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Satsuma Pharmacist Dan C. McConaghy Honored for Outstanding Community Service

Washington, DC – The Alabama Pharmacy Association (APA) has selected Dan C. McConaghy, RPh, as the recipient of the 2015 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. McConaghy was presented with the award at the APA Annual Convention on Monday, June 22. 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.

McConaghy is the owner of family-owned McConaghy Drug Store, Inc., in Satsuma, Ala. He also operates C&M Vital Care, a home infusion pharmacy that he co-founded in 1990. He has practiced for more than 30 years in a variety of pharmacy settings including independent, rural hospital, nursing home, consultant, chain, DME, oxygen, and home infusion. He earned his pharmacy degree from Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy.

McConaghy is actively involved in both the profession of pharmacy and his community. Professionally, McConaghy has been active at the state level in the Alabama Pharmacy Association throughout his career and has held a number of leadership positions over the past 20 years, including president (2006-2007), president-elect (2005-2006), vice president (2004-2005), treasurer (2014-2016, 1997-2004), past president (2007-2008), District 1 trustee (1993-1997), and speaker of the house (2012-2013). He currently serves on the Audit Committee, Legislative Affairs Committee, and Nominations Committee. In 2013, he was appointed by the governor to serve on the Alabama Medicaid Pharmacy Study Commission and has served on the Alabama Council on Health Costs, Administration and Organization. He currently serves as president of the Alabama State Board of Pharmacy and is a member of Alabama Medicaid's DUR Board and Mostellar Medical Clinic's Board of Trustees. On the national level, he is a member of the American Pharmacists Association, National Community Pharmacists Association, and National Association of Chain Drug Stores.

McConaghy's community service includes working as a volunteer EMT for 10 years, serving on the board of the Satsuma Public Library, and coaching a Little League All-Star team that placed third in the Cal Ripken World Series.

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

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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.