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### **Pharmacist Deborah Johnson Honored for Outstanding Community Service**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – The California Pharmacists Association (CPhA) has selected Deborah S. Johnson, as the recipient of the 2018 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Johnson was presented the award at the Western Pharmacy Exchange Annual Meeting on Friday, April 13. 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.

Johnson has contributed to her community since graduating from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences in 1974. She is an independent community pharmacist at Garden Grove Pharmacy. Johnson is receiving the Bowl of Hygeia award for her outstanding and continuing activity in the community outside of the profession. She is truly a leader, with an unbounded love for the profession of pharmacy that she has generously shared with fellow pharmacists, student pharmacists, new practitioners, and the community.

Johnson's state pharmacy association activities include California Pharmacists Association -- President, 2003; Immediate Past-President, 2004; President-Elect, 2002; Speaker of the House, 2001-2002; Vice Speaker of the House, 1995-1996; District 12 Trustee, 1996-2000; Orange County Pharmacists Association -- President, 1992; Immediate Past President, 1993; President-Elect, 1991; Board of Directors Member, 1996-1997; Secretary, 1995. Johnson's pharmacy organizations include: American Pharmacists Association - Member, 1980-present; National Community Pharmacists Association - Member, 1998-2011; Disaster Medical Assistance Team - Pharmacist, 2004-2008; and California Disaster Medical Professional, 2008-present.

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 (NCSPAEE). For more information, please visit the NASPA website [www.naspa.us](http://www.naspa.us).