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Tyler Pharmacist Jim Cousineau Honored for Outstanding Community Service

Washington, DC – The Texas Pharmacy Association (TPA) has selected Jim Cousineau, RPh, as the recipient of the 2015 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Cousineau was presented with the award at the 2015 TPA Conference & Expo on Sunday, July 12. 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.

Cousineau is an employee of Brookshire Grocery Company in Tyler, Texas. He earned his pharmacy degree from University of Texas College of Pharmacy.

Cousineau is actively involved in the pharmacy profession through his work with a number of organizations at both the state and national level. He is a member of the Texas Pharmacy Association and PharmPAC, TPA's political action committee. He is also a member of the Central East Texas Pharmacy Association and has held several leadership positions within the Texas Federation of Drug Stores including president, vice president, treasurer, and board member. Nationally, he is involved with the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) and serves as a board member with Pharmacy Choice & Access Now (PCAN) and Topco Aggregated Pharmacy Initiative.

Outside of the pharmacy arena, Cousineau is dedicated to serving his community in a wide range of capacities. He is active in his church and has served on the Pollard United Methodist Church Board of Directors, through which he helped remodel the parsonage and assisted with other trustee projects. He serves on multiple PTA boards and committees within Tyler Independent School District and previously served as chair of the Robert E. Lee High School Band Parent Association. Cousineau also volunteers his time with youth sports leagues as a coach and umpire for baseball and soccer. He is passionate about scouting, and has dedicated countless hours to the East Texas Area Council of Boy Scouts of America. Within the organization, he has served as the National Jamboree Scoutmaster, Boy Scout Scoutmaster, Philmont Trek Advisor, District Committee Chair, and Order of the Arrow Chapter Advisor, among other roles. Cousineau also gives back to his community through his employer's service projects, including food drives, holiday gift drives, and participation in events such as Race for the Cure and the American Heart Association's Fresh 15.

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.

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.