10:00 pm
Convention Center, Karl Dean Grand Ballroom
APhA Outstanding APhA–ASP Chapter Advisor Award
APhA–ASP Outstanding Dean Award
APhA Student Leadership Awards
APhA–ASP Chapter Achievement Awards
APhA–ASP National Patient Counseling Competition Award
APhA–ASP PharmFlix Awards
REMINGTON HONOR MEDAL
The Remington Honor Medal, named for eminent community pharmacist, manufacturer, and educator Joseph P. Remington (1847–1918), was established in 1918 to recognize distinguished service on behalf of American pharmacy during the preceding years, culminating in the past year, or during a long period of outstanding activity or fruitful achievement.

Harold N. Godwin, BSPharm, MS, RPh, FASHP, FAPhA, Professor Emeritus at the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy, was selected in recognition of a fifty-year career in pharmacy. He has been a leader, mentor, and advocate for students, residents and colleagues and the profession as a whole. Godwin has held numerous leadership positions at the local, state and national levels, including Chair of the Board of Directors of the Board of Pharmacy Specialties and President of APhA, ASHP, and ACPE. A highlight of his career, Godwin led the movement to place hospital admixture IV services under the authority of pharmacy. It is due to his early-career initiative that these pharmacy-run services are commonplace in hospitals nationwide. Godwin was also one of the pioneers of clinical pharmacy services in hospitals and clinical rotations for student pharmacists. Residency programs that he has created or led have trained more than 250 pharmacy residents.

HUGO H. SCHAEFER AWARD
The Hugo H. Schaefer Award was established by the American Pharmacists Association in 1964 to honor the long-time APhA Treasurer, Dr. Hugo H. Schaefer, for a lifetime of contributions to the profession of pharmacy and in particular for his service to APhA. The purpose of the award is to recognize an individual who has made outstanding voluntary contributions to society as well as to the profession of pharmacy and APhA.

Robert L. Alesiani Jr., PharmD, BCGP Chief Pharmacotherapy Officer at CareKinesis, Inc., in Moorestown, NJ, is recognized for outstanding voluntary contributions to the profession. Committed to medication safety, he was among the first U.S. clinical pharmacists to provide pharmacogenomics testing coordination and interpretation to people on high-risk medications. He is a frequent writer and presenter on medication safety in the elderly. As director of the Clinical Care Center for excelleRx, he helped develop a grading scale that held pharmacists accountable for maintaining clinical benchmarks, including improvement in pain scores, respiratory status, anxiety and agitation. Alesiani mentors PharmD candidates at the University of the Sciences and Temple University. He volunteers as a pharmacy coach for the Pharmacist Care Network. A member of the board of directors of the Prince Association for the Developmentally Disabled, he provides pro-bono medication risk mitigation for residents of the association’s three boarding homes. He has been a first-responder on the New Jersey Emergency Medical First Response Team.
HUBERT H. HUMPHREY AWARD
The Humphrey Award, named for the noted pharmacist, long-time APhA Member, and public servant (senator from Minnesota and U.S. Vice President) was established in 1978 to recognize APhA Members who have made major contributions in government and/or legislative service.

Timothy L. Tucker, PharmD, FAPhA owner of City Drug Co in Huntingdon, TN, is selected in recognition of his tireless volunteerism and leadership in his profession and community. A past president of APhA, Tucker served on the Board of Trustees for a decade and twice as Speaker of the House. He has served as PAC Board Trustee Liaison as well as Chair of the Government Affairs Committee. He is a past president, executive director, and national speaker for Phi Lambda Sigma. He has been fraternity advisor for Lambda Chi Alpha at Union University for the last 30 years. He’s served Tennessee Pharmacists Association as president, treasurer and Speaker of the House. Dr. Tucker is a former president of the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy. He is immediate past president of ACPE and on the admissions board for University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy. A Huntingdon, TN, City Councilman for 28 years, he has served three terms as the city’s vice-mayor. He chaired his local American Cancer Society Relay for Life for nearly two decades. He has served as president of his local baseball league for 11 years and served on the Huntingdon Special School District Board since 2010.

GOOD GOVERNMENT PHARMACIST-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD
The award, established in 1990, recognizes an individual pharmacist who actively contributes to the community through his or her involvement in the political process.

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Cortney Mospan, PharmD, BCACP, BCGP, an assistant professor at Wingate University School of Pharmacy, is selected in recognition of work with the North Carolina Association of Pharmacists during the 2017 North Carolina Legislative Session. Mospan volunteered to chair NCAP’s first Policy & Advocacy Committee during the 2017 session. In that role, she led the efforts to organize the state’s Pharmacy Legislative Day. She rallied the support of pharmacists and students attending the event and meeting with representatives and senators. Under her leadership, the committee helped NCAP members support two bills in 2017, which were ultimately passed and made law. They included the Strengthen Opioid Misuse and Prevention Act and the Pharmacy Patient Fair Practice Act. Mospan is now working with NCAP to expand collaborative practice authority in the state. Mospan has also worked on practice advancement in Ohio, providing testimony for successful efforts to expand pharmacist immunization authority. She also focuses on preparing student pharmacists for advocacy roles, publishing on the topic, and coordinating legislative training sessions.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP
Honorary membership in the American Pharmacists Association is conferred by the APhA Board of Trustees upon individuals, either within the profession of pharmacy or outside of it, whose activities and achievements have had a significant impact on public health, the profession, and its practitioners.

Patricia L. Worthen of Cincinnati, OH, is selected in recognition of her long-term support of student pharmacists, early-career pharmacists and the pharmacy profession. Worthen and her husband established the Dennis and Patricia Worthen APhA-ASP Presidential Award in 2003 to recognize the leadership and commitment of APhA-ASP presidents. Worthen, who once considered a career in pharmacy, frequently accompanies him to APhA, other pharmacy meetings, and to schools of pharmacy. At these venues, student and early-career pharmacists know her as an advocate for the profession and a cheerleader for their individual careers. She is also a research and editorial assistant for work in the history of pharmacy. In collaboration with a local pharmacy group in New York, Worthen, who has a long-term interest in adult literacy, developed a program to help pharmacists identify and support patients with low literacy.
HONORARY PRESIDENT
Honorary President of the American Pharmacists Association is conferred by the Association upon a member who has made significant contributions to the Association.

Stanley M. Shaw, PhD, FAPhA, FASHP, FFIP, of Battleground, IN, was selected in recognition of outstanding contributions to APhA and the pharmacy profession. Shaw, retired professor and former head of the division of nuclear pharmacy at Purdue University College of Pharmacy, has been an active member of APhA for more than 43 years. He has accumulated 24 years of service as a chair or co-chair of various committees. He was instrumental in the formation of APhA’s Section on Nuclear Pharmacy and has served twice as its elected Chair. Shaw was one the key members of the newly established section that petitioned the Board of Pharmacy Specialties to recognize nuclear pharmacy as a specialty. Following its recognition in 1987, Shaw was a founding member of the BPS Specialty Council on Nuclear Pharmacy, which set the standards that serve as a foundation of the exam today. He was named an APhA-APPM Fellow in 1987. He earned the APhA-APPM Distinguished Achievement in Nuclear Pharmacy Practice Award in 1998 and the Daniel B. Smith Practice Excellence Award in 2000.

GLORIA NIEMEYER FRANCKE LEADERSHIP MENTOR AWARD
This award recognizes an APhA member who has promoted and encouraged pharmacists to attain leadership positions within pharmacy through example as a role model and mentor. The pharmacist for whom the award is named—Gloria Niemeyer Francke, PharmD—personally exemplified the award’s criteria. Dr. Francke, 1986 APhA Honorary President and 1987 Remington Honor Medalist, inspired and mentored future leaders throughout her illustrious pharmacy career.

Lucinda L. Maine, PhD, RPh, FAPhA, of Arlington, VA, is honored for a career in leadership while inspiring and mentoring others to excel in leadership as well. Executive vice president and CEO of AACP, Maine leads the organization whose members educate all U.S. pharmacists. In this role, she considers it her honor to prepare AACP members to excel as leaders. She provides individual mentorship to student pharmacists, administrators, faculty and staff of member schools. Maine began her career in leadership as national president of then SAPhA in 1979. She has held professional and voluntary leadership roles in academia, state and national associations ever since. In addition to ten years in policy and professional affairs at APhA, she served as Speaker of the House of Delegates, Trustee to the Board of Trustees, and Chairman of the House Committee on Nominations among other roles. Maine represents pharmacy at NAM, Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professions Education, Interprofessional Education Collaborative, Research America, and many others.
DISTINGUISHED FEDERAL PHARMACIST AWARD
Established in 2002, the Distinguished Federal Pharmacist Award is the Association’s premier award to recognize pharmacists who have distinguished themselves and the profession by outstanding contributions in federal pharmacy practice that have resulted in a significant improvement in the health of the nation and/or the population they serve.

*Endowed by the Roche Foundation*

Anthony P. Morreale, PharmD, MBA, BCPS, FASHP, of La Jolla, CA, is recognized for 33 years of leadership and innovation in the Veterans Administration and federal sector. Morreale has played an important role in key innovations including the VA’s first comprehensive pharmaceutical care program, integration of pharmacoeconomics and pharmacogenomics into clinical pharmacy practice, development of the VA national formulary, creation of novel PGY2 residencies, and advancements of new clinical pharmacy practice models in ambulatory care, pain management, antimicrobial stewardship, mental health, primary care, and emergency services. The Clinical Pharmacy Practice Office, under Morreale’s direction, has led and overseen an 82% increase in advanced practice pharmacists with prescribing privileges. In addition, his office created the largest tracking system for pharmacist interventions and outcomes in US history, which has been instrumental in demonstrating the value of clinical pharmacists. Named an honorary member of the US Public Health Service (USPHS) Pharmacy Program, Morreale has a long history of collaboration with USPHS and the Department of Defense.

H.A.B. DUNNING AWARD
The purpose of the award is to recognize an exemplary contribution to APhA and the practice of pharmacy by a pharmaceutical manufacturer, provider of support products or service, or other entities such as wholesalers, chain corporations, etc. The H.A.B. Dunning Award was established in 1982 to honor the former Chairman of the Board of Hynson, Westcott and Dunning of Baltimore, MD, who as a longstanding APhA leader was instrumental in the funding and building of the APhA headquarters building in Washington, DC.

The Community Pharmacy Foundation (CPF) is recognized for its mission to advance patient care services in community pharmacy. CPF was established in 2000 to provide grants related to its mission. To date, the foundation has awarded 177 grants and projects totaling more than $8.5 million. The study findings have resulted in some 60 peer reviewed publications as well as practice-based resources readily accessible on the foundation’s website. Beyond funding community pharmacy innovation, CPF is committed to supporting grantees throughout their application and research process with operational guidance and peer connections. Several grantees continue to expand their ideas as financially sustainable pharmacy services or through generating pilot data to achieve larger private and government grants. CPF is also a strong supporter of APhA and its initiatives, including APhA Foundation’s incentive grant program, APhA’s PGY1 Community Pharmacy Residency Program Resource Manual, and the IMPACT Implementation Institute.
COMMUNITY PHARMACY RESIDENCY EXCELLENCE IN PRECEPTING AWARD
The APhA Community Pharmacy Residency Excellence in Precepting Award was established to recognize a community pharmacy residency director or preceptor who has demonstrated excellence in precepting, mentoring, leadership, and community pharmacy residency program administration. The award, established in 2003, is intended to recognize pharmacy practitioners who excel as community pharmacy residency directors or preceptors.

Kristin A. Casper, PharmD, BCACP, of Columbus, OH, is recognized for her commitment to pharmacy residents. Every year, Casper, who is an associate professor of clinical pharmacy at The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy, serves as a primary preceptor, teaching mentor, and/or research mentor for community pharmacy residents. Throughout her career, she has been involved in the training of over 35 residents. Casper often continues to mentor early-career pharmacists after they’ve completed residency to help see projects and research started in residency through to completion with over 40 abstracts and manuscripts published. She has also contributed to innovative practice and incorporation of residents as valuable members of her practice sites which have included Kroger Pharmacy, Clinical Partners, and the Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio. As one of OSU’s first community pharmacy residents herself, Casper has been an integral part of the growth and development of the residency program.

DISTINGUISHED NEW PRACTITIONER AWARD
The Distinguished New Practitioner Award was established in 2010 to recognize an individual new practitioner who has demonstrated distinctive achievements in mentorship, service, and commitment to the profession of pharmacy.

David R. Steeb, PharmD, MPH, of Chapel Hill, NC, was selected for outstanding leadership as an early-career pharmacist. As clinical assistant professor and Director of Global Engagement at the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy, Steeb conducts research in the area of global pharmacy education and helps develop strategic global initiatives for faculty and students. Steeb has sought out leadership opportunities since he was a student pharmacist. He was APhA-ASP Regional Delegate and then National President-elect, the highest office a student pharmacist can hold. He represented over 33,000 student pharmacists nationwide and served as a voting member of the APhA Board of Trustees. He has served the APhA New Practitioner Network as Chair of the Standing Committee on Membership and Involvement and as Vice Chair/Chair of the New Practitioner Advisory Committee. Formerly the New Practitioner Mentor to UNC’s APhA-ASP Chapter, today he serves as Chapter Co-Advisor. Steeb currently serves as the Chair-elect of the Global Pharmacy Education SIG for AACP.

GENERATION RX AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
The Generation Rx Award of Excellence was established in 2011 to recognize a pharmacist who has demonstrated a commitment to the mission of substance abuse education. This award is made possible through a restricted endowment from the Cardinal Health Foundation.

Restricted endowment from the Cardinal Health Foundation

Charles J. Broussard, BSPharm, MEd, FAPhA, of Maineville, OH, is recognized for a career dedicated to substance abuse education, prevention and recovery. He has presented on drug misuse prevention around the country and has made significant contributions to the literature on this public health issue. Broussard helped establish the APhA Institute on Alcoholism and Drug Dependencies and the APhA-APPM Pain, Palliative Care and Addiction SIG. He serves on the Board of Trustees for the Ohio Pharmacists Rehabilitation Organization and has maintained a website (www.usaprn.org) that provides information on Pharmacist Recovery Network programs throughout the country. It has proved to be an invaluable source for individuals involved in state recovery programs and well as those seeking help. A graduate of the University of Tennessee, in Memphis, he has been a staff pharmacist at Mercy Hospital in Fairfield, OH, since 1987.
Fellows of the American Pharmacists Association

A Fellow of the American Pharmacists Association is a member of the APhA Academy of Pharmacy Practice & Management (APhA–APPM) or the APhA Academy of Pharmaceutical Research & Science (APhA–APRS) with a minimum of 10 years of professional experience and achievements in professional practice. An APhA Fellow has also rendered outstanding service to the profession through activities in APhA and other organizations. Examples of service to organizations may include an elected or appointed office; service on a committee, expert panel, or review board; or other relevant activities. The selection of members as APhA Fellows is made by their respective Academy.

SELECTED AS APhA FELLOWS BY APhA–APPM
Jennifer L. Adams, PharmD, EdD
Richard L. Green, BSPharm, BCNP
Rupal Mansukhani, PharmD
Kenneth L. McCall III, PharmD, BCGP
Wendy Mobley-Bukstein, PharmD, BCACP, CDE, CHWC
Ronald A. Nosek, Jr., RPh, MS, FASHP
Sarah Ray, PharmD, BCPS
Rebecca P. Snead, BSPharm
Alex C. Varkey, PharmD, MS
May J. Woo, BSPharm

SELECTED AS APhA FELLOWS BY APhA–APRS
Gary E. DeLander, BSPharm, PhD
Lisa M. Guirguis, BScPharm, MSc, PhD
Pamela Heaton, BSPharm, MS, PhD
Erin Holmes, PharmD, PhD
Karen Hudmon, BSPharm, MS, DrPH
Jan Kavookjian, MBA, PhD
Monina R. Lahoz, BSIP, MS, PhD
Beth A. Martin, BSPharm, MS, PhD
Nathaniel Rickles, PharmD, PhD, BCPP
Andy Stergachis, BPharm, PhD
Selected as Fellows by APhA-APPm

Jennifer L. Adams, PharmD, EdD, is Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Clinical Associate Professor at Idaho State University College of Pharmacy. Adams recently joined the faculty at Idaho State after rising through the ranks at the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP). There, she was instrumental in streamlining the application and admissions process for PharmD applicants. Adams helped increase access to academic pharmacy careers through her role in the development of programs such as the AACP Walmart Scholars Program. She worked to expand and improve the PharmD applicant pool through national recruitment campaigns that raise the profile of the profession. Dedicated to APhA, Adams was a staff member early in her career and has since served as a media advisor, a delegate in the House of Delegates, guest speaker, and longtime judge for the National Patient Counseling Competition.

Richard L. Green, BSPharm, BCNP, is Director of Radiopharmacy Practice in the Quality and Regulatory Department at Cardinal Health Nuclear Pharmacy Services. In this role, he oversees the policies of more than one-third of U.S. nuclear pharmacies. He works with state boards of pharmacy to implement nuclear pharmacy regulations, giving personal testimony on the impact of traditional regulations on nuclear pharmacies. Green has organized numerous educational materials for nuclear pharmacists and presented at meetings around the country. ACMUI’s sole nuclear pharmacist member, Green represents his specialty in the only official advisory body to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on policy and technical issues that arise in the regulation of medical uses of radioactive material in diagnosis and therapy. During 25 years of APhA membership, Green has led efforts in Nuclear Pharmacy SIG to formulate nuclear pharmacy regulations and policy.

Rupal Mansukhani, PharmD, is clinical associate professor at Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy at Rutgers University. Mansukhani was the first clinical community faculty member at Rutgers and the first to launch a clinical community practice in the state. In that setting, she created an MTM training program for 36 pharmacists. Her MTM program at Pathmark provided a clinical community rotation for Rutgers students. With a colleague, Mansukhani founded the first community practice residency in the state. When pharmacists became authorized to immunize, Mansukhani developed an immunization program that was implemented in 60 stores. In two years, Mansukhani and her colleague trained 400 pharmacists who administered 37,000 immunizations. The transitions-of-care program she developed for patients with COPD significantly reduced hospital readmissions compared to usual care. Many of the programs and roles Mansukhani has pioneered have culminated in presentations or other contributions to APhA. She is the coordinator for the Transitions of Care SIG and presented on the COPD program at the 2016 annual meeting.

Kenneth L. McCall III, PharmD, BCGP, associate professor at the University of New England College of Pharmacy, has served on the Board of Directors, as legislative liaison and two-term president of the Maine Pharmacists Association. He is a co-advisor and preceptor to UNE’s APhA-ASP chapter. McCall has led the development and launch of three ASHP-APhA-accredited community residency programs. A volunteer immunizer in the Maine VA system, he immunizes veterans and their spouses and precepts health professions students in the administration of some 2000 immunizations per year. McCall has worked with stakeholders to support and enact legislation to expand pharmacists’ role in immunization, smoking cessation and prevention of opioid misuse. He collaborated with NACDS and APhA for six years across three congressional sessions to advocate for federal provider status. He has given more than 50 state and national presentations and authored or co-authored 30 peer-reviewed papers.
Wendy Mobley-Bukstein, PharmD, BCACP, CDE, CHWC, is an Assistant Professor of Community Pharmacy Practice at Drake University. A certified trainer in APhA educational programs, Mobley-Bukstein, offers MTM training to Drake students and practitioners and has piloted an innovative online course. Mobley-Bukstein has served APhA on committees, as poster judge, a representative in the House of Delegates, Diabetes SIG coordinator, Member-at-Large on the APhA-APPm Executive Committee, and as co-advisor to Drake’s APhA-ASP chapter. As director of Student Organization Community Engagement, she oversees students’ development of their own community service programs, often serving as preceptor. She spearheaded Drake’s booth at the Iowa State Fair, which educated individuals on opioid abuse, immunizations and diabetes care. Mobley-Bukstein is active in the American Association of Diabetes Educators, Iowa Pharmacy Association, and Kappa Psi, in which she has served as Grand Council Deputy since 2013. She was inducted into Drake’s Phi Lambda Sigma chapter in 2014.

Ronald A. Nosek, Jr., BSPharm, MS, FASHP, is Deputy Chief Consultant for the Pharmacy Benefit Management office in the Department of Veterans Affairs and retired Navy Commander. He oversees the provision of benefits to more than nine million veterans and their families. Nosek leads the CHAMPVA Meds by Mail program which allows eligible Veteran family members to receive maintenance medications at no cost. As Deputy Director of the Department of Defense Patient Safety Center, he developed the functional requirements for a comprehensive web-based DoD-wide patient safety reporting system. In addition to 25 publications and presentations and 27 DoD-specific publications, Nosek served on the IRBs at both Bethesda National Naval Medical Center and U.S. Military Cancer Institute. He was also associate or principle investigator on five drug-related investigational studies. He has served on numerous APhA committees and as a VA primary delegate to the House of Delegates.

Sarah Ray, PharmD, BCPS, is an Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Concordia University Wisconsin School of Pharmacy. Ray and her faculty partner pioneered the provision of clinical pharmacy services at MLK Heritage Health Center, a federally qualified health center, which has hosted residents for four years under Ray’s preceptorship. Ray is also PGY1 Community-Based Pharmacy Residency Program Director at Concordia University Wisconsin. Currently APhA-APPm President, Ray has served on the APhA-APPm Executive Committee and as Chair of the Education Committee, the former Clinical/Pharmacotherapeutic Section, Physician and Resident Module Review Work Group, and the Community Pharmacy Residency Program Advisory Panel. Ray is also involved with other national, state and local pharmacy organizations as well. She is a founding member and past president of a local affiliate chapter of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy.

Rebecca P. Snead , BSPharm, is Executive Vice President and CEO of NASPA. She also serves as Secretary/Treasurer of Alliance for Patient Medication Safety, a federally listed Patient Safety Organization. Under Snead’s leadership, NASPA and APhA have come to build the collaborative relationship they enjoy today. Her vision made possible the APhA/NASPA Collaboration Principles agreement of 2010. Snead is a founding member of the Pharmacy Quality Alliance and serves on many national boards and alliances focused on advancing the profession of pharmacy. She was appointed by Secretary of Health Mike Leavitt to the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education, which she eventually chaired. Credited with saving the Bowl the Hygeia Award, Snead worked closely with APhA and its Foundation to bring the prestigious award to APhA and to create and fund an endowment to preserve the award for generations of pharmacists to come.
Alex C. Varkey, PharmD, MS, is Director of Pharmacy Services at Houston Methodist Hospital, where he has served in pharmacy management since 2008. In his tenure at the hospital, Varkey has started a number of pharmacy education programs including a two-year health-system pharmacy administration residency. As pharmacy director, he has led efforts to implement six new technologies including a new electronic health record and oncology IV prep robotics to improve efficiency and safety. He has also expanded efforts in controlled substance diversion prevention as part of a vision for a full-scale opioid stewardship program. Varkey’s team has expanded opportunities for staff pharmacists and technicians beyond distributive responsibilities to take on more clinical roles. Varkey began his service to APhA through APhA-ASP, of which he was National President. He has served in elected and appointed positions in all three APhA academies, the APhA Board, House of Delegates, and several APhA committees.

May J. Woo, BSPharm, is PIC/Pharmacy Manager at Arista Groups, which is in the process of opening its first pharmacy, Arista Pharmacy. As a volunteer adjunct professor at The University of Houston College of Pharmacy, Woo is a mentor to students and a consistent advocate for the profession and pharmacists’ role in patient care. She encourages students and new practitioners towards leadership roles in local, state and national associations, particularly APhA and its Texas affiliate. Woo models leadership in her own professional activities. She is a past national President of Phi Lambda Sigma and chapter advisor at UHCOP. Over 30 years in APhA, she has repeatedly represented Texas in the House of Delegates and served as both chair and member of many House of Delegates committees. A passionate promoter of women in pharmacy, Woo has served on APhA Foundation’s Women in Pharmacy and also the Wine Tasting/Silent Auction Committee. She is equally active in leadership and service to the Texas Pharmacy Association and Houston Area Pharmacy Association.
Selected as Fellows by APhA-APRS

Gary E. DeLander, BSPharm, PhD, is Executive Associate Dean of Oregon State University College of Pharmacy. His thirty years of research and more than 25 peer-reviewed publications contribute to scientific understanding of pain and analgesia; opioid-induced tolerance and dependence; and pain processing and inhibition. DeLander’s more recent research, since he became a college-level administrator, focuses on models of pharmacy education and has culminated in nine peer-reviewed publications, participation on AACP committees and taskforces, and ten years of service on the editorial board of the American Journal of Pharmacy Education. He further supported research expansion in his 15-year tenure as inaugural chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences. In 28 years of service as APhA-ASP chapter advisor, DeLander has encouraged students to pursue leadership positions, hosted multiple APhA-ASP Midyear Regional Meetings, and guided his chapter to numerous APhA-ASP patient care project and chapter achievement awards.

Lisa M. Guirguis, BScPharm, MSc, PhD, is an associate professor at the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and Director of Graduate Studies at the University of Alberta. Guirguis plays a critical role in the development and implementation of the innovative practices she studies. With her colleague Sherrill Johnson, Guirguis developed the Connect and CARE model in a project funded by the Canadian Pharmacists Association as part of their Blueprint for Pharmacy program. The evidence-based model supports community pharmacists in increasing engagement with patients. The Chat, Check and Chart model for patient care, which has been adapted for numerous conditions and disseminated widely through webinars, presentations, and newsletters, has been adopted internationally, including in the U.S. Guirguis has served APhA as a speaker, reviewer and committee member. She is associate editor of JAPhA and a reviewer for numerous other journals. She has served nine years in the Canadian Pharmacy Practice Research Group, an executive committee of the Canadian Pharmacists Association.

Pamela Heaton, BSPharm, MS, PhD, is a Professor and Chair of Pharmacy Practice and Administrative Sciences at the University of Cincinnati. As a health services researcher, she evaluates the outcomes of pharmacologic, surgical and health policy interventions. Her work, which culminates in over 60 peer-reviewed publications, has helped the state of Ohio reduce the cost of care while improving quality. Heaton fosters research as a mentor to some 40 pharmacy residents and graduate students whose work aims to advance pharmacists’ role while addressing important health problems. An associate editor of JAPhA for five years, she led the development of its first community residency issue and served as editor. She has presented Day of Science roundtable topics and served on the Weiderholdt Award Selection Committee. She has chaired several committees for AACP. She is currently elected Chair of AACP’s Social and Administrative Sciences Section.

Erin Holmes, PharmD, PhD, is an Associate Professor of Pharmacy Administration and Research Associate Professor at the Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy. She has authored or co-authored more than 40 peer-reviewed publications. Her research focuses on organizational behavior and human resource management in the pharmacy, including work-life outcomes of pharmacy personnel. A frequent member of thesis and dissertation committees, she is noted for the time and attention she gives student research and her high-quality feedback. Holmes was the elected postgraduate officer of APhA APRS-ESAS and has served on a number of committees, including as Chair of the APhA-ESAS Contributed Papers Committee. She was a JAPhA Residency Publication Mentor and is currently serving on the JAPhA Editorial Advisory Board. She has served as a reviewer for JAPhA, among other journals. She is Editor of NCPA Digest and serves as faculty advisor for the student chapters of NCPA and ACVP, of which she is a fellow.
Karen Hudmon, BSPharm, MS, DrPH, is a Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the Purdue University College of Pharmacy. A globally recognized expert in pharmacy’s role in tobacco control, Hudmon was critical to the launch of Rx for Change, a comprehensive, evidence-based tobacco cessation curriculum for clinicians and health professions students. For 18 years, she has led the dissemination, expansion, and maintenance of this program. Developed as a regional education program in California, the curriculum is now the most widely used tobacco cessation program for health care professionals in the U.S. Hudmon’s body of work, which includes 116 peer-reviewed manuscripts, 15 book chapters, and numerous continuing education programs, defines the concept of public health pharmacy. She is a past recipient of APhA’s Wiederholt and Clinical Research Paper Awards and has served as a member of the NIH Scientific Review Group for Risk, Prevention, and Health Behavior for more than a decade and as chair for six years. She is a founding member of the Pharmacy Partnership for Tobacco Cessation.

Jan Kavookjian, MBA, PhD, is an Associate Professor of Health Outcomes Research and Policy at Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy. An expert in motivational interviewing, Kavookjian has trained more than 3,000 clinicians across the health professions, including at least one faculty member from half of all U.S. schools and colleges of pharmacy, in scores of invited presentations. A member of APhA-APRs since 2000, she has been an invited speaker at annual meetings, APhA Foundation Advanced Practice Institutes for Diabetes, a Self-Care Institute, at the APhA Joint Federal Pharmacists Meeting and in intensive trainings for APhA staff among other APhA venues. She has presented on motivational interviewing for the American Diabetes Association as well. A member of the American Association of Diabetes Educators, she is serving her second term on its Research Committee. Invited by AACP, Kavookjian represented pharmacy education on a National Academy of Sciences/RWJF-funded national, inter-professional panel tasked with defining core competencies in obesity prevention for health professions students.

Monina R. Lahoz, BSIP, MS, PhD, is a Professor of Pharmacy Administration at MCPHS University School of Pharmacy. Her body of research, which culminates in over a dozen peer-reviewed articles and grant-funded projects, focuses on educational programs on public health issues including health literacy and lead poisoning that target middle- and high-school students as well as older adults. During her 30-plus-year academic career teaching student pharmacists, Lahoz served as advisor or co-advisor of her institution’s APhA-ASP chapter. A member of APhA since 1988, she has served on numerous APhA-APRS ESAS committees, as an abstract reviewer, program moderator, panel judge, and presenter during Annual Meetings. She is a member of AACP Social and Administrative Sciences Section and has served on several committees. Among her other service work, she is an accreditation team site visitor for ACPE, and was an NABP Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Exam Review Committee member and item writer, and a program moderator and abstract reviewer for the American Public Health Association.

Beth A. Martin, BSPharm, MS, PhD, is Assistant Dean for Assessment, Teaching and Learning and Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy. She is a leader in developing training to ameliorate communication between pharmacists and patients. Her more than 25 peer-reviewed articles and numerous grant projects contribute to understanding of how patients and pharmacists, as well as other clinicians, communicate about medications. A member of APhA since 1987, Martin has served for nearly 20 years, most recently on the Nomination Committee for the Wiederholt Prize. She has served as a reviewer for JAPhA for 15 years. For APhA-APRs, she has served as an elected post-graduate representative for ESAS and moderated the ESAS Research Roundtable at an Annual Meeting. She frequently contributes her expertise in educational assessment and motivational interviewing to AACP, the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Pharmacy Quality Collaborative.
Nathaniel Rickles, PharmD, PhD, BCPP, is an Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy. His research, which appears in more than 40 peer-reviewed articles and numerous book chapters, bridges pharmacy, psychiatry and the social sciences. It explores the distinctive psychosocial interactions of the various participants in the health care system as potential barriers to medication optimization. His projects showcase the community pharmacist’s clinical acumen, empathetic delivery of services, and unique position to address health disparities. Some of his recent work includes federally-funded projects in which pharmacists deliver MTM to uninsured women, tobacco cessation outreach in underserved communities and opioid safety initiatives. He serves on the editorial boards of JAPhA, JPHSR, and AJPE and as a reviewer for numerous other journals and professional organizations. He has served on and chaired committees within beyond the pharmacy profession. Rickles is a frequent invited speaker at local, state, national and international engagements.

Andy Stergachis, BPharm, PhD, is a Professor of Pharmacy and Global Health and Associate Dean of the School of Pharmacy at University of Washington, where he also directs the Global Medicines Program. He is the former Vice President and Chief Pharmacist of drugstore.com. An elected member of the National Academy of Medicine, Stergachis is a pioneer in the validation and use of large linked databases to evaluate medication safety in the U.S. and in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). His work through USAID has involved strengthening pharmacovigilance in numerous LMICs through the Systems for Improved Access to Pharmaceuticals and Services Program. He has served as an advisor to FDA, WHO, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, PATH, and Medicines for Malaria Venture. He chairs the Expert Panel to Review Surveillance and Screening Technologies for the Quality Assurance of Medicines for USP. Most recently, he directed a multi-country epidemiological study on the safety of antimalarials used during pregnancy. Author of 148 peer-reviewed articles, Stergachis is Editor-in-Chief of JAPhA.
Practitioner Awards and Honors, Administered by the APhA Academy of Pharmacy Practice Management

DANIEL B. SMITH PRACTICE EXCELLENCE AWARD
The Daniel B. Smith Award, established in 1964 to honor the first president of APhA, recognized outstanding performance and achievements of a community practitioner who had distinguished himself or herself and the profession of pharmacy in the recipient’s community and professional practice setting. The award was merged with the APhA Practice Excellence Award in 1994 to recognize outstanding performance and achievements of a practitioner in any practice setting.
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Bella H. Mehta, PharmD, FAPhA, of Columbus, OH, is recognized for outstanding commitment to the growth and advancement of the pharmacy profession. Mehta directed Clinical Partners, an innovative, pharmacist-run, patient-centered clinic where pharmacists practiced at the top of their licenses and patients achieved improved outcomes. She made the previously unprofitable model profitable, added pharmacist positions, and increased the number of patient visits. Her experience motivated her to petition APhA to launch a PCMH special interest group, which she helped found and lead in its infancy. In her role as director of Continuing Professional Development at Ohio State University College of Pharmacy, Mehta fosters the ongoing professional development of pharmacists in Ohio and across the country. Currently she is working to establish a Center for the Advancement of Pharmacy Practice to drive pharmacy practice innovation and transformation through practice development and practitioner training to enhance patient care. She has given over 150 professional presentations, presented over 50 posters, and published over 45 book chapters and articles.

PHARMACY MANAGEMENT EXCELLENCE AWARD
This award recognizes APhA members in any practice setting who have distinguished themselves and the profession through outstanding performance in the area of pharmacy management.

Brian Komoto, PharmD, of Visalia, CA, is recognized for outstanding accomplishments in community pharmacy practice. When Komoto purchased a struggling pharmacy in underserved Kern County in 1981 and set out to optimize medication therapy for patients, he was undaunted by pushback from the conservative community of prescribers. Today, his community pharmacies boast a staff of over 150 and use multiple pharmacists per shift to fill some 1500 prescriptions per day, counsel patients that line up daily for advice, and consult with prescribers who call. In addition to two thriving community pharmacies that emphasize patient interaction and prescriber involvement, Komoto provides specialty pharmacy with a hepatitis C compliance program, sterile home infusion, non-sterile compounding, transition care (TOC), and palliative care. Komoto attributes his success to collaborating with other health-care partners to address community needs. He volunteers with APhA, the California Pharmacists Association, schools of pharmacy, health organizations and his community.
DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN SERVICE

This award recognizes the achievements of an individual who has made significant or sustained contributions in the area of service to their community, their state, or the national level. Service activities include community service, service to the profession, and service to APhA.

Emily Prohaska, PharmD, BCACP, BCGP, of Overland Park, KS, is recognized for a commitment to service that motivates others to serve. As a resident, Prohaska initiated the pharmacist and student pharmacist volunteer presence at JayDoc Free Clinic in Kansas City. Today, pharmacists on the care team are standard of care. Still a volunteer at the clinic herself, Prohaska paved the way for 350 student pharmacists to volunteer since 2011. Through her service to University of Kansas School of Pharmacy and its APhA-ASP chapter, Prohaska encourages others to serve. As a preceptor, she seized opportunities to extoll the value of participation in professional associations and she models this behavior. She is President of the Kansas Pharmacists Association, chairs the Professional Affairs Committee and serves on the Government Affairs Committee. Prohaska has served on all four standing committees within APhA-APPM. She is a member of the APhA-APPM Diabetes Special Interest Group education committee and serves as reviewer for the Journal of the American Pharmacists Association.

Melissa Skelton Duke, PharmD, MS, BCPS, of Phoenix, AZ, is recognized for extensive service in the name of prevention and recovery from substance misuse. Duke’s service in this area began when she was a student pharmacist and volunteered as a Student Ambassador at APhA’s University of Utah School on Alcoholism and Drug Dependencies. Duke returned to the program as a volunteer for 12 consecutive summers. She assisted APhA in the program’s shift into its current iteration as the Institute on Alcoholism and Drug Dependencies and helped ensure a smooth transition during the initial years of the new program. Her service to Pharmacists in Recovery and the Pharmacists Recovery Network earned her the title of Honorary 12-Step Member. Duke also began her service to APhA as a student in the National Executive Committee of APhA-ASP. She served as National Speaker of the House for APhA-ASP. Since graduating, she has sat on APhA’s Policy Committee and several other House of Delegates committees.

DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN PHARMACY PRACTICE

This award recognizes an individual who has developed and/or implemented an innovative, original pharmacy program or service, which is significant to their area of practice.

Stefanie P. Ferreri, PharmD, BCACP, FAPhA, of Chapel Hill, NC, is being recognized for her role in the development and implementation of a collaborative care model in which community pharmacists are integrated into the medical home care team. Ferreri was selected to join the team of University of North Carolina researchers that partnered with Community Care of North Carolina to develop the innovative model with a three-year CMS Innovation Award. Ferreri worked with some 250 community pharmacists statewide to help implement the model in their pharmacy. She helped community pharmacists build collaborative relationships with other members of the care team, provided pharmacies with support to implement clinical services in their pharmacy, and provided feedback on documentation processes for clinical services. In the last year, the model has expanded to almost all 50 states. Due to its success, the CDC presented Ferreri with an award that will allow her to build on the model to include a falls prevention program for older adults in community pharmacies.
WILLIAM H. BRINER DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN NUCLEAR PHARMACY

This award, named in memory of Captain William H. Briner, a pioneer in the development of the nuclear pharmacy practice specialty, recognizes the achievements of an individual who has made a significant contribution or sustained contributions to the provision of pharmaceutical care within nuclear pharmacy practice.

Premier support provided by the National Association of Nuclear Pharmacies

Duann V. Thistlethwaite, BSPharm, BCNP, FAPhA, of Jefferson, PA, is recognized for her leadership in the growth and advancement of nuclear pharmacy. From the start of her career, as New Practitioner Officer in APhA-APPM’s Nuclear Pharmacy Practice Section (SIG), Thistlethwaite demonstrated a commitment to increasing understanding of the specialty and pushing its boundaries. She has served the Nuclear Pharmacy Practice SIG on committees for 24 consecutive years, including terms as Chair and Chair-elect. Her service to the specialty reaches beyond APhA to the Nuclear Pharmacy Specialty Council of BPS, where she has contributed as an item writer and guest reviewer in addition to other roles. She extends her leadership to the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging where she has served on committees and held elected office in its Radiopharmaceutical Science Council. Thistlethwaite was a USP expert panel member for <821> Radioactivity, <1821> Radioactivity – Theory and Practice and <1823> Positron Emission Tomography Drugs - Information.
Scientific Awards and Honors, Administered by the APhA Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science

TAKERU HIGUCHI RESEARCH PRIZE
The award, established in 1981 in honor of Professor Takeru Higuchi, the first president of the APhA Academy of Pharmaceutical Research & Sciences, recognizes the highest accomplishments in pharmaceutical sciences and is international in scope and stature.

**Gordon Amidon**, BSPharm, MA, PhD, of Ann Arbor, MI, is recognized for research that has defined the way in which pharmaceutical scientists and the FDA think about oral drug absorption, drug solubility, intestinal permeability and generic drug equivalency. Amidon’s development of the Biopharmaceutics Classification System, which is included in FDA regulatory guidance, is considered the most significant advance in pharmaceutical sciences in the past 50 years. The knowledge base that Amidon has built, which is demonstrated in more than 350 peer-reviewed articles, has laid the groundwork for the subsequent research of his colleagues, in which he has been cited some 20,000 times. Amidon has mentored more than 120 graduate students and post-doctoral fellows, chaired 60 dissertation committees, edited 8 textbooks, and co-authored 30 book chapters. He is the William I. Higuchi Distinguished University Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Charles R. Walgreen, Jr., Professor of Pharmacy at University of Michigan College of Pharmacy.

RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENT IN THE PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES
This award, administered by the APhA Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science (APhA-APRS), encourages and recognizes outstanding meritorious achievement in any of the pharmaceutical sciences. Contributions to be recognized are in the areas of basic pharmaceutical, clinical, and economic, social, and administrative sciences, which develop knowledge and integrate the process of science into the profession of pharmacy. The award rotates each year amongst APhA-APRS Sections. In 2018, the award recognized contributions in the area of economic, social, and administrative sciences.

**Betsy Sleath**, BSPharm, MS, PhD, of Chapel Hill, NC, is recognized for a body of research on patient-provider communication. Sleath’s early work focuses on the relationship between patient-provider communication and outcomes, such as medication adherence. Today, she conducts large randomized controlled trials that test methods for empowering patients to be more engaged in their care. Sleath engages patients in her research as well. For example, recent work on pediatric asthma included teens with asthma on the research team. Improving provider communication with young patients is a special focus of her work. She developed a grant-funded online course for student pharmacists entitled “Communicating with Youth in Pharmacy Settings”. Sleath has served on the FDA's Risk Communication Advisory Committee in addition to several drug approval panels. She has published some 150 peer-reviewed articles and numerous book chapters. Sleath is the George H. Cocolis Distinguished Professor and Chair at University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy, Co-Director of the NCTRACS Community Engagement Core, and Director of the Child and Adolescent Health Program at the Cecil Sheps Center for Health Services Research.
EBERT PRIZE
The Ebert Prize, administered by APhA–APRS, was established in 1873. It recognizes the author(s) of the best report of original investigation of a medicinal substance published in the Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences in the past year. Both the editorial advisory board of the journal and the APhA–APRS Awards Committee participate in the selection process.

Endowed by the Ebert Legacy

M. Jack Borrok, Ph.D., was selected in recognition of his paper “An ‘Fc-Silenced’ IgG1 Format With Extended Half-Life Designed for Improved Stability” published in the January 3, 2017, online issue of the Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences. Co-authors of the paper were Neil Mody, Xiaojun Lu, Megan L. Kuhn, Herren Wu, William F. Dall’Acqua, and Ping Tsui. Borrok is a scientist at MedImmune (AstraZeneca).

CLINICAL RESEARCH PAPER AWARD
This award, established in 2006, is intended to promote and encourage high-quality clinical research or practice-based research in the clinical sciences by recognizing an original research article in this area published in the Journal of the American Pharmacists Association.

Michael E. Klepser, PharmD, FCCP, FIDP, was selected in recognition of his paper “Effectiveness of a pharmacist-physician collaborative program to manage influenza-like illness” published in the May-June 2016 issue of the Journal of the American Pharmacists Association. Co-authors of the paper were Donald G. Klepser, Allison M. Dering-Anderson, Jacqueline A. Morse, Jaclyn K. Smith, and Stephanie A. Klepser. Michael Klepser is a professor of pharmacy at Ferris State University.

WIEDERHOLT PRIZE
This award was established in 1996 as the APhA Best Published Paper Award for Economic, Social, and Administrative Sciences. In 2002, it was renamed the Wiederholt Prize in honor of Joseph B. Wiederholt, PhD (1949–2001). Dr. Wiederholt was the first recipient of the award and a professor at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. The purpose of the award is to recognize the best paper published in the Journal of the American Pharmacists Association within the past 2 calendar years, describing original investigation in the areas of economic, social, or administrative sciences.

Olufunmilola Abraham, BPharm, MS, PhD, was selected in recognition of her paper “Pediatric medication use experiences and patient counseling in community pharmacies: Perspectives of children and parents” published in the November 11, 2016, online issue of the Journal of the American Pharmacists Association. Co-authors were Amanda Brothers, Dayna S. Alexander, Delesha M. Carpenter. Abraham is an assistant professor at University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy.
Student Awards and Honors, Administered by the APhA Academy of Student Pharmacists

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER ADVISOR AWARD
The APhA–ASP Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award was established in 1988 to recognize advisors of APhA–ASP chapters who have promoted with distinction the welfare of student pharmacists through various professional activities.

Valerie L. Ruehter, PharmD, BCPP, of University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Pharmacy, is recognized for exceptional commitment to students. Ruehter served as advisor to UMKC’s APhA-ASP chapter for ten years. Through her roles in the classroom, APhA-ASP and Kappa Psi, she has personally mentored hundreds of students from beginning to end of their pharmacy school careers. As APhA-ASP chapter advisor, Ruehter mentored student leaders and equipped them to lead a successful organization. Among the many accomplishments she helped the chapter realize, Ruehter facilitated the creation and implementation of the new APhA-ASP mentor program, which has matched 55 mentor-mentee pairs to date. Always accessible to chapter members, Ruehter took on additional responsibilities during her co-adviser’s maternity leave. The chapter consistently ranks among the top in the nation in overall chapter achievement – accolades which students attribute to Ruehter’s support.

OUTSTANDING DEAN AWARD
The APhA–ASP Outstanding Dean Award was established in 2005 to recognize the deans of the schools and colleges of pharmacy nationwide who have promoted with distinction the welfare of student pharmacists through various professional activities.

Patricia D. Kroboth, PhD, Dean of University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy, is recognized for empowering and listening to student pharmacists. She established “Conversation with the Dean,” through which she meets with each class twice a year to hear opportunities for enriching the student experience. She championed the formation of the Professional Council, a group led by the APhA-ASP leadership that includes the head of each student organization; the Council encourages collaboration and cohesiveness among student organizations. Her Dean’s Advisory Board of elected class leaders and the APhA-ASP chapter president and president-elect provides a monthly forum for listening and dialog. She reaches all students through these sessions plus her Emerging Professional course. In education, she championed “personalizing education” and the development of Areas of Concentration, through which students can select a focus in business, global health, or others. An ardent supporter of APhA-ASP, Kroboth recently established the opportunity for the Professional Council to allocate the student travel budget. The students credit her support for their win of the Operation Immunization Regional Award and the National Patient Care Award last year.
GOOD GOVERNMENT STUDENT PHARMACIST-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD
This award, established in 2004, recognizes a student pharmacist who actively promotes the value of advocating for the profession and organizes student pharmacist grassroots activity within his or her chapter. Nominees must be active members of the APhA Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA–ASP) and a state pharmacy association. The government affairs activity for which the recipient was nominated must have raised student pharmacists’ awareness of current state and federal issues and made a positive impact on the pharmacy profession.

Supported by the APhA Political Action Committee Board of Governors

Sierra Woods, of University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Pharmacy, is recognized for outstanding organizing in support of a prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) in Missouri. Over the last year, Woods’ letter-writing campaigns yielded 40 letters to Missouri lawmakers in support of the PDMP. She also requested that students at APhA-ASP Region VI schools in other states write to Missouri lawmakers about the impact of PDMPs in their respective states. Woods organized four educational events on PDMPs as well. Her collaboration with St. Louis College of Pharmacy brought naloxone training to students and faculty at both institutions. Missouri Governor Eric Greitens mandated a statewide PDMP statewide in July 2017. Woods’ efforts reach beyond the opioid epidemic. Last year, she invited 114 state legislators to a university-sponsored health screening in order to demonstrate pharmacists’ clinical skills. There, she encouraged patients to write postcards to legislators about the importance of pharmacist-provided care.
STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Established in 1983, the APhA Student Leadership Award recognizes outstanding academic achievement and leadership ability of students entering their last year of pharmacy school. The recipients of the award for 2018 are:

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Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy

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