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Columbus Pharmacist Sean McAlister Honored for Outstanding Community Service

Washington, DC – The Indiana Pharmacists Alliance (IPA) has selected Sean McAlister, RPh, as the recipient of the 2014 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. McAlister was presented with the award at the IPA Annual Convention on Thursday, September 18. The award 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.

As a staff pharmacist at Columbus Regional Hospital and frequent community service volunteer, McAlister is well-respected within his community. He is a graduate of Purdue University.

McAlister has been an active member of the Medication Assistance Program Action Team, a community team supported by local physician leaders and various organizations, since its founding in 1999. This team helps connect patients and physicians to patient assistance programs to provide medication supplies and medications. He is also active in the Human Rights Committee, Developmental Services, and assists this service program by reviewing care plans and medication changes to facilitate safe and effective care.

McAlister is also highly involved with local youth volunteer organizations. He serves the Donner Swim Club as the current vice president of its board, a volunteer leader, and a referee at local events. McAlister provides leadership for youth programs and has held various positions as a member of Sandy Hook United Methodist Church. He has also served as a volunteer baseball and soccer coach for several sports teams in Columbus for the Parks and Recreation program. McAlister is a volunteer adult leader for the Boy Scouts of America and treasurer of the Chrysalis Board, a community service group serving area youth.

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