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Fargo Pharmacist, Dr. Charles D. Peterson, Honored for Outstanding Community Service

Washington, DC – The North Dakota Pharmacists Association (NDPhA) has selected Dr. Charles D. Peterson as the recipient of the 2014 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Dr. Peterson was presented with the award during the NDPhA Annual Convention's President's Banquet on April 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.

Dr. Peterson is dean and professor of the College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Allied Sciences at North Dakota State University in Fargo, North Dakota. He is currently responsible for approximately 1800 students, 120 employees, 15 degree programs, and a total research portfolio of approximately \$8.5 million. Under his leadership, the college has recently developed and procured funding from the state legislature for North Dakota's first Master of Public Health degree program and has also developed the nation's first Vaccinology Minor. During his tenure, the College was also awarded \$5 million from the North Dakota Department of Commerce Center of Excellence Commission to establish a Center for Biopharmaceutical Research & Production to develop vaccines and other biopharmaceuticals for commercialization with local biotechnology companies.

Dr. Peterson serves as Principal Investigator and Project Director for the North Dakota Telepharmacy Project. His scholarly achievements include over 60 peer reviewed publications on a variety of topics including toxicology, curriculum innovations and development, telepharmacy, and most recently public health. He has procured over \$15 million in grants and contracts as principal investigator from private, state, and federal funding agencies including a \$3.3 million award from the Office for the Advancement of Telehealth/HRSA/HHS to support the implementation of a telepharmacy program in North Dakota to restore and retain pharmacy services in medically underserved rural areas. Dr. Peterson also recently authored articles on telepharmacy applications in both retail and hospital pharmacy settings and authored a primer for the federal government providing guidelines for other states on how to successfully implement a telepharmacy program. In addition, he recently published a chapter on Rural Health and Telepharmacy in APhA's textbook, "The Pharmacist in Public Health, Education, Application, and Opportunities."

Dr. Peterson is a member of the evaluation team for the Accreditation Council of Pharmacy Education, the agency responsible for accrediting schools of pharmacy nationally.

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 (NCSPA). For more information, please visit the NASPA Web site www.naspa.us.