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**Hoisington Pharmacist Richard A. Bieber Honored for Outstanding Community Service**

**Washington, DC** – The Kansas Pharmacists Association (KPhA) has selected Richard A. Bieber as the recipient of the 2014 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Bieber was presented with the award during the KPhA Annual Meeting on September 5, 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.

Bieber resides in Great Bend, KS, and owns Cardinal Pharmacy in Hoisington, KS. He is a 1970 graduate of the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy. He is a past president of the Kansas Pharmacists Association (1994), and also served as president of the Kansas Pharmacy Foundation from 2005 to 2010. He is currently Board Chairman of the Kansas Independent Pharmacy Service Corporation.

He was honored with the Bowl of Hygeia Award for his numerous civic activities within the local community. Bieber was a member of the Great Bend High School Panther Booster Club, Prince of Peace Catholic Church Choir, Brett Spaugh Zoological Society, Hoisington Community Pharmacy Search Task Force, and the Barton County Community College Pharmacy Technician Program Initiation Committee. He has also held many roles within the American Legion, Argonne Post #180, including chairman of the Fundraising Committee, Finance Officer, and past president of the Argonne Rebels Board of Directors. In addition, he has been the leader of Greensburg Pharmacy Tornado Relief.

Bieber also served in the US Army from January 17, 1972, to January 16, 1975, when he received an honorable discharge. He was a Medical Specialist, Fifth Class, with an Expert Rifle Badge.

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](mailto: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](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 (NCSPA). For more information, please visit the NASPA Web site [www.naspa.us](http://www.naspa.us).