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**Carmel Pharmacist Gregory W. Cameron Honored for Outstanding Community Service**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – The Maine Pharmacy Association (MPA) has selected Gregory W. Cameron, RPh, BSc, as the recipient of the 2017 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Cameron was presented the award at the 2017 Maine Sesquicentennial Convention on Saturday, October 14. The Bowl of Hygeia is sponsored by the American Pharmacists Association Foundation, the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations, and the American Pharmacists Association, with support from Boehringer Ingelheim.

Cameron has contributed to his community since graduating from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in 1977. He has had an extensive pharmacy career in Maine with a long history in community pharmacy practice and providing care and guidance to the citizens and pharmacists of Maine. He currently serves as an Assistant Professor of Pharmacy at Husson University School of Pharmacy.

Throughout his career in pharmacy, Cameron has served as an active member, board member, and president of the Maine Pharmacy Association. His dedication and effectiveness at his current position at Husson University has been recognized annually by the students as Teacher of the Year. During his career, Cameron has been recognized for his commitment to excellence, supporting the profession and leadership, by LaVerdierre's Super Drug Store, The US Attorney's Office, State Employees of Maine, the US Drug Enforcement Agency, and the Maine Department of Professional and Financial Regulation. He has committed countless hours to new pharmacists and practitioners in supporting their learning and knowledge in the area of MPJE preparation and pharmacy law.

Cameron has served as the annual presenter at MPA meetings on pharmacy law updates; MPA representative to the Maine Board of Pharmacy since 2014, and President in 2016; and is a member of the American Pharmacists Association. He also served as a volunteer fireman with the Trenton Volunteer Fire Department and volunteered at St. Dominic's High School, Lewiston Maine.

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

The Bowl of Hygeia is the most widely recognized international symbol for the pharmacy profession and is considered one of the profession's most prestigious awards. The Bowl of Hygeia has been associated with the pharmacy profession since as early as 1796 when the symbol was used on a coin minted for the Parisian Society of Pharmacy. The bowl represents a medicinal potion and the snake represents healing. Healing through medicine is precisely why the pharmacy profession has adopted the Bowl of Hygeia symbol.

#### **About the American Pharmacists Association Foundation**

The APhA Foundation, a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C., is a trusted source of research demonstrating how pharmacists can improve health care. The APhA Foundation's mission is to improve people's health through pharmacists' patient care services. The APhA Foundation is affiliated with the American Pharmacists Association, the National professional society of pharmacists in the U.S. For more information, please visit the APhA Foundation website [www.aphafoundation.org](http://www.aphafoundation.org). Follow the APhA Foundation on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for the latest updates.

#### **About the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations**

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