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Reisterstown Pharmacist Cynthia Boyle Honored for Outstanding Community Service

WASHINGTON, DC – The Maryland Pharmacists Association (MPhA) has selected Cynthia Boyle, PharmD, FAPhA, as the recipient of the 2017 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Boyle was presented the award at the 2017 MPhA's 135th Annual Convention on Sunday, June 25. 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.

Boyle has contributed to her community since graduating from the University of Maryland in 1996 and has practiced in community, institutional, and consultant settings. She is currently Professor and Chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Administration at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. She is the past president of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, and has received numerous national and local awards, including the Maryland Society of Health-System Pharmacy's W. Arthur Purdum Award, highest honors for Significant Service/Sustained Contributions/Influential Leadership (2010) and the MPhA Seidman Distinguished Achievement Award for outstanding service to the pharmacy profession (2009).

Boyle is a hands-on volunteer and focuses on environmental issues, awareness outreach, her church, and her commitment to support women in academia. Her civic affiliations include the civic works orchard project, volunteer; 5K Strides for Epilepsy, planning committee; and the Annual Baltimore Flower Mart Health Fair.

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. 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.