



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 4, 2014

Media Contacts:

Megan Lewis
Communications Manager
American Pharmacists Association Foundation
mlewis@aphanet.org
(202) 588-2724

Reno Pharmacist Christopher J. Shea Honored for Outstanding Community Service

Washington, DC – The Nevada Bowl of Hygeia Committee has selected Christopher J. Shea, PharmD, as the recipient of the 2014 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Shea was presented with the award on December 3, 2014, at the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy Meeting. 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.

Shea and his wife Jamie reside in Reno, Nev., where he is employed with Integricare Rx. He has a long history of dedication to improving the quality of life for the aging population. His efforts have evolved from implementing appropriate pharmaceutical care plans to offering comprehensive teachings to both medical professionals and the general public. His teachings include an extensive range of presentations and seminars in his community addressing medication-related issues. He has also served the state of Nevada through various appointments to state pharmacy and therapeutics committees and drug utilization review boards.

Shea has a doctorate in pharmacy from Idaho State University and was certified as a Geriatric Pharmacist (CGP) by the Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy in 2002.

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 Web site www.naspa.us.