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**Pharmacist Daniel Karant Honored for Outstanding Community Service**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – The Ohio Pharmacists Association (OPA) has selected Daniel G. Karant, RPh, as the recipient of the 2018 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Karant was presented the award at the Annual Conference on Friday, April 20. 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.

Karant has contributed to his community since graduating from the Ohio Northern University in 1977. He is the independent community pharmacy owner of the Medicine Shoppe. Karant has served the Summit County Board of Health since 2009 and as president for two years. In 2000, he was recipient of South Summit Chamber of Commerce Business Leader Award. A member of Norton Kiwanis for more than 25 years, he is recipient of their Legion of Honor Award. For more than 25 years, Karant has been presenting poison prevention awareness programs in local kindergartens. He is also serving on the Ohio Infant Mortality Task Force and Norton Health Advisory Board, and was recently elected to Norton City Council representing Ward 3. In addition, Karant chaired the OPA Pharmacist Preparedness Task Force for several years.

Karant is Past Chair and Member OPA Pharmacist Preparedness Task Force, OPA Compounding Special Interest Group, and the 2010 recipient of OPA Public Relations Award.

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 an active role 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.

**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](http://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 website [www.naspa.us](http://www.naspa.us).