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**Arizona Pharmacist Dennis McAllister Honored for Outstanding Community Service**

**WASHINGTON, DC –** The Arizona Pharmacy Association (AzPA) has selected Dennis McAllister, RPh, as the recipient of the 2018 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. McAllister was presented the award at the AzPA Annual Convention on Sunday, June 17, 2018. 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.

McAllister has contributed to his community since graduating from the University of Minnesota in 1975. He is a managed care pharmacist with Express Scripts and has served the community and the practice of pharmacy in Arizona for 35 years. His pharmacy career in Arizona has included regulatory affairs, mail order, academia and hospital pharmacy. He is a member in good standing with NABP, APhA AzPA, and ASPL. He has served on the Arizona Board of Pharmacy for the past 23 years where he has helped to protect patient safety while fostering an environment that allow for innovation in the practice of pharmacy.

McAllister is recognized as a regulatory leader among his peers across the nation; having served on the NABP Executive Committee for 6 years and participated in a number of task forces on practice advancement. Prior to the combination of ASHP and AZPA, he served in a number of capacities with ASHP including President, Secretary, District Director and chair of the legislative and nominating committees.

McAllister was appointed to the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy by Governor Symington July 1995; he was re-appointed for a second term in January 2001 by Governor Jane Dee Hull; and re-appointed for a third term by Governor Janet Napolitano in 2006. He was appointed to a fourth term by Governor Jan Brewer in Jan. 2011; re-appointed to a fifth term by Governor Doug Ducey; and served as President 1999, 2004, 2009 and 2015. Held offices of President, Secretary, and Regional Director of Arizona Society of Health-system Pharmacists. Chairperson of Legislative, Management Contract, and Nominations Committees.

In addition to his work within the pharmacy community, McAllister is also very active in his church and serves on the Board of Directors for Mission of Mercy, an organization that provides free healthcare to patients in Arizona and several other states. He has served four years active duty in United State Air Force, attained rank of Captain.

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 an active role 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](http://www.aphafoundation.org/). Follow the APhA Foundation on [Twitter](http://www.twitter.com/aphafoundation) and [Facebook](http://www.facebook.com/aphafoundation) 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 website [www.naspa.us](http://www.naspa.us).