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Dubuque Pharmacist Richard J. Hartig Honored for Outstanding Community Service

Washington, DC – The Iowa Pharmacy Association (IPA) has selected Richard J. Hartig as the recipient of the 2015 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Hartig was presented with the award at the IPA 2015 Annual Meeting on Friday, June 12. 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.

Hartig is the owner of Hartig Drug in Dubuque, Iowa. He earned his pharmacy and MBA degrees from Drake University. He has a long track record of civic leadership in the city of Dubuque and the state of Iowa, and exemplifies what it means to be a “community pharmacist.”

At the state level, Hartig is involved with the Iowa Pharmacy Association’s Board of Trustees, several committees, and House of Delegates. Nationally, he is involved with the National Association of Chain Drug Stores Board and McKesson National Independent Advisory Board, and is a member of several regional and national pharmacist associations. Hartig also interacts with legislators at the state and federal level on pharmacy issues, hosts internships and rotations for pharmacy students from various schools of pharmacy, and sponsors pharmacy scholarships for Drake University and the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy. He is a former Drake University Board member.

Hartig’s community service spans a wide range of organizations and causes. He is a corporate sponsor for the Dubuque Fighting Saints, contributes to food pantries in local communities, served as chairman of the Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce, was elected a member of the Tri-State Business Hall of Fame in 2012, and is past president of Clarke College Board of Trustees. He has also served as a board member for numerous organizations, including the Hills & Dales Foundation, Hillcrest Family Services, Boy Scouts of America, and American Trust and Savings Bank, and is a former chairman of the American Heart Association’s American Heart Walk. Hartig is involved with his church as a music liturgist and Eucharistic minister, and engages in charitable giving both personally and on behalf of his business to many non-profit organizations.

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.

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 Web site www.naspa.us.