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Yorktown Pharmacist Patricia B. Resto Honored for Outstanding Community Service

WASHINGTON, DC – The Virginia Pharmacists Association (VPhA) has selected Patricia B. Resto, BSP Pharm, MPH, as the recipient of the 2017 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Resto was presented the award at the VPhA 136th Annual Convention 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.

Resto has contributed to her community since graduating from the Medical College of Virginia School of Pharmacy in 1984. She received an MPH from Eastern Virginia Medical School in 2016. She works at the Walgreens chain pharmacy and selflessly gives countless hours of community service and dedication to the pharmacy industry for the betterment of others. Resto has been involved in almost every position at the VPhA. She is active in the American Pharmacists Association and in her church and local rotary club. Resto is considered to be one of the most highly engaged community pharmacists in the state.

Resto's state pharmacy activities include service in the Harvey B. Morgan Institute of the VPhA, the APhA House of Delegates, and the Peninsula Pharmacists Association. She has also participated in various pharmacy and service organizations, including the Rotary Club, the American Public Health Association, the American Association of Diabetes Educators, the American Society of Consultation Pharmacists, Cary's Baptist Church Home Mission, Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International, Project Immunize Virginia, and Kappa Epsilon Fraternity.

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.