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Honolulu Pharmacist Jeani Jow Honored for Outstanding Community Service

Washington, DC – The Hawaii Pharmacists Association (HPhA) has selected Jeani Jow as the recipient of the 2014 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Jow was presented with the award during the HPhA General Membership meeting on October 24, 2014. 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.

After completing her residency, Jow became an ambulatory care pharmacist practicing evidence-based medicine and applying cost-effective principles at Kaiser Permanente Hawaii. She is certified in geriatric clinical practice and board certified in pharmacotherapy. Before becoming a manager of the Pharmacy Residency PGY1 program, she was already involved with inspiring future pharmacists by participating in various community career fair events. Jow also helps with the ongoing medical supply preparation for the Hokule'a and Hikianali'a World Wide Voyage. She has volunteered with the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) and Pali Preschool, and has helped coordinate fundraising events for 'Iolani School.

Jow has also held various positions with HPhA, helping to expand and improve pharmacy practice in Hawaii. Since 2005, she has served in numerous roles with HPhA, most recently as HPhA president from 2012-2013. She has expanded her knowledge and talents by teaching performance improvement/lean management principles to different healthcare teams and assisted the Kaiser Permanente clinics with achieving level 3 certification as a Patient-Centered Medical home.

She currently serves as the Senior Manager for Medical Education and Continuous Improvement for the Hawai'i Permanente Medical Group-Strategy, Leadership and Communications Department (affiliated with Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Hawaii). Throughout her career she has inspired patients, other healthcare team members, new pharmacists, and those considering pharmacy as a career.

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 active roles 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.

Information regarding contributing to the Bowl of Hygeia future is available by contacting the APhA Foundation at 202-429-7565 or info@aphafoundation.org.

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 (NCSPAE). For more information, please visit the NASPA Web site www.naspa.us.