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Getzville Pharmacist Dr. Karl D. Fiebelkorn Honored for Outstanding Community Service

Washington, DC – The Pharmacists Society of the State of New York has selected Karl D. Fiebelkorn as the recipient of the 2014 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Fiebelkorn was presented with the award at the Annual Convention on Sunday, June 8. 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.

As an associate professor and associate dean at the University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences (UBSOPPS), Fiebelkorn has a long history of volunteerism and community service. In 1996 he began the UBSOPPS Poison Prevention Program which educates thousands of young children about the hazards of poisoning in Western New York. A few years later he received a grant to produce a video and DVD to educate young children and their babysitters across New York State. These videos/DVDs were distributed statewide in 2005 and 2006.

Fiebelkorn has served on the Asthma Coalition of Western New York Board of Directors, the Amherst Youth Task Force on Healthy Youth Board of Directors, and the Responsible Tobacco Retailing Committee. He has served for several years on the WNY Drug Disposal Committee, which works with DEA to create a regional DEA Drug Take-Back Program serving 32 sites in Western New York. Fiebelkorn has served as a pharmacy coordinator for several community-wide wellness fairs including the Assemblyman Jim Hayes Annual Health Fair, the Assemblyman Ray Walter and Senator Mike Rzenhofer Health Fairs, and the Assemblyman Mark Schroeder Health Fair. He is a member of several professional pharmacy associations and is a board member and Vice President of the Pharmacists Association of Western New York, past board member of the Western New York Society of Health Systems Pharmacy, and a delegate to the American Pharmacists Association and the Pharmacy Society of the State of New York. He also serves on the executive committee of the Rho Chi Society, the national honor society of pharmacy, as well as the steering committee of the National Community Pharmacists Association.

An advisor to several student organizations, Fiebelkorn oversees many student-led charitable events in the student chapters of the National Community Pharmacists Association, the School of Pharmacy Student Association, the Rho Chi National Honor Society, and the Student Pharmacists Association of Western New York. He assists students in coordinating the Annual UBSOPPS Charity Dance, which raises thousands of dollars for local charities each year.

An advocate of the profession, Fiebelkorn motivates students to participate in several ventures, from attending Pharmacy Day in Albany, the state's capital, to educating legislators on the profession of pharmacy and lobbying for patient issues, to educating young adults and their parents on drug abuse. He has received several awards including Distinguished Pharmacy Educator from the National Community Pharmacists Association and the Pharmacist Society of the State of New York (PSSNY). He also received the Jack Nicolais Award by PSSNY for his role in student advocacy. He received the Western New York Society of Health Systems Pharmacists Robert M. Cooper Award for professionalism as well as the Pharmacists Association of Western New York Community Service Award for his role in expanding immunizations by pharmacists in the community in New York State. Fiebelkorn was among the first pharmacist immunizer trainers in

New York State and among the first pharmacists in the state to become a Certified Asthma Educator by the National Asthma Educator Certification Board. He is also an active member in his church.

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.