

**USPHS Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Practice Award  
2009 Recipients**

**Reneé M. Alsberry**

*Duquesne University Mylan School of Pharmacy*

Presented to Reneé M. Alsberry, P' 09, in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the promotion of medication adherence and immunization programs.

**Leigh Ann Anderson**

*University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy*

Leigh A. Anderson was instrumental in organizing a campus-wide interprofessional community outreach initiative to improve the health of the homeless in Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

**Chinenye Anyanwu**

*University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy*

Chinenye Anyanwu is a leader in eliminating healthcare disparities through outreach to urban and multi-ethnic populations including diverse high school students interested in the pharmacy profession.

**Erin B. Bailey**

*West Virginia University School of Pharmacy*

Ms. Erin Bailey is nominated for her role as service co-chair for the Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists and the development of community education and health screening programs.

**Carla Blieden**

*University of Southern California, School of Pharmacy*

Carla Blieden has demonstrated her commitment to public health pharmacy through her work as a research assistant/leader in safety net clinics evaluating patient medication safety and her work with the homeless of Los Angeles, promoting needle exchange and pharmacist run immunization clinics.

**Jennifer Chen**

*The Ohio State University*

Jennifer Chen is recognized for her outstanding work as chairperson for Operation Immunization. In its first year, Operation Immunization immunized 693 patients and attended 19 different flu shot clinics held throughout the greater Columbus area.

**Ramona Danks**

*College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences. North Dakota State University*

Ramona Danks' work at the Newtown, North Dakota Indian Health Service, has resulted in a combination of pharmacy and dietetics experience servicing American Indians with diabetes.

**Edward J. Doyle**

*University of Rhode Island, College of Pharmacy*

Edward (Ted) Doyle was selected for this award for his volunteer work at the Rhode Island Diabetes Resource Center with a spanish population of uninsured diabetics.

**Jennifer A. Esch**

*University of Arizona*

For outstanding leadership in coordinating the efforts of "Operation Diabetes" where student pharmacists reached out to the community by providing diabetes screening and referral care.

**Jessica Farach**

*University of Florida, College of Pharmacy – Gainesville Campus*

Jessica Farach is recognized for her outstanding dedication to public health through her work as the chairperson for Diabetes Day. Diabetes Day was a collaborative effort by students, pharmacists, nutritionist and physical trainer to screen glucose levels and provide education about diabetes to an underserved community.

**Kelli Farnell**

*Florida A & M University College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences*

Kelli Farnell is a student who has demonstrated a strong interest and appreciation for the role of the US Public Health Service in Pharmaceutical Care. She has demonstrated her dedication to public health through her service to the community in health fair activities that provide care to underserved populations.

**Erin Frazee**

*Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences*

Erin Frazee developed a program that raised more than \$10,000 for medications and other supplies for the Hillside Health Care International (HHCI) Clinic in Belize.

**Isabelle C. Hagedorn**

*Purdue University School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences*

Isabel Hagedorn has a passion for national and international public health service. She is a role model for all pharmacy students.

**Chessa Heirigs**

*University of Missouri-Kansas City*

Chessa Heirigs has demonstrated commitment to advancing the pharmacy profession by taking care of those in need in Cameroon and in her own community.

**Amber Smithers Holdiness**

*University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy*

Amber Holdiness is nominated for this award for outstanding accomplishments in emergency preparedness, advocacy and awareness research, and remarkable leadership in community service.

**Diana Hubulasvili**

*Arnold & Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences of Long Island University*

As President of APhA-ASP, Diana Hubulashvili led the chapter to a new level of professionalism and is commended for her great service to the community.

**LaQuoia Yvette Johnson**

*University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Eshelman School of Pharmacy*

LaQuoia Y. Johnson's dedication to public health leadership is evident in her research interests in HIV and her dedication to participation in community service activities.

**Jack Alan Kampf**

*University of Iowa College of Pharmacy*

Jack Kampf is highly deserving of this award because of his public health pharmacy practice services in smoking cessation and global pharmacy access to medications.

**Emanuel Kwahk**

*University of California, San Francisco School of Pharmacy*

Emanuel Kwahk's leadership of the inter-professional San Francisco Hepatitis B Collaborative helped to address an unmet public health need in the San Francisco Asian-Pacific Islander community.

**Melinda D. Le**

*Southwestern Oklahoma State University*

Melinda D. Le regularly volunteers as a pharmacy intern in two free clinics. She secured a \$2500 grant to purchase medications for the medically underserved.

**Melissa Patricia Lo**

*University of the Sciences in Philadelphia- Philadelphia College of Pharmacy*

For excellence in her efforts toward Medication Therapy Management Services through preparation of students, education of legislators and implementation of services.

**Bethany J. Murphy**

*Raabe College of Pharmacy, Ohio Northern University*

Bethany has excelled in developing, implementing, and evaluating a health promotion project regarding folic acid and preconception care for college-age women.

**Matthew Maglalang**

*Pacific University Oregon*

Recognized for the creation of an oral contraceptive patient brochure featuring drug interactions issues and enhancing the pharmacy services provided to clinical staff and patients.

**Anna Nguyen**

*University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy*

Anna Nguyen's dedication to improving public health is evidenced by her involvement in community education and direct patient care within the Twin Cities community.

**Melissa K Natzke**

*University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy*

Presented for significant contributions and leadership in improving access to healthcare and disease prevention through community outreach and education.

**Shanna O'Conner**

*University of Wyoming School of Pharmacy*

Shanna exemplifies those attributes we all expect to find in a caring and successful health care professional: determination, honesty, leadership, collegial behavior and outstanding reliability. Shanna is extremely dedicated to become a successful pharmacist.

**Virginia Pitchford**

*University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy*

Virginia has dedicated herself to maintaining collaborations with the New Mexico Immunization Coalition as the APhA Immunization Chairperson in the student chapter at the University of New Mexico. She has volunteered her time to immunization events, including shots for tots and Dia De Los Ninos events.

**Constance Michelle Reyes**

*University of Houston College of Pharmacy*

Constance Reyes is awarded the Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Practice Award for outstanding leadership and service in promoting the goals stated in "Healthy People 2010".

**Lindsey Rich**

*Touro University – California College of Pharmacy*

For excellence in the employment of health science and public policy in pharmacy practice for the improvement of public health in local and global communities.

**Barbara Roper**

*University of Utah College of Pharmacy*

Barbara's first thoughts each day are about other people. She redefined what it means to become a Service Learning Scholar at the University of Utah.

**Syed Kumail Shirazie**

*University of Maryland School of Pharmacy*

In recognition of outstanding leadership and excellence in promoting awareness of public health issues to the University community and for service to the under-represented communities.

**Kristy Marie Sowerby**

*University of Florida College of Pharmacy - St. Petersburg campus*

Ms Sowerby has shown dedication & commitment to enhancing pharmaceutical care most humanely. She has developed an independent program of collecting glucose meters for donation to needy diabetic patients of all ages.

**Stacy L. Sowers**

*Appalachian College of Pharmacy*

Stacy L. Sowers is recognized for her role in the promotion of health and wellness in coal miners through a pharmacist-managed tobacco cessation program

**Ruba Tadros**

*Midwestern University-Chicago College of Pharmacy*

Ms. Ruba Tadros has demonstrated a true commitment to patient care and education. She has demonstrated leadership skills as an active volunteer in a variety of community-based programs aimed at raising awareness about Immunizations, multiple-sclerosis, Cancer Research and the Homeless.

**Michael Tinglin**

*Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey*

Pharmacy Candidate, Michael Tinglin is proudly nominated to receive the 2009 Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Practice Award for his dedication and devotion to the patients and to the profession of pharmacy are exemplary.

**David Toma**

*University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy*

David is committed to pharmacy practice service as evidenced by his two years of weekly volunteer service to the underserved population of the 9th Street Clinic.

**Vy Thuy Tran**

*Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of California, San Diego*

Vy Thuy Tran has demonstrated outstanding commitment to public health. Her optimistic and insightful leadership makes her a role model for the profession of pharmacy.

**Theresa Barbara Valluzzi**

*University of Washington School of Pharmacy*

Theresa Valluzzi advanced the Healthy People 2010 goals by participating in a number of initiatives that increased awareness of disease prevention activities in medically-underserved communities.

**Evan B. Wearne**

*University of Nebraska College of Pharmacy*

Evan Wearne provided excellent pharmacy management and devotion to providing care and service to the Sharing Health Clinic for the underserved in our community.

**Khiana Willis**

*Howard University School of Pharmacy*

Khiana's was responsible for coordination of national service projects such as Operation Immunization, HIV/AIDs Initiative "Remember the Ribbon", and Diabetes Awareness month. On a local level, Khiana was actively involved in providing health screenings for diabetes, hypertension, cholesterol, and medication therapy management to various underserved populations.

**Sarah Whittenburg**

*Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences*

Sarah Whittenburg is the College's past-president of Colleges Against Cancer and co-Chaired the American Pharmacist Association Academy of Student Pharmacists Operations Immunization and Diabetes.

**Sandra K. Widows**

*Oregon State University College of Pharmacy*

Sandra Widows is recognized for advancing healthcare among underserved populations. Her demonstrated leadership and advocacy for pharmacist-led care provides a model coupling empathy and expertise for all pharmacists.

**Jin-Kyung Lisa Yang**

*Campbell University*

We are proud to recognize Jin-Kyung "Lisa" Yang for her compassion and commitment to public health initiatives, including her organization of a regional "Step Out" for diabetes campaign.

**Christina Yoshihara**

*Washington State University College of Pharmacy*

Christina Yoshihara, fourth year student pharmacist from Washington State University College of Pharmacy, has demonstrated exceptional dedication to the pharmacist's role in the management of diabetes in the pediatric population.

**Kristen Zeitler**

*University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences*

Ms. Zeitler has contributed to the role of pharmacists play in public health and patient care by organizing wellness clinics and promoting advocacy for the profession.

**Selma Zjakic**

*Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, School of Pharmacy-Boston*

Selma Zjakic has participated in public health service that supports the goals of the U.S. Public Health Services as designated in "Healthy People 2010". Selma will excel in public health pharmacy, will become a role model for other students interested in public health pharmacy.