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**Russell, Ky., Pharmacist Danny Ray Bentley Honored for Outstanding Community Service**

**Washington, DC** – The Ohio Pharmacists Association (OPA) has selected Danny Ray Bentley, RPh, PharmD, as the recipient of the 2015 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Bentley was presented with the award at the Annual Awards Luncheon in conjunction with the OPA Annual Conference and Trade Show on Friday, April 17. 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.

Bentley is an employee of Ohio University Southern Campus. He earned his pharmacy degree from University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy. Previously, Bentley founded and ran an independent pharmacy in Ironton, Ohio, for many years.

Bentley's volunteer activities include serving on the board of directors of Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital and the board of education for his local school district. He has also served as president of the Ironton Rotary Club, a charter member of the Fayette Township Volunteer Fire Department, an officer at First Baptist Church, and a volunteer with the Ashland Youth Ballet. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, York Rite and Scottish Rite. Bentley has served as vice president, president-elect and president of the Ohio Pharmacists Association and as a member of the ePrescribing Task Force. He was recognized as NCPA National Preceptor of the Year and received the NCPA Drug Safety and Abuse 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.

**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](#) 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 (NCSPA). For more information, please visit the NASPA Web site [www.naspa.us](http://www.naspa.us).