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Poplar Bluff Pharmacist David Farris Honored for Outstanding Community Service

WASHINGTON, DC – The Missouri Pharmacy Association (MPA) has selected David Farris, RPh as the recipient of the 2017 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Farris was presented the award at the 2017 MPA & IPhA Joint Annual Conference on Saturday, September 9. 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.

Farris has contributed to his community since graduating from the St. Louis College of Pharmacy in 1975 and practices at the Key Pharmacy. He maintains community involvement in activities that improve patient care, and makes himself available 24 hours a day for hospice and nursing home patients.

Farris is a member of MPA and the SEMO Pharmacy Association, NCPA, PCCA, and the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists. He served for four years in the US Navy and is a former member of Poplar Bluff Lions Club, a mentor for the Claudia Company Charlie Classics reading program for Junior and Senior High School students, and served as a grade school, park league, and AAU basketball coach. His community service continued with his education at St. Meinard Seminary School of Theology, followed by ordination as a Permanent Deacon in the Catholic Church, serving Sacred Heart Church in Poplar Bluff and St. Benedicts Church in Doniphan, MO.

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.