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Greensboro, North Carolina, Pharmacist Jean Douglas, Honored for Outstanding Community Service

Washington, DC – The North Carolina Association of Pharmacists (NCAP) has selected Jean Douglas as the recipient of the 2013 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Douglas was presented with the award during the annual NCAP Annual Convention, October 20-22, 2013. The Bowl of Hygeia is sponsored by the American Pharmacists Association Foundation and the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations with support from Boehringer Ingelheim.

The focus of Douglas' pharmacy career has been preventing and solving medication related problems in her patients by setting up protocols, safety nets, educational programs and building a strong team of trained colleagues to work with. Douglas was an invited participant of the Healthcare for the Uninsured with area Legislators in April 2006 and an invited participant of Paying for Healthcare in North Carolina with area Legislators in October, 2006. She received Bioterrorism Training with TDS Exercise for Anthrax with Postal Workers.

Douglas served on the Guilford County Board of Health, the Guilford County Board of Directors Medication Assistance Program and Disease Management and was the coordinator of the Pharmacy Career Day Program sponsored by the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce. She is a member of the NC Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Christ United Methodist Church and the American Cancer Society, where she received the Greensboro Chapter Service Award.

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.

Information regarding contributing to the Bowl of Hygeia future is available by contacting the APhA Foundation at 202-429-7565 or info@aphafoundation.org.

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.

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