

Recognition of Excellence

2025 AWARDS AND HONORS

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APhA2025: 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.

Profession-wide Awards and Honors

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.



Stephen W. Schondelmeyer, BS, PharmD, MPA, PhD, FAPhA, is a professor of pharmaceutical economics at the University of Minnesota's College of Pharmacy. He holds the Century Mortar Club Endowed Chair in Pharmaceutical Management and Economics and has served for 24 years as department head for Pharmaceutical Care and Health Systems. He received his BS in pharmacy from the University of Missouri–Kansas City, PharmD and ASHP residency at University of Kentucky, and masters in public administration and PhD in pharmaceutical administration at The Ohio State University along with a National Endowment for Humanities Fellowship in history of medicine.

He has conducted economic and public policy research on roles of pharmacists and pharmaceuticals in society for over 50 years. In 1991, he founded, and continues to direct, the PRIME Institute, an independent research organization at the University of Minnesota. His research has influenced many key policy areas, including prescription drug access and affordability, drug price competition, pharmacists' compensation and workforce trends, and policy to reduce drug shortages and to improve drug supply resilience. He has conducted research for CMS, GAO, FDA, the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment, the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging, AARP, the pharmaceutical industry, and pharmacy associations.

Schondelmeyer has effectively presented to policymakers at state, national, and international levels. He has testified before the U.S. Congress more than 25 times, to more than 20 state legislatures, and served as an expert witness in more than 85 lawsuits to increase availability and affordability of prescription drugs. He was appointed to the Prescription Drug Payment Review Commission to advise Congress on the outpatient drug program of the Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act. His work is widely recognized as an objective and credible source of policy analysis and has become well-known not only to those within pharmacy, but also to those outside of the profession (i.e., policymakers, public media, other health professions, PBMs and insurers, the pharmaceutical industry, consumer advocacy groups, and others).

Schondelmeyer's education, experience, and background have provided him with a unique understanding of the complex and technical issues leading to dramatic changes in the pharmaceutical marketplace. His work experience has encompassed activities in practice, academia, professional associations, and state and federal government. He has received a number of national honors and awards including APhA's Tyler Prize for Stimulation of Research, the APRS Research Achievement Award in Pharmaceutical Sciences, and the Hubert H. Humphrey Award.

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY AWARD

The Humphrey Award, named for the noted pharmacist, longtime 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.



Nicole Chopski, PharmD, ANP, serves as the health professions bureau chief for the Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses, overseeing 23 health-related boards and committees. She also acts as the executive officer for the Boards of Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy. Chopski's primary role is to promote, preserve, and protect the health, safety, and welfare of Idaho's citizens through effective collaboration with key partners and ensuring compliance with Idaho state regulations.

Raised and educated in Pocatello, ID, Chopski earned her doctor of pharmacy degree from Idaho State University College of Pharmacy in 1997. She was a certified geriatric pharmacist for 20 years and served as a hospital pharmacist at Portneuf Medical Center for 21 years. In 2006, she completed Purdue University College of Pharmacy's program in nuclear pharmacy and, with partners, opened a nuclear pharmacy in Southeast Idaho. Chopski was appointed to the Idaho Board of Pharmacy by the governor in 2007; she served on the board for 12 years before becoming its executive director in 2019.

In her downtime, Chopski enjoys riding her Harley Davidson motorcycle and actively participates in the local POW/MIA Awareness Association and the National League of POW/MIA Families.

GOOD GOVERNMENT PHARMACIST-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD

The award, established in 1990, recognizes an individual pharmacist who actively contributes to the community through their involvement in the political process.



Ken Kunke, PharmD, graduated from the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy in 2003 and soon relocated to Nevada. He worked in community pharmacy until early 2019, excelling in building high-performing teams, serving as a market trainer, delivering exceptional patient care, and improving operational efficiency across his organization's pharmacies. During this time, he was passionate about precepting up to 10 students annually, giving back to the profession he holds dear.

In early 2019, Kunke transitioned to academia as the director of experiential education at Roseman University, where he also serves as an associate professor of pharmacy practice. In 2020, recognizing a critical need, he founded the Nevada Pharmacy Alliance (NPA). At the time, Nevada was the only state without a pharmacy association affiliated with APhA and the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations. NPA's mission is to connect, educate, and advocate for the pharmacy profession to optimize patient care and advance public health.

As NPA's executive director, Kunke manages daily operations and spearheads impactful advocacy efforts. Under his leadership, Nevada pharmacists have secured recognition as providers under Nevada Medicaid, expanded their ability to bill for clinical services, and benefited from streamlined pathways for entering into collaborative practice agreements. Landmark legislation supported by NPA has enabled pharmacists to dispense hormonal contraceptives without a prescription and to prescribe medications for HIV prevention and OUD.

Looking ahead to future legislative sessions, Kunke is enthusiastic about NPA's plans to advocate for bills that will further expand pharmacists' clinical service capabilities and ensure fair reimbursement for both dispensing medications and delivering clinical care.

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.



Steve Zigler, MS, PhD, is the chief scientific officer for Siemens PETNET Solutions in Knoxville, TN. In his 30+ year career, he has played a pivotal role in the approval and commercialization of PET radiopharmaceuticals, including the first FDA approval of a PET radiopharmaceutical in a hospital setting. These efforts helped establish safe manufacturing standards for this class of products and catalyzed the evolution of a nationwide network of distribution facilities for PET radiopharmaceuticals.

Throughout his career, Zigler has cultivated close connections between pharmacy practice and drug manufacturing. He is a volunteer on the USP committee of experts where he focuses on chapters and monographs for PET radiopharmaceuticals and nonradioactive kits used in the preparation of non-PET radiopharmaceuticals. His recent efforts led to the formation of a USP panel of nuclear pharmacists for the development of a new chapter for the preparation, compounding, dispensing, and repackaging of radiopharmaceuticals. These efforts promise to end decades of conflicting practice standards for nuclear pharmacy.

Zigler is a founding board member and currently co-director of the Coalition of PET Drug Manufacturers, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the safe manufacturing of PET radiopharmaceuticals under FDA regulation. With 32 academic and commercial members across 100+ manufacturing facilities, the coalition's efforts have fostered effective communications with FDA related to good manufacturing practice regulations and marketing authorization applications.

Zigler's work at PETNET has focused on the commercialization of PET radiopharmaceuticals, where he was instrumental in the development of the first commercial generic drug approval for [F18]FDG, the most widely used PET radiopharmaceutical in the United States. He is an active committee member in the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging and holds five patents. He has published numerous manuscripts and posters, as well as book chapters in the seminal textbook on nuclear pharmacy.

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.



Anne L. Burns, BSPharm, RPh, FAPhA, is currently president of Pharmacy Horizons, LLC. For 25 years prior, she worked at the American Pharmacists Association, most recently serving as vice president, professional affairs. In this capacity, she was responsible for the association's strategic practice initiatives focused on advancing pharmacists' patient care service delivery, payment for pharmacists' services, interprofessional collaboration, health information technology, health care quality, and addressing the opioid epidemic. In 1999, she guided the launch of the APhA/ASHP partnership to accredit community pharmacy residency programs and implemented a multifaceted approach to facilitate the growth of these programs. She led the Joint Commission of Pharmacy Practitioners' development of the Pharmacist Patient Care Process and Medication Management Services Definition, co-led the creation of the APhA/NACDS Medication Therapy Management Core Elements Service Model, and contributed to the formation of the Pharmacy Health Information Technology Collaborative. She has served on many boards, coalitions, and workgroups, including the Board of Directors for the Pharmacy Quality Alliance and the Council on Credentialing in Pharmacy, the National Advisory Board for the National Rx Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit, the National Academies of Medicine Action Collaborative on Combatting the U.S. Opioid Epidemic, the CDC Opioid Guidelines Workgroup, the Pharmacy HIT Collaborative Workgroup on Professional Service Claims and Codes and the Ohio State University (OSU) College of Pharmacy Dean's Corporate Council. She has received several awards, including the APhA Community Pharmacy Residency Lifetime Achievement Award, the OSU College of Pharmacy Distinguished Alumni Award, and the OSU College of Pharmacy Lifetime Achievement Award.

Burns joined APhA in 1997. Prior to working at APhA, she served on the faculty at the OSU College of Pharmacy for 13 years. She received her BS in pharmacy from OSU and completed the Wharton Executive Management Program for Pharmacy Leaders.

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. Francke, 1986 APhA honorary president and 1987 Remington Honor medalist, inspired and mentored future leaders throughout her illustrious pharmacy career.



Tina Penick Brock, BA, BSPharm, MS, EdD, is a pharmacist and the director of the Collaborative Practice Centre in the University of Melbourne's Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry, and Health Sciences in Melbourne, Australia. She is an educational activist with a fervent commitment to harnessing the transformative power of collaboration to advance health globally.

Brock started her pharmacy career at Medical Center Pharmacy in her hometown of McComb, MS. From that auspicious launching point, she moved into academic leadership roles at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, University College London, University of California San Francisco, Monash University, and the University of Colorado. She has also worked across all six WHO regions via the nongovernmental organization Management Sciences for Health. Brock currently serves on the WHO Academy Advisory Group of Lifelong Learning in Health. She is a fellow of APhA, the International Pharmaceutical Federation, and the National Academies of Practice.

Brock considers mentoring to be her true north. She's benefited greatly from it and is committed to ensuring that others have that support, too. No matter where she is, Brock's most treasured asset is her network of mentees around the world. It's through them that she stays passionate for the hard work of systems change. She is also grateful to still learn from them about emerging areas such as climate change and health, the potential uses of AI in health, equity and justice, allyship, global partnerships, and more.

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 chair of the Board of Hynson, Westcott and Dunning of Baltimore, who as a longstanding APhA leader was instrumental in the funding and building of the APhA headquarters building in Washington, DC.



The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust aspires to improve lives by supporting exceptional efforts in the United States and around the world in health and select place-based initiatives. Since beginning active grantmaking in 2008, Helmsley has committed more than \$4.5 billion for a wide range of charitable purposes. The Helmsley Type 1 Diabetes Program is the largest private foundation funder in the world with a focus on T1D, with more than \$1 billion to date committed to transform the trajectory of the disease and to accelerate access to 21st century care, everywhere. For more information on Helmsley and its programs, visit helmsleytrust.org.

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.



CAPT Bridgette M. Faber, PharmD, MS, attended the University of Wisconsin–Madison where she received a Bachelor of Science in pharmacy and was commissioned as an ensign in the United States Navy in 1995. In 2004, she earned her doctor of pharmacy degree from Idaho State University. Selected to attend full-time duty under instruction, she received a masters in pharmacy and an American Society of Health Systems Pharmacists Accredited Specialized Residency in Health System Pharmacy Administration at the University of Wisconsin in 2005. In 2013, she completed a Clinical Informatics Fellowship at the Department of Defense/Department of Veterans Affairs Interagency Program Office.

Her tours of duty include the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD; the Office of the Attending Physician, Washington, DC; Naval Hospital, Naples, Italy; Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Portsmouth, VA; the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center in North Chicago, IL; and the Defense Health Agency, Falls Church, VA. She is currently the pharmacy consultant to the Navy surgeon general and pharmacy specialty leader, as well as the deputy director for clinical operations, standards and policy at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

Faber's notable achievements include serving as the subject matter expert developing pharmacy interoperability solutions where she testified to members of Congress, House/Senate Armed Service Committee staffers, and senior policy advisors for DoD and VA Health Affairs on quality control measures and patient safety. She developed a Pharmacy Operational Readiness Training program providing new pharmacists with basic inpatient and expeditionary knowledge and she implemented an innovative coronavirus pharmacy plan, upgrading a pharmacy call center to accommodate a threefold increase in calls and establishing a drive-through pharmacy that handled over 1,500 cars daily. As the chair of the Navy Pharmacy Advisory Board, she was responsible for optimizing the delivery of the pharmacy benefit for 9.2 million TRICARE beneficiaries worldwide.

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.



MAJ Cody R. Morcom, PharmD, BCPS, is the chief, Satellite Pharmacy, 60th Medical Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron, 60th Medical Group, Travis Air Force Base, California. He leads 31 personnel in delivering a \$34.6 million annual budget to 276,000 beneficiaries, executing 309,000 prescriptions each year in support of the Air Force's largest medical center in the continental United States which handles more than 411,000 patient encounters annually. Morcom synchronizes with seven squadrons encompassing 2,500 staff and 450 medical providers, supporting comprehensive community and referral health care, aeromedical evacuation and staging, deployable medical readiness, education, research, and teleradiology services. He also leads chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear medical readiness for two wings and 67 units as the Alternate Pharmacy Home Station Medical Response Team chief, aiding delivery of medical assets in various mission critical and contingency situations. Morcom also leads the 60th Medical Group's Combat Service Support Team as the officer-in-charge, providing strategic medical guidance to the 22nd Air Task Force in demonstrating

and evaluating capabilities to generate, employ, and sustain Command and Control and Base Operations Support functions globally. He received a direct commission to the United States Air Force in December 2018 through the Health Professions Scholarship Program while attending Wilkes University's Nesbitt School of Pharmacy in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He graduated with his doctor of pharmacy in May 2020.

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.



Anita N. Jacobson, PharmD, is a clinical professor at the University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy and has worked in direct patient care as a pharmacist in a variety of community and health-system settings for over 25 years. She is the director of the Community First Responder Program, which focuses on harm reduction, overdose education, and naloxone outreach, and serves as the hub of the Northeast Rural Opioid Technical Assistance Regional Center. As program director, she has secured over \$5.5 million in state and federal grant funding and leads an interprofessional team of social workers, pharmacists, student pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians to order accredited training programs and distribute over 55,000 naloxone kits statewide per year in Rhode Island with an additional 3,000 kits sent via mail to rural New England residents.

Jacobson is the coordinator of the Pharmacists Patient Care Laboratories for the doctor of pharmacy program and is an instructor in the doctor of physical therapy program at the University of Rhode Island. Her areas of teaching in the PharmD curriculum include patient-pharmacist communication, physical assessment, SUDs, mental health, cultural sensitivity, health disparities, stigma, health literacy, motivational interviewing, and health care policy.

Jacobson works as a per diem pharmacist at a long-term acute care facility, Eleanor Slater Hospital, for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

She currently serves on the Opioid Fatality Review Committee for the State of Rhode Island and is a former president of the Rhode Island Pharmacists Association, former member of the Rhode Island Board of Pharmacy, and former chair of the Health Disparities and Cultural Competence SIG of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.

ANNE BURNS COMMUNITY PHARMACY RESIDENCY EXCELLENCE AWARD

The APhA Community Pharmacy Residency Excellence in Precepting Award recognizes 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.



Stevie R. Veach, PharmD, BCACP, is a clinical associate professor at the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy and clinical pharmacist at MercyOne Pharmacy in Dubuque, IA. She also has served as the director of the multisite PGY1 Community-based Pharmacy Residency Program at the University of Iowa since 2013. She earned her doctor of pharmacy degree in 2006 from the University of Iowa and completed a PGY1 community pharmacy residency with the University of Iowa and Mercy Family Pharmacy. Veach has precepted introductory pharmacy practice experience students, advance pharmacy practice experience students, and PGY1 community-based residents in the community pharmacy setting for the past 18 years.

Currently, Veach coordinates the doctor of pharmacy community introductory pharmacy practice experience at the University of Iowa, and she also coordinates and teaches courses focusing on nonprescription medicines and self-care for both doctor of pharmacy and undergraduate students. Veach's primary professional interest is advancing patient care services delivered by pharmacists in the community setting. She has been involved in numerous research and pilot projects related to implementing clinical pharmacy services and practice innovations in the community pharmacy setting and has served as a practice transformation coach for Flip the Pharmacy. Veach is an active member of several state and national professional pharmacy organizations, including the Iowa Pharmacy Association, the American Pharmacist Association, and the Academia-CPESN Transformation Pharmacy Collaborative. Her involvement in APhA has included being a delegate, serving on the APhA Immunizing Pharmacist SIG and Education Standing committees, and regularly volunteering as an abstract reviewer or poster judge for the Annual Meeting Contributed Posters.

In her free time, Veach enjoys spending time with her husband Jeremy and their three children, Landon, Rowan, and Chase. She loves being outdoors, watching her kids participate in multiple sports, and cheering on the Iowa Hawkeyes!

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 and 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

Mary S. Klein, PharmD, BCACP, CHSE

Gregory Fox, BS

Jessica L. Hinson, PharmD, BCACP, NCNTT

Erin E. Pauling, PharmD, BCACP

Katherine S. O'Neal, PharmD, MBA, BCACP, CDCES, BC-ADM, AE-C, CLS, FADCES

Nanci L. Murphy, PharmD, FWSPA

Elizabeth G. Johnson, PharmD

Clark D. Kebodeaux, PharmD, BCACP

Traci M. Poole, PharmD, BCACP, BCGP

Courtney Doyle-Campbell, PharmD, MBA, BCACP, AHSCP-CHC

SELECTED AS APhA FELLOWS BY APhA-APRS

Brandi Hamilton, PharmD, MS, BCPS

Olayinka O. Shiyabola, PhD BPharm

Elizabeth J. Unni, PhD, MBA, BPharm

Joey Mattingly, PharmD, MBA, PhD

Anthony W. Olson, PhD, PharmD

SELECTED AS FELLOWS BY APhA-APPM



Mary S. Klein, PharmD, BCACP, CHSE, is an associate professor of pharmacy practice and director of clinical correlations, practice labs, and simulation at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy, on the Abilene campus. She

received her PharmD from TTUHSC in 2007 and completed a community-based ambulatory care residency through Scott and White Hospital and Clinics and the University of Texas at Austin in 2008. Klein joined the faculty at TTUHSC in 2008. She teaches in the Immunization Certification Lab, Patient Assessment Lab, and the Pharmacy Leadership, Ethics, and Law course. Klein also practices in primary care on an interprofessional team at Abilene Community Health Center, a federally qualified health center. She served as president of the

Texas Pharmacy Association from 2017 to 2018, on the Tennessee Pharmacists Association Board of Directors in various roles for 12 years, and as their speaker of the House of Delegates in 2010. Klein has been a member of APhA since 2003, has served as a delegate in the House since 2009, and has served on every standing committee of the APhA House. She is currently serving as the speaker-elect of the APhA House. Outside of pharmacy, Klein enjoys craft projects, running, all things Disney, and spending time working on her family's ranch.



Gregory A. Fox, BSPharm, is the former health and wellness merchandiser for The Kroger Co.'s Central Marketing Area, encompassing Indiana, Illinois, and parts of Missouri, Michigan, and Ohio. Fox's experience includes community, managed

care, long-term care, and consultant pharmacy. He served on numerous health insurance plan boards to promote pharmacist's services. He received his pharmacy degree from the University of Cincinnati and is a graduate of the University of Mississippi APhA Community Pharmacy Business Management Program. He is a former president of the Ohio Pharmacists Association. He initiated and testified for pharmacist services laws in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and nationally on the Hill. Fox is currently a member of the APhA Board of Trustees and Executive Committee, serving as its treasurer. Fox served on the Indiana State Board of Pharmacy Technology Committee, the Indiana and Illinois Retail Pharmacy Committees, plus the Medication Safety Partnership of Indiana. Fox was responsible for the development of the Kroger/Purdue Community Pharmacy Residency Partnership. He also participated as an adjunct professor of pharmacy practice for several colleges of pharmacy and currently sits on three College of Pharmacy Dean's Councils. Fox has been recognized with the BCPA Pharmacist of the Year, Ohio's Young Pharmacist of the Year, Kroger Chairman's and President's Awards, the University of Cincinnati College of Pharmacy Robert J. DeSalvo Distinguished Alumni Award, and Purdue University College of Pharmacy "Friend of Pharmacy Award."



Jessica Hinson, PharmD, BCACP, NCNTT, is an associate professor of pharmacy practice at the Ohio Northern University Raabe College of Pharmacy in Ada, OH. She serves as director of the ONU Wheeler Pharmacy Services Center, which provides student-directed, national telehealth services. She also works with the ONU HealthWise Mobile Clinic that cares for the medically underserved population of Hardin County, OH. She earned her PharmD from the University of Cincinnati and completed a PGY1 Community Practice Residency with the West Virginia University School of Pharmacy and the independent practice site, Waterfront Family Pharmacy. Her professional background includes community practice, ambulatory care practice, and provision of telehealth services. Personal interests include empowerment of women and girls, engagement of grade school students in STEM education, and domestic animal welfare.



Erin E. Pauling, PharmD, BCACP, is a clinical associate professor and the assistant dean for academic affairs at the Binghamton University (BU) School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (SOPPS). She is a board-certified ambulatory care pharmacist (BCACP) and a New York state (NYS) certified collaborative drug therapy management pharmacist. Pauling practices as an ambulatory care pharmacist, providing anticoagulation

management in cardiology and primary care settings with the largest health care provider in the Southern Tier of New York, United Health Services.

Pauling has been recognized for her excellence and dedication to teaching. She has received the BU Services for Students with Disabilities Faculty Recognition (2023), the BU Provost's Award for Excellence in Interprofessional Education (2023), and the NYS American College of Clinical Pharmacy Educator of the Year (2024) award. Originally from Berwick, PA, Pauling received her PharmD from the Bernard J Dunn School of Pharmacy at Shenandoah University. She completed a PGY1 community pharmacy residency at Appalachian College of Pharmacy and a PGY2 ambulatory care residency at Wingate University School of Pharmacy. Pauling has served APhA in many capacities: member of the House of Delegates; reviewer for the APhA BCACP Review Course, APhA Contributed Papers Program, and JAPhA; Diabetes Management SIG coordinator; member of the APPM Education Standing Committee; and co-faculty advisor of the BU SOPPS APhA-ASP. She lives in Cortland, NY, with her husband and daughter, Eliza.



Katherine S. O'Neal, PharmD, MBA, BCACP, CDCES, BC-ADM, AE-C, CLS, FADCES, is a professor in the Department of Pharmacy: Clinical and Administrative Sciences at the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy and adjunct professor with the College of Medicine Department of Internal Medicine. She has been with OU College of Pharmacy for 14 years and teaches clinical, management, and advocacy courses within the curriculum. O'Neal is also director of the PGY2 ambulatory care residency program and director of the ambulatory care track degree option. Her clinical practice is with internal medicine primary care focusing on chronic disease state management. O'Neal is also a member of the Harold Hamm Diabetes Center. She is certified in diabetes care and education specialists and board certified in advanced diabetes management as well as a fellow of the Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists. She is currently serving as the second pharmacist to hold the position of president-elect for the Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists. Her research interests include patient empowerment and health literacy. O'Neal has served numerous roles throughout the APhA organization. She currently serves as chapter advisor for ASP and Oklahoma delegate to the House of Delegates and has served for 8 years. She has served on various committees for APPM and the House. O'Neal is also active with the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy where she has served on multiple standing committees as an officer or committee member. She received her doctor of pharmacy from the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy and completed a PGY1 in community practice with USA Drug and the University of

Oklahoma College of Pharmacy and a PGY2 in ambulatory care with the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy. O'Neal received her master's in business administration from the University of Tulsa, Tulsa, OK.



Nanci L. Murphy, PharmD, FWSPA, has enjoyed over 40 years in the pharmacy profession with involvement in academia, community pharmacy, ambulatory care and health-systems practice, and community outreach. She graduated from Washington State University (BPharm) and the

University of Washington (PharmD). Nanci's past roles include collaborative practice specialist and co-director of the University of Washington's Center for Health Sciences Interprofessional Education, Research, and Practice, and associate dean and director of Student Leadership Programs at the University of Washington School of Pharmacy. Her interests include interprofessional education and collaborative practice, leadership development, and practice transformation.

Active in professional organizations, Murphy served as chair of the Leadership Development, Curriculum, and Student Services SIGs, co-chair of the Innovative Practice Models Leadership Development Task Force and the COD-COF Healthy Student Task Force. Other work includes the APhA-AACP Task Force on Student Professionalism, the COD Professional Identity Formation Task Force, and Promoting the Advancement of Pharmacy Task Force. She also served on the APhA-APPM Education Standing Committee, the Public Health SIG's Community Engagement and Policy Committees, the Therapeutics Advisory Board, and APhA-ASP Chapter advisor. Murphy was a member of the National Rho Chi Executive Council, the WSPA Board of Directors, and the Board of Pharmacy's Committee on Practitioner Competency. She mentored AAAS Emerging Leaders in Science and Society and APTR Paul Ambrose Scholar students and advised multiple student organizations.

Awards include the Bowl of Hygeia Award, Gloria Niemeyer Francke Leadership Mentor Award, the National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education Nexus Award team recognition, WSPA Mentor Award, APhA-ASP Outstanding Chapter Advisor of the Year, and the UW Distinguished Alumni Award in Pharmacy Practice. She is grateful to her former students and IPECP colleagues who inspired her and to her patients and community partners whose insightful and compelling stories informed and strengthened her resolve as a pharmacist.



Elizabeth G. Johnson, PharmD, a third-generation Californian, is an alumna of the University of the Pacific Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy in Stockton, CA. Upon receiving her doctor of pharmacy degree, she completed a residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston and then

returned to California where she managed the outpatient pharmacy at UC Irvine Medical Center. She ultimately returned to her hometown of Sacramento to begin a career in association management at the California Pharmacists Association (CPhA), where she served in several senior staff positions, started the California Center for Pharmaceutical Care, and was executive director of the CPhA Educational Foundation. After 10 years, Johnson made a career change to the pharmaceutical industry where she spent nearly 16 years at Lilly holding several positions in the medical division, beginning as a medical science liaison and moving into positions managing teams. At the end of 2017, Johnson left Lilly and started Elizabeth Johnson Consulting. Johnson has a strong passion for her profession and has been a member of the House of Delegates and multiple committees with the American Pharmacists Association and CPhA and has chaired several committees for both organizations. She is the 2024–2025 president of the APhA Foundation. One of her other passions is her alma mater, where she has served as president of both the pharmacy and university alumni associations and was recognized as Pharmacy Alumna of the Year in 2003. She currently serves on its Board of Regents. Johnson also enjoys traveling, cooking, and exploring new wines.



Clark D. Kebodeaux, PharmD, BCACP, is an associate professor of pharmacy practice and science at the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy (UKCOP). He earned his PharmD from the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy and completed a PGY1 community-based

pharmacy residency at UKCOP. He also serves as adjunct senior lecturer at Monash University Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Australia.

At UKCOP, Kebodeaux is the director of the Professional Program Laboratories, including the patient-centered care experience courses, and residency program director for the PGY1 community-based pharmacy residency program. He practices at the Bluegrass Community Health Center, a federally qualified health center and accredited patient-centered medical home.

Kebodeaux serves as a faculty trainer for the American Pharmacists Association Pharmacy-based Immunization Delivery and Travel Health Services Certificate programs. He is the current APhA Academy of Student Pharmacists advisor at UKCOP, a member of the Specialty Council on Ambulatory Care Pharmacy for the Board of Pharmacy Specialties, and an active leader in multiple professional pharmacy organizations.

Previously, Kebodeaux held academic appointments at St. Louis College of Pharmacy and Saint Louis University. His recognition includes the Michael J. Lach Award for Innovative Teaching at UKCOP, the Faculty Excellence Award at STLCOP, and the UK Alumni Association's Great Teacher Award. Internationally, he has contributed to

MyDispense simulation development, working to advance pharmacy education globally.



Traci M. Poole, PharmD, BCACP, BCGP, is a distinguished pharmacist, educator, and leader in community pharmacy practice. She is the director of community practice advancement and an associate professor of pharmacy practice at Belmont University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. A 2009 graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy, she holds certifications as a board-certified ambulatory care pharmacist and board-certified geriatric pharmacist. Poole has built her career around advancing pharmacy education and enhancing community-based health care.

Poole has held critical roles in clinical services, academia, and leadership. As chief operations officer at Riverside Village Clinic and director of Clinical Services at Riverside Village Pharmacy, she has implemented innovative patient care models that emphasize community health. A sought-after speaker, Poole frequently presents on topics such as collaborative practice agreements and the evolving role of pharmacists.

As an educator, Poole has mentored student pharmacists and residents, serving as a community pharmacy residency program director and faculty advisor for student organizations. She has contributed significantly to curriculum development and clinical training, while actively engaging in professional organizations such as APhA and Tennessee Pharmacists Association.

Her scholarly contributions include peer-reviewed publications and book chapters, national presentations, and grant-funded projects, highlighting her expertise in pharmacy practice transformation, medication therapy management, and public health. Poole's achievements include the 2024 Rooke Lecture Keynote Speaker honor from the Virginia Pharmacists Association and Belmont

University's Student Organization Advisor of the Year award.

Committed to advancing the pharmacy profession, Poole continues to influence pharmacy education and community health care through her innovative leadership, advocacy, and dedication to transforming the field.



Courtney Doyle-Campbell, PharmD, MBA, BCACP, AHSCP-CHC, is a clinical professor of ambulatory care and director of the Pharmacy Distance Learning Pathways at Western New England University (WNE), College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. A board-certified

ambulatory care pharmacist and certified hypertension clinician, she manages an ambulatory care specialty clinic at Trinity Health of New England Medical Group in Springfield, MA, under a collaborative practice agreement with Trinity providers.

Doyle-Campbell is an advocate for professional development and health equity. She serves as treasurer of the Massachusetts Pharmacists Association and actively contributes to the American Pharmacists Association, including service on the Academy of Pharmacy Practice and Management Policy Standing Committee, as a delegate to the House, and as past coordinator for the Medical Home/ACO Special Interest Group. At WNE, she advises the APhA-ASP Chapter and coordinates the immunization certificate training programs. Additionally, Doyle-Campbell is a trainer for the APhA MTM and the pharmacist and technician immunization certificate training programs.

Doyle-Campbell's professional interests include primary care, professional and social advocacy, motivational interviewing, and addressing social determinants of health. She is dedicated to educating future pharmacists, improving patient care, and advancing the role of pharmacists in collaborative care models.

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Brandi Hamilton, PharmD, MS, BCPS, is the director of pharmacy at California Rehabilitation Institute, an acute physical medicine and rehabilitation hospital in Los Angeles.

Hamilton began her pharmacy career over 20 years ago as a pharmacy technician. She received her doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Pharmacy and her master of science in pharmacy leadership and administration from the University of Houston College of Pharmacy. She completed a PGY1/PGY2 health-system pharmacy administration residency at CHI St. Luke's Health-Baylor

St. Luke's Medical Center in Houston.

Hamilton has held, and continues to hold, numerous leadership roles within several pharmacy organizations. As a student pharmacist she served as APhA-ASP national president and APhA trustee. As a practitioner, she continues to be actively engaged in a variety of organizations. She currently serves on the CPhA Elections Committee, the Pharmacy Today Editorial Advisory Board, and as speaker of the APhA House of Delegates.

Hamilton enjoys helping others reach their potential and working with colleagues to optimize their strengths and promoting their development as pharmacy professionals. Her top five strengths are communication, strategic, activator, woo, and ideation.



Olayinka O. Shiyabola, PhD, BPharm, is the Charles R. Walgreen Jr. Professor of Pharmacy in the University of Michigan Department of Clinical Pharmacy. She is also co-faculty lead of the Building Up Mentored Career Development Program at the Michigan Institute for Clinical and

Health Research. Her research program advances the use of patient-centered interdisciplinary approaches to improve diabetes and related chronic disease outcomes, medication use behaviors, health literacy, and health equity. She has experience in developing and implementing tailored medication use interventions for marginalized populations. Currently, her research is focused on designing and implementing behavioral clinical trials that incorporate psychosocial and sociocultural factors toward improving medication taking behaviors, diabetes self-management, and health equity. She also studies how to improve the reach, uptake, and scale-up of evidence-based diabetes management programs among historically underrepresented populations and evaluates measurement tools that advance equity for marginalized groups. Shiyabola's work has received numerous awards and recognition at national and international scientific conferences, and she is the author of over 80 publications and over 215 scientific presentations including invited talks, symposiums, and seminars. She has been funded by the National Institute for Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, CDC, Community Pharmacy Foundation, MERCK Sharp & Dohme, and UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research. Shiyabola currently serves as a member of the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine Roundtable on Health Literacy and is a committee member of the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine Review of CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Research and Communications. She serves on the editorial board for Research in Social and Administrative Pharmacy. Shiyabola received the 2023 Society of Behavioral Medicine Health Equity SIG Mentorship Award and the 2024 UW Institute of Clinical and Translational Research Faculty Mentorship Award.



Elizabeth J. Unni, PhD, MBA, BPharm, is an associate professor and chair of the Department of Social, Behavioral, and Administrative Sciences at the Touro College of Pharmacy in New York.

Following completion of a pharmacy degree from India, she received her MBA from the University of Louisiana at Monroe and her PhD in pharmaceutical socioeconomics from the University of Iowa. Unni teaches pharmacy professionalism, pharmacy management, the health care systems in the United

States, and leadership. Her research is mainly focused on patients' self-management of chronic disease conditions, with emphasis on medication adherence. She has developed theoretical models and a measurement scale to understand and measure medication adherence and published widely. Unni also conducts research in pharmacy education and has published on topics such as career vitality and faculty retention in pharmacy academia. She has been recognized for her excellence and dedication in research. She is the director of the Health Disparities Fellowship program and the founding director of the PharmD/MBA program at the Touro College of Pharmacy. In addition to working closely with the APhA-APRS ESAS section, she has also completed the AACCP Academic Leadership Fellows Program, a graduate of the Society of Behavioral Medicine's Leadership Institute, and Touro University's Leadership Academy. Unni currently serves as the editor-in-chief for the International Society of Quality of Life's official journal, *Journal of Patient Reported Outcomes*.



Joey Mattingly, PharmD, MBA, PhD, has been in pharmacy for over 20 years, with pharmacy operations experience as an entry-level technician, staff pharmacist, pharmacy manager, district manager for a major pharmacy chain, and private equity start-up director for a long-term care pharmacy operation serving multiple states. Mattingly left the private sector in 2014 to pursue an academic career as an assistant professor at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy while simultaneously earning his doctor of philosophy in health services research with a specific focus on pharmacoeconomics.

Since 2014, Mattingly has developed a research portfolio that primarily focuses on drug pricing policy where he has engaged policymakers at local, state, and federal levels, including serving as speaker of the House of Delegates and Trustee for APhA from 2019 to 2021. From November 2022 to April 2023, Mattingly served as an advisor to the CMS to aid in the implementation of the new Drug Price Negotiation Program authorized by Congress through the Inflation Reduction Act. Most recently, he was named a research fellow for the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to help inform policy on pharmacy benefit manager practices and was asked to help lead pharmacy benefits strategy for the University of Utah Health plan, representing over 30,000 employees at the University of Utah.

In addition to drug pricing, Mattingly has led or co-led multiple federal research proposals aimed at improving patient outcomes through a health equities research lens (U01FD007563 and U01MD017437). Additionally, he led a subaward to a large cooperative agreement with

FDA (U01FD005946) focused on improving diversity in patient engagement activities. This experience with health disparities research was intended to better understand policy implications that may exacerbate disparities in multiple priority populations to ensure our cost-effectiveness methods incorporate health equity impacts. Mattingly has previously served as an advisor on Effectiveness and Decision Science for the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, the Maryland Department of Health Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, and the Maryland Prescription Drug Affordability Stakeholder Council. He also serves as an Editorial Advisory Board member for the *American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education and PharmacoEconomics* - Open.



Anthony W. Olson, PhD, PharmD, is an embedded clinician-scientist at the Essentia Institute of Rural Health and adjunct faculty at the University of Minnesota, College of Pharmacy. He specializes in translational research on person-centered interventions that improve the care experience and outcomes, especially those in underserved rural areas. His work has been funded by the NIH, Centers for Disease Control Foundation, and the Health Resources and Services Administration. Olson has also served as an officer and Executive Council member for APhA, Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science, and Minnesota Pharmacists Association.

Practitioner Awards and Honors, Administered by the APhA Academy of Pharmacy Practice and 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 themselves 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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Karen L. Reed, BSPharm, CDCES, CTTS, is director of pharmacy for New River Health, a federally qualified health center, serving four counties in West Virginia. In addition to the oversight of four in-house pharmacies and 10 contract pharmacies, she is the certified diabetes care and education specialist for the center. She is among four pharmacists certified as a tobacco treatment specialist. New River Health was chosen to pilot a program with UVA regarding tobacco cessation with federally qualified health center pharmacists. This was due to the pharmacists' training and involvement prior to the project's inception.

Reed began an immunization program with pharmacists and now trained technicians to assist in improving rates of immunization and our quality scores.

Reed and the other nine pharmacists provide diabetes, cholesterol, and hypertension education completing the first 15 weeks of FARMacy RX for low-income patients identified with chronic diseases. The 2025 session has been approved for funding.

Reed is preparing a program with Target BP to educate patients about hypertension and stroke prevention to begin in February. This will involve multiple disciplines in the organization.

She has two pharmacists leading MTM for patient adherence. Pill packaging is offered at no cost for all patients interested. Reed and the New River Health team believe in using the 340B savings for patient education, healthy options, and adherence monitoring programs.

Reed is a former APhA Board of Trustees member, American Pharmacists' Month spokesperson, and APhA Foundation Capital Campaign co-chair for Women in Pharmacy raising \$250,000 at a grassroots level.

West Virginia University named her to the Inaugural Hall of Fame in 2014 and as an Honoree Women in Pharmacy 2006.

She is a former president of West Virginia Pharmacist's Association, Bowl of Hygieia recipient, Kmart Pharmacist of the Year, and in 2023, was named the first recipient of the Thomas E. Menighan Lifetime Achievement Award.

Karen is married to Roger Reed, a pharmacist. They have one son and two grandsons. She has been an active member of a community service organization, Quota Club, since 1982 and serves her church as an elder.

THOMAS E. MENIGHAN 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.



James A. Owen, BSPharm, PharmD, MBA, was the vice president of practice and science affairs at APhA in Washington, DC. He served in this role until being diagnosed with a degenerative neurological condition called multiple system atrophy in 2020. In September 2020, he resigned from his position to obtain care and management of his condition. In his role, he directed practice advancement activities including developing the framework for patient care service delivery; directed activities, developed and delivered education and was the liaison to the ASHP for the accreditation and expansion of APhA's Community-based Pharmacy Residency Program; led the association's role in health information

technology, medication safety, professional development, and oversaw the association's Practice and Science Academies. In his final years, he developed the concept and co-led development of two innovative, web-based software solutions, Pharmacy Profiles for the credentialing of pharmacists and ADVANCE, to facilitate the process of continuing professional development for members of the pharmacy profession. For over a decade while concurrently working at APhA, he worked evenings and weekends as an intermittent staff pharmacist, ultimately and primarily in Intravenous Drug Preparation at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD. Prior to joining APhA, he was the director of clinical services and professional development, for Happy Harry's Inc., a regional chain with headquarters in Newark, DE. In total, he worked for nearly 30 years in pharmacy practice, the majority of which was dedicated to management. He graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy in 1990, completed his doctor of pharmacy degree from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in 2007, and received his MBA from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia in 2020. He was board certified in pharmacotherapy by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties from 2009 until 2024.

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.



Kayce M. Shealy, PharmD, BCPS, CDCES, received her Bachelor of Science degree from Newberry College, her doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy, and completed a community pharmacy residency with the University of Georgia at Barney's Pharmacy in Augusta, GA. Shealy is board-certified in pharmacotherapy and is also a certified diabetes care and education specialist. She joined the faculty at Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy in 2010, and she has served in several administrative roles, including department chair, associate dean, and acting dean for the program. In January 2025, she transitioned to the South Carolina Board of Pharmacy as the board executive/chief drug inspector. Shealy is an advocate for the profession and has served in various capacities with APhA, American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, American College of Clinical Pharmacy, American Society of Health Systems Pharmacists, and the Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists. She is a former president of the South Carolina Pharmacy Association (SCPhA) and has served as a co-coordinator with SCPhA for grant initiatives. Shealy has numerous publications related to women's health, diabetes, and public health. She is the mother to three awesome kids: Kate, who loves the limelight; Jack, who loves all things baseball; and James, who loves to express himself through art. She lives with her kids and husband Brian in Leesville, SC.

DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN PHARMACY SERVICE

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



Wendy S. Mobley-Bukstein, PharmD, BCACP, CDCES, CHWC, NASM-CPT, FAPhA, FADCES, is an associate professor of pharmacy practice in the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at Drake University. She received her doctor of pharmacy degree from Drake University in 1999 and is a certified diabetes care and education specialist, board-certified ambulatory care pharmacist, certified health and wellness coach, and a certified personal trainer. She teaches a medication management elective, co-teaches the Advanced Diabetes Care elective, and coordinates the Intermediate Pharmacy Skills and Applications 2 lecture and lab. She teaches in the Pharmacy Skills and Applications course series and the Self-Care and Nonprescription Products course. She maintains clinical practice at Primary Health Care East Side Clinic where she precepts third- and fourth-year student pharmacists, focusing on interprofessional ambulatory care and diabetes as a specialty practice. Her areas of interest in practice and scholarship are diabetes, medication management services, and community education. She is the Immediate past president of the APhA Academy of Pharmacy Practice and Management, president and advocacy lead for the Iowa Chapter of the Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists Coordinating Body, an active member of the Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists, where she sits on the Annual Meeting Planning Committee and Technology Committee. She was named the Diabetes Care and Education Specialist of the Year for 2025 by ADCES. She is an active member of the Iowa Pharmacy Association, where she participates on the Legislative Committee. She is currently studying to become a certified nutrition coach. She has a passion for helping people dream and set and achieve their goals.

WILLIAM H. BRINER DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN NUCLEAR PHARMACY PRACTICE

This award, named in memory of CAPT 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. Endowed by the National Association of Nuclear Pharmacies



Mark Soffing, BCNP, PharmD, MBA, MS, first “exposure” to nuclear pharmacy was an externship at Staten Island Public Health Hospital, supervised by Neil Abel, an officer originally trained by William Briner. Over the ensuing 42 years, he has had the good fortune to marry Joanne, an extremely patient wife, and has two married children and one grandson.

Soffing began work at Syncor on Long Island. He was later recruited to establish nuclear pharmacy satellites, along with local and remote university externships at New York Hospital and Memorial Sloan-Kettering. He then went on to join IBA Molecular as VP regulatory and corporate radiation safety officer, later becoming VP operations. For the last 15 years, Soffing has served as associate director and cyclotron RSO of the PET Center at Columbia University.

After receiving his BS in pharmacy from St. John’s University, Soffing completed Radio pharmacy-AU Certificate at University of Southern California. He went on to earn an MS in radiation science from Rutgers University, an MBA from NYU Stern School of Business and completed a doctor of pharmacy degree at the University of Florida.

Soffing has been an active APhA member, serving as member-at-large for the Nuclear Pharmacy Practice Section from 2005 to 2007, and spearheaded the creation of the first three live BCNP CE sessions, university-accredited, for the APhA Annual Meeting & Exposition. When elected Nuclear Pharmacy Special Interest Group Coordinator-elect and coordinator from 2013 to 2015, he saw to it that the Radiopharmaceutical Supplier Qualification Tool was completed and ready for publication by APhA by the end of his term. He also serves on several committees for the Society of Nuclear Medicine, maintains plenary membership in the Health Physics Society, and remains a member of ASHP.

Soffing was selected as a member of the New York State Board of Pharmacy in 2021, serving on its USP and MPJE subcommittees.

Scientific Awards and Honors, Administered by the A_{Ph}A Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science

EBERT PRIZE

The Ebert Prize, administered by A_{Ph}A-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 A_{Ph}A-APRS Awards Committee participate in the selection process.

Endowed by the Ebert Legacy



Tze Ning Hiew, PhD, is an assistant professor at the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy. She received her Bachelor of Science (Pharmacy) and PhD degrees from the National University of Singapore. Prior to graduate school, she completed her pre-registration training at Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Singapore, and subsequently worked as an inpatient pharmacist in the same hospital.

Following her doctoral studies, she joined the Department of Industrial and Physical Pharmacy (now Department of Industrial and Molecular Pharmaceutics) at the Purdue University College of Pharmacy as a postdoctoral researcher, where her research was directed toward exploring how intermolecular drug-polymer interactions and glass transition temperature affect the physical stability and dissolution behavior of amorphous solid dispersion formulations. She also worked on strategies to increase the drug loading of amorphous formulations through surface modification of particles.

After completing her postdoctoral training at Purdue University, Tze Ning joined the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Experimental Therapeutics at the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy as an assistant professor. Research in her group at the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy focuses on using innovative formulation and processing strategies to address the challenges of modern-day oral drug delivery. Her research is supported by the National Science Foundation, PhRMA Foundation, Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust, as well as the pharmaceutical industry.

Tze Ning has been honored with several awards, including the IPEC Foundation Patrick DeLuca Emerging Researcher Award (2020), the PhRMA Foundation Faculty Starter Grant in Drug Delivery (2024), and the National Science Foundation EPSCoR Research Fellowship (2024). She also serves on the editorial boards of AAPS PharmSciTech and the *International Journal of Pharmaceutics*.

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 *JAPhA*.



David Jacobs, PharmD, PhD, is an associate professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Jacobs holds a PharmD from the University at Buffalo and a PhD in epidemiology from the University at Buffalo School of Public Health and Health Professions.

Jacobs' research program centers on improving medication use and health outcomes in high-risk adults and populations experiencing health disparities. His work emphasizes expanding the role of pharmacy in delivering care services and addressing social determinants of health. Jacobs' research has received funding from the NIH, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Community Pharmacy Foundation, and various private foundations. Since 2018, he has successfully obtained 19 competitive grants, serving as principal investigator on 12 and co-investigator on seven. During this period, he has also published 38 journal articles, including 16 as senior or corresponding author and 15 coauthored with a student pharmacist or postgraduate trainee. His independent research focuses on three key areas: 1) developing integrative strategies to enhance care transitions for high-risk patients; 2) implementing community pharmacy practice models to address social determinants of health; and 3) examining factors influencing medication use, health care utilization, and costs among older adults. He has established an interdisciplinary team, collaborating with faculty from medicine, public, and clinical pharmacy, utilizing diverse methodologies, including implementation science, pragmatic trial design, and pharmacoepidemiology.

RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

This award, administered by the APhA Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science, 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.



Delesha Carpenter, PhD, MSPH, is a professor and executive vice chair in the Division of Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy. Her research currently focuses on improving patient-provider communication about sensitive issues, like suicide, opioid overdose, and vaccine hesitancy. She also is working to document barriers to community pharmacists delivering harm reduction services, including buprenorphine dispensing, naloxone counseling, and fentanyl test strip sales. She has developed four online training programs to help pharmacists overcome these barriers. She also previously led a research program in inhaler technique education, where she developed an adolescent asthma self-management app and a tailored video software program to improve children's asthma inhaler technique.

Carpenter directs RURAL-CP, a practice-based research network for rural community pharmacists that has over 150 rural pharmacies across the southeast and is especially interested in improving access to health care services in rural areas. Carpenter has published more than 160 peer-reviewed articles on the topics of harm reduction, pediatric asthma, patient-provider communication, the effects of conflicting medication information on medication adherence, and evaluating the impact of technology on patient outcomes. She has received grants and contracts to support her research from a diverse body of funders, including the NIH, private foundations, industry, and start-up companies. Her research has been featured in *The New York Times*, *National Public Radio*, and *The Associated Press*.

WIEDERHOLT PRIZE FOR BEST PUBLISHED PAPER AWARD FOR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCES

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). 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 *JAPhA* within the past 2 calendar years, describing original investigation in the areas of economic, social, or administrative sciences.



J. Douglas Thornton, PharmD, PhD, BCPS, is an associate professor of pharmaceutical health outcomes and policy and the director of the Prescription Drug Misuse Education and Research Center at the University of Houston College of Pharmacy. Before joining the University of Houston, Thornton practiced as a board-certified clinical pharmacist while earning his PhD in health services and outcomes research at West Virginia University, where he also completed his PharmD. He received his PGY1 pharmacy residency training at Saint Mary's Medical Center in Huntington, WV.

Thornton's research focuses on optimizing the management of pain and OUD through effective use of medications and health care services. In 2024, he received the Generation Rx Award of Excellence from APhA for his dedication to SUD education. He currently represents the greater Houston region on the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council.

An experienced mentor, Thornton has guided students at all levels within a college of pharmacy. He has directly mentored and supervised eight postdoctoral fellows and seven PhD students, four of whom have graduated. His commitment to training future health care leaders aligns with his mission to improve patient outcomes and address critical challenges in health care.

Student Awards and Honors, Administered by the A_{Ph}A Academy of Student Pharmacists

OUTSTANDING DEAN AWARD

The A_{Ph}A–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.



Vassilios Papadopoulos, PharmD, PhD, has served since 2016 as dean of the University of Southern California (USC) pharmacy school, which in 2022 received a \$50 million endowment and was renamed the USC Alfred E. Mann School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Papadopoulos has served as a prominent national voice on the topic of reenvisioning the future of pharmacy education and expanding the role of the pharmacist on the health care team. During his tenure as dean, total enrollment at the school increased by more than 30% with the introduction of innovative new undergraduate and graduate programs and an industry-leading executive sports pharmacy certificate. The school unveiled a state-of-the-art student center, opened an all-new campus pharmacy with expanded clinical consultation space, and is currently building a community pharmacy and health center in a pharmacy desert area in south Los Angeles. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the school's students, staff, faculty, and alumni played a key role in Los Angeles's mass vaccination efforts.

A noted scientist and innovative leader, Papadopoulos has published over 400 papers, held numerous patents, and served on national and international advisory committees. He is an elected foreign member of the National Academies of Medicine and Pharmacy in France and fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists, the Royal Society of Canada, and the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences.

Prior to coming to USC, Papadopoulos served as executive director and chief scientific officer at the Research Institute of McGill University Health Centre in Montreal, and previously as director of the Biomedical Graduate Research Organization at Georgetown University Medical Center, as well as professor and chair of the department of biochemistry and molecular biology. A school of pharmacy graduate of the University of Athens, Papadopoulos holds a PhD in health and life science from the Université Pierre et Marie Curie in Paris.

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER ADVISOR AWARD

The A_{Ph}A–ASP Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award was established in 1988 to recognize advisors of A_{Ph}A–ASP Chapters who have promoted with distinction the welfare of student pharmacists through various professional activities.



Brittany Stewart, RD, PharmD, is an assistant professor (clinical) and the coordinator of Community Experiential Education at Wayne State University (WSU) Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Detroit. Stewart has proudly served as the faculty advisor for the WSU American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists Chapter since 2014. Stewart coordinates the following courses in the third year of the PharmD program: Applied Therapeutics in Self-Care, Community-Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences, and The What, How, and Why of Community Pharmacy. Stewart is also the faculty coordinator for the A_{Ph}A Medication Therapy Management Services Certificate Training Program and co-coordinator for the Pharmacy-based Immunization Delivery program at WSU.

As the A_{Ph}A–ASP faculty advisor for the past 10 years, Stewart's guiding principle has been to promote the personal and professional growth of student pharmacists through their involvement with the chapter. She has worked to grow the organization and advance the mission of A_{Ph}A–ASP through innovation, inspiration, motivation, and teamwork with student pharmacists. Stewart established several sustainable community partnerships that have afforded students the opportunity to provide patient care services in the Detroit community. She is an advocacy leader and always encourages student engagement on a local, state, and national level to advance the profession. Stewart leads by example with a strong record of involvement with the Michigan Pharmacists Association, Lambda Kappa Sigma, and A_{Ph}A. Stewart's favorite event that she attends every year (with students) is the A_{Ph}A Annual Meeting & Exposition.

Stewart is passionate about mentorship and has worked with numerous A_{Ph}A–ASP students on impactful research projects that have resulted in successful outcomes such as published abstracts, posters presented locally and nationally, prestigious awards, and student-authored publications. Stewart's "why" is watching students grow and prosper into successful pharmacists.

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 their chapter. Nominees must be active members of the APhA Academy of Student Pharmacists 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.

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Lydia Fritsche, BS, is a student pharmacist in her final year at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) College of Pharmacy. Throughout her academic career, Lydia has actively engaged in leadership roles within the UNMC APhA-ASP Chapter, particularly in the Student Political Action Network (SPAN) and as a member of the UNMC Student Delegates.

Her commitment to advocating for policies that enhance patient access to health care and pharmacy services has been evident in her roles as UNMC's APhA-ASP Chapter delegate, policy vice president, SPAN Committee chair, and the College of Pharmacy Liaison for the UNMC Student Delegates. In those roles, she empowered her peers to recognize their potential in shaping their professional futures and the importance of advocating for policies that impact their field.

Fritsche has played a pivotal role in facilitating discussions among students regarding relevant issues, encouraging them to express their opinions to faculty and representatives. She organized field trips to the Nebraska State Capitol, allowing students to participate in the legislative process through testimony at open hearings and direct engagement with their senators. Her initiative in creating informative handouts, policy newsletters, and personalized guidance for students seeking to communicate with their representatives has been instrumental in fostering a proactive attitude among her peers.

Alongside her other initiatives, she also introduced a policy aimed at improving patient access to prescription medications. The policy garnered support from her professors and the Nebraska Pharmacists Association and successfully became a Nebraska state law in 2023. An additional component of this law is slated for introduction as a bill in 2025.

Fritsche is grateful to APhA and the APhA-ASP community for their support and guidance in nurturing her passion for advocacy.

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 2020 are:



Annaston Young is a third-year student pharmacist at Lipscomb University College of Pharmacy, where she demonstrates a strong commitment to leadership, mentorship, and innovation within the profession. She is deeply passionate about empowering her peers, leading with empathy, and serving others.

As chapter president, Young strives to help every member find their place within APhA-ASP. She believes active engagement is the key to unlocking incredible opportunities for both personal and professional growth. By promoting involvement in leadership roles, patient care projects, and advocacy efforts, she has inspired her peers to drive change within both patient care and the profession as a whole.

Beyond her leadership in APhA-ASP, Young has served as an Active Learning Community leader, where she discovered her passion for teaching and mentorship. She plans to pursue a role in academia and is actively developing her teaching skills in the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Aspiring Academics program. Young is also a member of Rho Chi and serves on Lipscomb University College of Pharmacy's Admissions Committee. Additionally, she has been selected to join the APhA-ASP Membership Engagement Standing Committee in the upcoming term.

Young firmly believes in the transformative power of student pharmacists and is dedicated to shaping the future of the profession through leadership, education, and service. She leads with compassion, inspiring others to reach their full potential while leaving a lasting impression on both the profession and those she serves.



Ellie Flynn is a third-year student pharmacist at the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy with a passion for professional pharmacy associations and improving patient care by advancing the profession of pharmacy. Engagement in her APhA–ASP Chapter as a first-year student pharmacist ignited her passion for the profession, and she now strives to foster that experience for others. Flynn currently serves as her APhA–ASP Chapter president, and she has also previously served as the APhA Carl F. Emswiler Intern and APhA–ASP Region 6 Midyear Regional Meeting Coordinator. Additionally, she has been appointed to serve on the APhA–ASP National Awards Standing Committee for the 2025–2026 academic year.

Flynn is also involved with the Kansas Pharmacists Association where she serves as the Student Academy leader for the Board of Directors, has served on both the Education Committee and Practice Innovation Committee, and is currently conducting research on pharmacy association engagement to be presented at the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations session during APhA2025. Flynn is also a student ambassador for her school of pharmacy, a peer mentor through her Phi Lambda Sigma chapter, and an active “brother” of Kappa Psi.

Flynn is passionate about leadership and empowering those around her. She actively participates in programming to improve her own leadership skills with the belief that it will allow her to better serve her team members. A few examples of these activities include participating in the Phi Lambda Sigma Leader Academy program and attending the Global Leadership Summit.

While Flynn is keeping an open mind for her final year of pharmacy school, she currently plans to pursue an association-based fellowship program after graduation.



Julia Hormann is a third-year student pharmacist from the Medical University of South Carolina. Hormann grew up in New York and moved to Charleston, SC, in 2018 when she began her undergraduate degree in biology at the College of Charleston. Since 2018, Julia has gained valuable experience in the community through work with an independent pharmacy, where her passion for patient care first began. She has also volunteered at outpatient clinics for underserved populations, including Palmetto Palace, a mobile unit in South Carolina. These experiences have deepened her commitment to patient care, and she aspires to one day serve as an ambulatory care pharmacist.

During Hormann’s time in pharmacy school, she has served as the local APhA–ASP Chapter president, where she has made concerted efforts to engage students and promote advocacy initiatives. Some of her favorite events have been local health fairs, the Pie for the PAC fundraiser, and a Doubles for Diabetes pickleball tournament. This year, she starred in her chapter’s PharmFlix video, which was chosen as a finalist in the category Best Overall, and she won her chapter’s local patient counseling competition.

Hormann maintains involvement in her state association, SCPHA, formerly as a student delegate and currently as a junior board member, which provides exposure to policies and the importance of advocating for the rights of pharmacists locally, regionally, and nationally. Furthermore, Hormann is also a proud member of Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society and serves as the local secretary/treasurer of Phi Lambda Sigma Leadership Society.

In her personal life, Hormann enjoys running in downtown Charleston and baking at home—she is always making cookies the night before an exam. As she looks ahead to her final year in pharmacy school, Hormann remains eager to further her leadership, advocacy, and clinical expertise to make a meaningful difference in health care.



Lakin Gardner is a student pharmacist at the University of Arizona, College of Pharmacy, with an anticipated doctor of pharmacy degree in May 2026. Passionate about expanding health care access, she has made a significant impact by innovating and expanding health fairs to better serve rural and underserved communities across Arizona. She is actively involved in the Rural Health Professions Program and AHEC Scholars Program, working to improve health care access for vulnerable populations statewide.

As vice president of patient care for APhA–ASP, Gardner has transformed community health fairs in Tucson, AZ, by expanding outreach to new sites, integrating innovative educational booths, and strengthening connections between student pharmacists and their community. She has forged partnerships with local organizations, enhancing access to heat awareness education, Arizona Poison Control, cannabis medication safety, and Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System insurance enrollment assistance.

In collaboration with Hayden Mitteer, APhA–ASP president, Gardner helped establish a partnership with the Graduate Dietetic Nutritional Program and the College of Medicine’s Commitment to Underserved People Program, fostering interprofessional collaboration to improve patient care at health fairs. Under her leadership, these events have become more targeted and effective, addressing health disparities by providing tailored education to meet the unique needs of diverse populations.

Gardner is deeply grateful for the support of her APhA–ASP peers, faculty mentors, and friends, who continue to inspire and empower her to believe she can make a difference in health care. Committed to advancing rural health advocacy and patient-centered care, she plans to pursue a PGY1 residency following graduation, furthering her mission to create lasting improvements in pharmacy practice.

IMMUNIZATION CHAMPIONS AWARD RECIPIENTS CORPORATION/INSTITUTION

Community pharmacies, hospital pharmacies, long-term care pharmacies, clinics, government entities, corporations, institutions, etc. that have established, facilitated, and/or collaborated with their community to provide services to improve vaccination rates. These entities should address and incorporate key elements of the “immunization neighborhood” within their submitted activities.

NATIONAL WINNER



ShotRx Health and Wellness Solutions is a family practice and immunization clinic owned by pharmacists Ted and Merica Lyons. The words “Learn. Lead. Love.” are found throughout the clinic because that is what this team believes it takes to care for the community. ShotRx services all of west Tennessee but specializes in bringing health care solutions to the communities that need it most. ShotRx was founded in 2021 to address the COVID-19 pandemic. The pharmacist-led teams of ShotRx went throughout west Tennessee conducting town hall meetings and vaccinating at churches, business, schools, and anywhere they could set up a tent! They expanded their services to include childhood vaccinations and primary care after adding nurse practitioners and medical assistants as part of the team. ShotRx has given over 34,000 immunizations, conducted over 1,200 mobile events and 80 educational sessions for the community focusing on sharing the truth about immunizations.

ShotRx has an innovative model of practice that has been recognized through grants and awards from APhA, Upsher-Smith, national media via Scripps News Network, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association, Memphis City Council, Shelby county government, the Tennessee Department of Health, and Shelby County Health Department. Also, a grant from the Tennessee Department of Health helped fund the purchase of two mobile immunization clinic RVs.

HONORABLE MENTION



Livingston Pharmacy was established in 1959 by R. Jack Livingston, a World War II veteran who earned his pharmacist license from Duquesne University through the GI Bill. In the 1960s, it set the benchmark for independent pharmacies, featuring a soda fountain and a bowling alley in the basement. Although these amenities are no longer operational, the pharmacy remains one of the longest-standing businesses in the city of Clairton. It was taken over by Jack’s son, Robert Livingston in the ’80s, and then by Robert’s son Matthew Livingston in the early 2000’s. Despite the city’s fluctuating fortunes over the past 60 years (much like the independent pharmacy industry), Livingston Pharmacy has steadfastly supported its patients through thick and thin.

HONORABLE MENTION



Auburn University Harrison College of Pharmacy’s Division of Clinical Affairs and Outreach (CAO) is the division of the college that provides direct patient care and clinical outreach. CAO operates four community pharmacies and three interprofessional clinics where faculty, staff, and student pharmacists provide progressive pharmacy services in a collaborative environment. CAO partners with the university, as well as local and state governments and public health agencies to be best positioned to identify and immediately respond to community health needs.

CAO works diligently to bolster vaccine rates by promoting vaccinations, providing vaccine education, and offering individualized vaccine consults. CAO routinely administers thousands of adolescent and adult vaccines each year, but they are also responsive to acute public health needs. During the H1N1 and COVID-19 pandemics, CAO led vaccine efforts for the campus and community. In fact, through a coordinated, interprofessional effort, 20,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses were administered through this initiative. In addition to local efforts, CAO led the COVID-19 vaccine response for state employees and state legislators.

The department also plays a critical role within the local community. Recently, CAO developed a strategic partnership with Auburn city schools to provide care for underserved youth who were on long wait lists for mandatory school vaccines. CAO was able to utilize the federal vaccines for children program to timely provide these vaccines to avoid missed class days. CAO has also partnered with the Auburn Rural Health Initiative to provide vaccine clinics in rural, underserved communities. Finally, CAO has worked to increase vaccine rates for adolescent vaccines based on state public health priorities.

CAO’s has received several recognitions for their vaccine initiatives including two AU Presidential Awards for Collaboration (2023—Rural Health and 2021—COVID-19), a 2021 commendation from the Alabama House of Representatives, and a 2014 AU Spirit of Sustainability Award.

FRIEND OF PHARMACY

An individual who is a nonpharmacist and has supported, facilitated, or advocated for pharmacists' role in immunizations. Individuals could include a coalition leader, community leader, policymaker, physician, public health official, reporter, etc.

NATIONAL WINNER



Dave McCormick, BS, is the director of the Indiana Immunization Division at the Indiana Department of Health. In that role, McCormick leads a team of public health professionals committed to eliminating vaccine-preventable diseases by working with approximately 925 health care providers to deliver over \$80 million of publicly funded vaccines. In July 2015, McCormick was elected to the Executive Board of the Association of Immunization Managers, serving as chair in 2019. In 2016, McCormick was elected to the Executive Board of the American Immunization Registry Association and has served as president and chair of the Governance Committee.

HONORABLE MENTION



Michelle Fiscus, MD, FAAP, is a board-certified pediatrician and public health advocate who practiced general pediatrics in Franklin, TN, for 17 years before transitioning to a career in public health in 2016. She served as the medical director of the Tennessee Department of Health's Vaccine-Preventable Diseases and Immunization Program and led the state's COVID-19 vaccination efforts until July 2021. Since 2022, she has served as the inaugural chief medical officer of the Association of Immunization Managers, the professional organization of the 64 CDC-funded immunization programs across the United States, territories, and major cities. Through her work at the Association of Immunization Managers, she has championed pharmacist involvement in immunization efforts, especially for children without access to health care. Fiscus has served as a senior health policy consultant for the National Academy for State Health Policy and served on the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Fiscus is a proud graduate of Indiana University and Indiana University School of Medicine and completed her residency in pediatrics at the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Medical Center. She and her family recently relocated to their forever home in Maryland.

INDIVIDUAL PRACTITIONER

A pharmacist who has established, facilitated, and/or collaborated within their community to provide services to improve vaccination rates. These individuals should exemplify key elements of the "immunization neighborhood" within their submitted activities.

NATIONAL WINNER



LCDR Theresa Castellanos, PharmD, CLC, is a pharmacist with the U.S. Public Health Service and stationed at Southcentral Foundation (SCF) in Anchorage, AK. She is an integrated clinical pharmacist in a tribal facility that serves 70,000 Alaska Native and American Indian people and has managed vaccine clinics for 12 years. As a vaccine subject matter expert, she developed quality improvement protocols to increase immunization rates and decrease errors. She serves as a preceptor for students, residents of the SCF PGY1 ambulatory care residency program, and trains medical assistants on immunizations and medication administration.

As an APhA-certified immunization trainer, she trained over 45 pharmacists and technicians. In 2013, she implemented the first pharmacist-run flu clinic and now manages several vaccine clinics throughout the tribal system, overseeing over 300 staff members and 10,000 vaccines. During the pandemic, the clinic converted to a drive-through, safely and efficiently vaccinating an average of 40 people per hour.

This past year, she organized a "Boo to the Flu" themed vaccine clinic where staff dressed in costumes and patients received goody bags. She also led other clinics, targeting high-risk populations at the Alaska Native Cultural Charter School, Brother Francis Homeless Shelter, Centennial Senior Housing facility, Covenant House, SCF Elders Program, and the Nutaqsiivik Program, which helps high-risk expecting mothers and their families. For the last 3 years, she partnered with the state of Alaska, Anchorage Health Department, CDC, SCF, and Alaska Native Medical Center to offer free vaccines and administered over 2,000 vaccines in 6 days at the Alaska Federation of Natives Convention, the largest gathering in the nation of Native people to address issues of public policy and government.

Castellanos graduated from Loyola University New Orleans and Howard University College of Pharmacy. She resides in Anchorage, AK, with her husband and two young children.

HONORABLE MENTION



Joel Thornbury, BSPharm, RPh, a third-generation pharmacist with over 30 years of experience, has dedicated his career to improving health care access in rural Appalachia. As the owner of multiple independent pharmacies, he has been a leader in expanding immunization programs and public health initiatives, ensuring that underserved populations—including school-aged children—receive critical vaccinations. His innovative approach to pharmacy-based immunization has transformed access to care in eastern Kentucky.

Beyond patient care, Thornbury is a tireless advocate for the pharmacy profession. His leadership roles include serving as former president of the Kentucky Pharmacists Association (KPhA) and the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy, where he worked to advance pharmacist services, PBM reform, and expanded immunization authority. Currently, he serves as speaker of the KPhA House of Delegates, where he continues to drive policy initiatives that strengthen the role of pharmacists in public health.

In addition to his work in pharmacy, Thornbury is an active community leader who dedicates his time to numerous civic and service initiatives. He serves on local economic development boards, supporting small businesses and rural health care sustainability. A lifelong advocate for youth programs, he has been involved in mentorship programs, school health initiatives, and regional outreach efforts that promote wellness and public health literacy. An avid marathon runner, Thornbury also champions physical fitness and wellness programs that encourage healthier lifestyles within his community.

Recognized with numerous state and national awards, including Kentucky Pharmacist of the Year and the KPhA Distinguished Service Award, Thornbury has also mentored student pharmacists for over 25 years, shaping the next generation of pharmacists. His unwavering commitment to patient care, legislative advocacy, and community service embodies the spirit of the APhA Immunization Champion Award. His work continues to influence pharmacy practice, health care policy, and public health initiatives that improve the well-being of communities across the region.

HONORABLE MENTION



Ijeoma Uwakwe, PharmD, MSCR, is a registered pharmacist, a wife, and a mother of four. She is also the owner of WilsonValue Drug Store in Wilson, NC.

Uwakwe earned her doctor of pharmacy degree and a masters in clinical research from Campbell University in 2009. She began her career at CVS Pharmacy, where she served as a staff pharmacist and later as a pharmacy manager.

In 2014, she and her husband, Evan Uwakwe, opened their own independent retail pharmacy, WilsonValue Drug Store. The community values Uwakwe for her dedication to pharmacy delivery, her active engagement with the community, and her commitment to various clinical service projects, including mass immunizations, diabetes prevention and management, opioid harm reduction counseling, and BP management. Her pharmacy is a well-respected resource for vaccinations in the city.

Uwakwe also shares her expertise with the city of Wilson by serving on the Wilson Board of Health and Wilson Downtown development committee.

PHARMACY TEAM MEMBER

An individual who is not a pharmacist or student pharmacist, who has advocated for immunizations, and who has proactively identified at-risk patients for vaccination. Individuals could include a pharmacy technician, store manager, store cashier, etc. Activities could include conducting or coordinating community outreach, patient education campaigns, managing or delivering immunization services, or supporting pharmacists in the provision of immunization services.

NATIONAL WINNER



Lisa D. Goode, PharmD, MSCR, is a certified pharmacy technician with over 13 years of experience working in retail pharmacy. Goode is passionate about small-town communities and giving the very best customer service. She has spent many years growing herself so that she can better serve. This includes being in the first group of technicians to get certified to administer vaccines in the state of Illinois, opening the availability to rural communities in offering those much-needed vaccines while also holding a board position with Illinois Pharmacist Association as the technician director. Her newest adventure has been becoming a National Diabetes Prevention Program lifestyle change coach through Habitnu, offering motivational counseling and education to a healthier lifestyle.

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