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Douglas Pharmacist Randy A. Harrop Honored for Outstanding Community Service

Washington, DC – The Wyoming Pharmacy Association (WPhA) has selected Randy A. Harrop, RPh, as the recipient of the 2015 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Harrop was presented with the award at the 98th Annual WPhA/WSHP Convention on Saturday, June 13. 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.

Harrop is an employee of Safeway Pharmacy in Douglas, Wyo. He earned his pharmacy degree from the University of Wyoming School of Pharmacy.

Harrop has been dedicated to the profession of pharmacy for many years. He serves as a preceptor for pharmacy students with the University of Wyoming and has served two terms (12 years) on the Wyoming Board of Pharmacy, including as president of the Board two times. In that position, he ensured the safety of patients in Wyoming while also ensuring the representation of pharmacists. Harrop volunteered as the staff pharmacist for Memorial Hospital of Converse County for many years prior to it becoming a full-time paid position. He served as president of the Wyoming Pharmacy Association in 1997, and attended and participated in several National Association of Boards of Pharmacy meetings.

In addition to his involvement in the pharmacy profession, Harrop is actively involved in his community in a variety of capacities. He coached youth basketball and baseball teams for many years and served as an elected member of the Converse County School District #1 Board of Trustees for eight years, including as president of the Board for several years. He also served as a member of the Converse County Airport Board and Converse County Recreation Board. Harrop is a member of the Douglas Congregational Church of Christ and former member of the Douglas Rotary Club and Douglas Chamber of Commerce. He has frequently volunteered to give school presentations to raise awareness about drug safety and education, and helped keep the local independent radio station in business when it was in danger of being shut down by joining with other local citizens to purchase the station's license.

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