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Mora Pharmacist Brent Thompson Honored for Outstanding Community Service

Washington, DC – The Minnesota Pharmacists Association has selected Brent Thompson, PharmD, as the recipient of the 2014 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Thompson was presented with the award at the MPhA Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 13. 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.

Thompson is an active member of the pharmacy community as a residency and student preceptor and a member of the rural health association and various pharmacy organizations. He hosts activities such as Pharm-fest to bring pharmacy professionals to the Mora community to discuss the advancement of the profession. In addition to being active in the pharmacy profession, Thompson is also involved with the Pine County Ag society and is the habitat director for the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association.

Thompson graduated from North Dakota State University with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 1998. He served as a member of the Minnesota Pharmacists Association Board of Directors from 2006-2012, acting as president of the board in 2010-2011 and a member of the MPhA Patient Safety Committee. He also served on the Minnesota Delegation of the APhA House of Delegates from 2009-2013, the APhA Policy Committee in 2012-2013, the APhA Reference Committee in 2014, and the APhA-APPM Delegation. He is a member of the Minnesota Pharmacists Association, the Minnesota Society of Health System Pharmacists, the Minnesota Rural Health Association, the American Society of Health System Pharmacists, and the American Pharmacists Association.

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.