

WASHINGTON, DC – The American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Foundation today announced the recipients of the 2022 Pinnacle Awards. Established in 1998, the annual Pinnacle Awards celebrate significant contributions to the medication use process that lead to enhancements such as: increasing patient adherence, reducing adverse drug events, promoting the use of national treatment guidelines, improving patient outcomes, and enhancing communication among the members of the healthcare team.

“The APhA Foundation is delighted to honor the 2022 Pinnacle Award recipients and their important work to optimize medication usage,” said APhA Foundation Executive Director and SVP, Research & Innovation, Benjamin Bluml, RPh. “For 25 years, the Pinnacle Awards have recognized excellence in medication use with an emphasis on transformative innovations that include pharmacists in improving health care within the communities they serve.”

The 2022 Pinnacle Award Recipients and Categories:

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CATEGORY I: Individual Award for Career Achievement

This category recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional leadership in enhancing healthcare quality and medication use.

Houston Methodist

CATEGORY II: Group Practices, Health Systems, and Healthcare Corporations

This category recognizes a significant scientific contribution and/or quality improvement project.

Daily Planet Health Services, Inc.

CATEGORY III: Voluntary Health Agencies, Nonprofit Organizations, Associations, Government Agencies and Public/Private Partnerships

This category recognizes organizations that have demonstrated approaches to assist patients and their caregivers in achieving better outcomes from their medications.

Support for the Pinnacle Awards Program is provided by an educational grant from **Merck**.

The **Innovations in Pharmacy Practice Lecture**, which is part of the Pinnacle Awards Program, will be delivered by CATEGORY III award recipients, **Patricia Cook**, MD, FACP, FAAP and **Jean-Venable "Kelly" R. Goode**, PharmD, BCPS, FAPhA, FCCP. Cook is Chief Medical Office and Goode is Chief Pharmacist for Daily Planet Health Services, Inc. in Richmond, VA.

The presentation of the Pinnacle Awards and **Innovations in Pharmacy Practice Lecture** will be streamed live for online viewing.

About the American Pharmacists Association Foundation

The APhA Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable 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 health by inspiring philanthropy, research, and innovation that advances pharmacists' patient care services. The APhA Foundation is affiliated with the American Pharmacists Association, the national professional society of pharmacists in the U.S.