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Republic Pharmacist Patricia Heeney Slagle Honored for Outstanding Community Service

Washington, DC – The Washington State Pharmacy Association (WSPA) has selected Patricia Heeney Slagle, RPh, as the recipient of the 2014 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Slagle was presented with the award on November 15, 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.

Slagle is actively involved in many aspects of her community in Republic, Wash. The programs she has spear-headed and salvaged have improved the quality of the lives of local youth. She organized the Gear-up for College program designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in post-secondary education. She has also provided direction and tutelage to Miss Republic Royalty, a young ambassador who travels to neighboring communities to spotlight Republic.

Over the past several years Slagle has also devoted her time to the local school district and was recognized by the WA Association of School Administrators in 2008. She has guided the local Business and Professional Women (BPW) organization that affords academic scholarships to young women. She has provided leadership to several Scouts who have earned their Eagle merit badges. Slagle has also ensured the local Memorial Day services receive proper observance through musical accompaniment and assisted high school seniors with their resumes and college applications. She has also been actively involved in her church. As a result of her many efforts, she earned the Inland Empire Leadership Conference Volunteer of the Year in 2011.

Slagle owns Republic Drug Store and provides high quality care to her local hospital district and to her pharmacy clientele. Her work as a pharmacist earned her the WA Rural Health Association's award for Outstanding Rural Health Practitioner in 2012. She is also a member of the Washington State Pharmacy Association, the American Pharmacists Association, and Spokane Pharmacists Association.

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.