John A. Gans Receives APhA Foundation’s 2013 Jacob W. Miller Award

WASHINGTON, DC – The American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Foundation today announced John A. Gans, PharmD, of Brigantine, NJ, as the recipient of the 2013 APhA Foundation Jacob W. Miller Award. He was selected in recognition of his leadership and tremendous service to the APhA Foundation Board of Directors and Bringing Your Medicines to Life Campaign.

The Jacob W. Miller award recognizes an individual who has advanced the mission of the APhA Foundation by demonstrating active involvement in Foundation programs, exemplary support in establishing and/or maintaining APhA Foundation initiatives or outstanding leadership in carrying out the mission of the APhA Foundation. It was established in 2000 to honor the extraordinary service of Jacob W. Miller, who served as President of the APhA Foundation from 1991 to 2000. Gans will be honored for his achievements during the APhA Annual Meeting and Exposition, March 1-4, 2013, in Los Angeles. The official award presentation will take place on March 3 at the APhA Foundation Contributors’ Breakfast.

Gans is Associate Dean of Professional Programs, Professor of Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Business and Professor of Pharmacy at University of the Sciences (USciences) in Philadelphia. Gans joined the USciences Philadelphia College of Pharmacy (PCP) faculty in August 2009 following a 20-year career as the Executive Vice President and CEO of APhA. Prior to APhA, he served as the Dean of USciences PCP. Gans has been professionally affiliated with USciences PCP since earning his BSPharm and PharmD degrees from the school.

Gans commented, “I am deeply honored to receive the Jacob. W. Miller Award from the APhA Foundation. The Foundation has become the primary force in American pharmacy practice focused on articulating and providing the research on the pharmacist’s role in medication therapy management. I am very proud of the Foundation’s work and to have played a leadership role in its evolution.”

Gans was named the Remington Honor Medalist in 2009. He was a powerful advocate for the APhA Foundation through his influence as CEO of the American Pharmacists Association. A key thought leader on the APhA Foundation Board of Directors, Gans is credited with taking the APhA Foundation into a new era of operations by leading the Board to add a research department for the purpose of validating, through data collection, theories of pharmacy practice that are now acknowledged to benefit patient success, especially among populations of patients with chronic illness. He provided invaluable leadership for the Asheville Project and the Diabetes Ten City Challenge. Gans also served as a key leader and active solicitor for the Bringing Your Medicines to Life Campaign and is a longtime APhA Foundation contributor.

About the American Pharmacists Association Foundation
The APhA Foundation is affiliated with the American Pharmacists Association, the national professional society of pharmacists in the U.S. The APhA Foundation, a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C., is a national leader in designing programs to help patients with chronic healthcare conditions by optimizing medication use through coordination with pharmacists, the medication experts. The APhA Foundation’s mission is to improve people’s health through pharmacists’ patient care services. For more information, please visit the APhA Foundation website www.aphafoundation.org/.