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Smyrna Pharmacist Kevin Musto Honored for Outstanding Community Service

Washington, DC – The Delaware Pharmacists Society (DPS) has selected Kevin Musto as the recipient of the 2015 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Musto was presented with the award at the 2015 DPS Annual Convention on Tuesday, May 12. 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.

Musto is the owner of Atlantic Apothecary in Smyrna, Del. He earned his pharmacy degree from Duquesne University School of Pharmacy.

His involvement with patient care extends beyond the pharmacy. He frequently participates in health screenings for diabetes and hypertension throughout the state of Delaware and serves as a pharmacy consultant with the Delaware Emergency Medical Services and Preparedness Section (EMSPS). For the past 12 years, Musto has been involved in planning, training, and executing Delaware's hazard response efforts and has worked with the CDC and the Strategic National Stockpile. He plays a leadership role with the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) and Office of Radiation Control in the biannual distribution of potassium iodide throughout the 10-mile emergency planning zone. He is also a board member of the Delaware Authority on Radiation Protection.

Musto volunteers in his community in a variety of capacities, including participating in town celebrations and parades, the Delaware Diabetes Expo, National Night Out, and Veteran Stand Down. He has hosted several DEA prescription drug take-back days. He is also a preceptor for several schools of pharmacy and emphasizes the importance of community contributions to student pharmacists during their rotations.

Musto has been actively involved with the Delaware Pharmacists Society since graduating from pharmacy school, serving as president from 1997-1999. He founded the Delaware Pharmacists Educational Center in 2001 and continues to serve as its executive director. He is also a member of the American Pharmacists Association House of Delegates and the National Community Pharmacists Association, and a delegate of United States Pharmacopeia.

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