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Houston Pharmacist May J. Woo Honored for Outstanding Community Service

Washington, DC – The Texas Pharmacy Association has selected May Woo as the recipient of the 2014 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Woo was presented with the award at the Annual Conference and Expo on Saturday, August 2. 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.

Woo has practiced in several different areas of pharmacy including community, hospital and academia. She has worked for the Texas State Board of Pharmacy as a compliance officer. Along with the professional practice, she has spent 27 years as a dedicated, hard-working member of the Texas Pharmacy Association. Woo has served on at least 90% of the committees, taskforces, and councils that exist and served as Speaker of the House of Delegates, member of the TPA Board of Directors, and member of the Texas Pharmacy Foundation Board of Trustees. She has been equally as active locally in Houston and nationally in Phi Lambda Sigma (a pharmacy leadership honor society) and APhA.

However, Woo's contributions to the world outside of pharmacy speak volumes. Pharmacists take an oath to take care of their patients. Woo takes that commitment seriously and takes care of people who don't even know she's a pharmacist. She volunteers with the San Jose Clinic, which provides medical, dental and pharmacy services to low-income/underserved Houstonians. She is also very active in the church and its outreach programs. One of the major contributions she has made has been with World Changers. World Changers is a group of youth and adults who go into underserved communities in our nation and work on improving houses in the community. This encompasses everything from roofing to building handicap access ramps or fences. Woo has made four trips with this group.

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.