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**Bardstown, Kentucky Pharmacist, J. Leon Claywell, Honored for Outstanding Community Service**

**Washington, DC** – The Kentucky Pharmacists Association (KPhA) has selected J. Leon Claywell as the recipient of the 2013 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Claywell was presented with the award during the KPhA Annual Meeting and Convention, June 6-9, 2013. The Bowl of Hygeia is sponsored by the American Pharmacists Association Foundation and the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations with support from Boehringer Ingelheim.

Claywell was an influential force in getting Nelson County's doctors and pharmacists to address the seemingly excessive use of pain and anti-anxiety agents. He served the Nelson County Health Department for six years as a member of their Board of Directors. Claywell served 13 years on the Flaget Memorial Hospital Board of Directors and was instrumental in the improvement of the hospital's patient care services and financial position. The hospital even earned recognition as one of the top 100 small community hospitals in America.

Claywell has served the Nelson County youth for many years as a coach for basketball, baseball and soccer. He has served as District Commissioner of the Federal Hill Pony Club and as a sanctioned Member of the United States Pony Club. Claywell is a member of the St. Joseph Parish, serving as a member of the St. Joseph Church Parish Council and on the St. Joseph School Board. He has served the United Way of Nelson County as a member of the Financial Allocation committee. Claywell has also served the Knights of Columbus as Grand Knight.

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 is affiliated with the American Pharmacists Association, the national professional society of pharmacists in the U.S. The APhA Foundation, a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C., is a national leader in designing programs to help patients with chronic healthcare conditions by optimizing medication use through coordination with pharmacists, the medication experts. The APhA Foundation's mission is to improve people's health

through pharmacists' patient care services. For more information, please visit the APhA Foundation website [www.aphafoundation.org](http://www.aphafoundation.org).

**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).