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Pierre Pharmacist Rob Loe Honored for Outstanding Community Service

WASHINGTON, DC – The South Dakota Pharmacists Association (SDPhA) has selected Rob Loe, RPh, as the recipient of the 2017 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Loe was presented the award at the 2017 SDPhA Annual Convention on Friday, September 22. 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.

Loe has contributed to his community since graduating from the South Dakota State University College of Pharmacy in 1996. He is an independent community pharmacist at Lynn's Dakotamart Pharmacy and is tirelessly committed to his community and profession. He has served his state association as Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President, and President. He has also served the pharmacy industry on the Medicaid Solutions Work Group Committee, South Dakota Prescription Opioid Abuse Advisory Committee, and as a member of the American Pharmacists Association and the National Community Pharmacists Association.

Loe's civic and community service affiliations include OAHE Inc., Human Legal Rights Positive Action Committee, Pierre Izaak Walton Board Member, Former advocate for CASA, Ft. Pheasants Forever Committee Member, Head Coach of the T.F. Riggs High School Clay Target Team, Ducks Unlimited, Delta Waterfowl, Pheasants Forever, Amateur Trapshooting Association, National Sporting Clays Association, and the National Rifle Association.

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 (NCSPAEE). For more information, please visit the NASPA website www.naspa.us.