

USPHS Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Practice Awards
2010 Recipients

Christina Andrade

Oregon State College of Pharmacy

Christina Andrade is recognized for her work towards improving the provision of care to underserved populations and helping fulfill the goals of 'Healthy People 2010'.

Darlene Banzhaf

University of Southern Nevada College of Pharmacy

As president of the Drug Abuse Awareness Team (DAAT), Darlene expanded the DAAT programs, and initiated Operation Medicine Cabinet and We Pledge For a Drug Free Southern Nevada.

Ephigene Banzuelo

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

As an active student leader in several professional organizations, Ephigene Banzuelo has always led by example in exemplifying professionalism through service to the community.

Andrew D. Bath

Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions

Andrew Bath demonstrates a priority for public health education and practice to his intended career serving the health needs of his community.

Timmellyn M. Buchanan

The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy

Recognizing Timmellyn M. Buchanan for organizing a campus-wide inter-professional community outreach initiative to improve the health of the homeless in Oklahoma City.

Samuel Cincotta

Mercer University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Recognizing Samuel Cincotta for his dedication to public health through his attention to promoting health education to college students and advancing the health of the nation.

Suzannah Cox

Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy (Rutgers)

Suzannah Cox is a very enthusiastic young lady that greatly cares about the practice of pharmacy and how it will enable her to provide care to the public that she will serve as a practicing pharmacist.

Robin M. Crow

University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Pharmacy

In recognition of outstanding pharmacy service to the uninsured and economically disadvantaged citizens of Omaha by providing care with enthusiasm, compassion and tirelessly.

Christopher J. Daly

University at Buffalo, School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Mr. Chris Daly demonstrates outstanding involvement in pharmacy community based wellness clinics as well as leadership and advocacy in pharmacy professional organizations.

Alexander DeLucenay

Wegmans School of Pharmacy, St. John Fisher College

Alex DeLucenay has demonstrated his commitment to public health through his involvement with and commitment to underserved populations, both domestically and internationally.

Erica Domer

University of Arizona

For exemplary leadership in coordinating “Operation Diabetes” where student pharmacists provided diabetes screening and referral care to underserved communities and residents of Tucson, Arizona.

Charul R. Doshi

Midwestern University-Chicago College of Pharmacy

Ms. Charul Doshi has demonstrated a true commitment to patient care and education. Her leadership skills as an active program coordinator enabled her team to successfully provide diabetes education to underserved communities.

Babak Fatirian

Touro University – CA, College of Pharmacy

Babak Fatirian is recognized for his contribution to global health through his study of the drug delivery system at two hospitals in La Paz, Bolivia.

Erica Fernandez

College of Pharmacy, University of Florida

Erica Fernandez is recognized for her outstanding dedication to public health through her work in establishing a program to deter prescription drug abuse among American youth, coordinating presentations to 2000 Alachua County high school students, gathering statewide support for dissemination of the Generation Rx program to all four College of Pharmacy campuses, and addressing University of Florida alumni and state officials on teenage prescription drug abuse.

Kristin G. Fish

University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Pharmacy

Kristin has selflessly given her time to assist patients to manage chronic illness such as diabetes, asthma, hypertension, hyperlipidemia along with keeping immunizations up-to-date.

Colleen Gill

University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy

Colleen Gill practices public health promotion and advocacy in the fields of antibiotic stewardship and HIV adherence.

Ivory Gordon

Florida A&M University College of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences

This student has demonstrated appreciation for the pharmacist's role in the US Public Health Service and its effects on impacting the quality of health and health education.

Katie Hines

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

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

Bonnie Hui-Callahan

University of Southern California

Bonnie Hui-Callahan has had a local, national and international impact on improving public health. Bonnie has implemented programs that increase the public's access to health services, recruit students into the profession of pharmacy, utilize film as an avenue for health communication, and promote malaria prevention.

Thao Huynh

Philadelphia College of Pharmacy/University of the Sciences in Philadelphia

Thao Huynh is recognized for her dedication to public health in her role as coordinator of Operation Immunization with two immunizations clinics for H1N1 for over 1100 students and faculty.

Yardlee Kauffman

University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy

Yardlee is dedicated to helping the underserved as demonstrated by her work with the Indian Health Service and her creation of health promotion projects in Pittsburgh.

Nicholas Laughton

University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

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

Yushi Li

University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy

Presented to Yushi Li for her involvement in the Global Health Outreach program and significant volunteer contributions.

Emily J. Lunz

Duquesne University Mylan School of Pharmacy

Presented to Emily J. Lunz, P'10, in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the promotion of health care education and services to the underserved Pittsburgh, PA communities.

Crystal D. Mayles

West Virginia University

Crystal Mayles has coordinated the efforts of the School of Pharmacy team participating in the Special Olympics West Virginia "Polar Plunge" event for the past three years.

John T. McCarthy

University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy

John McCarthy is commended for his dedicated promotion of health literacy and exemplary leadership skills among health profession colleagues in the care of underserved communities.

Courtney F. Morgan

Washington State University College of Pharmacy

Graduating PharmD student Courtney Morgan from Wenatchee, Washington is our 2010 nominee for this award because of her demonstrated voluntary leadership in public health endeavors.

Katy J. Morton

University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy

Katy Morton has been active in education of her fellow students as well as the public. She has helped to reduce health disparities and contribute to improving the public health through activities that include participation in flu clinics, providing patient counseling to homeless members of the community and providing drug abuse prevention workshops to fellow students.

Pamela Nneka Obah

Harding University College of Pharmacy

Pamela Obah is nominated for her research efforts on the high rate of cervical cancer in the White County area of Arkansas and how to minimize the problem by educating the community on safety and the beneficial aspects of HPV vaccination.

Joshua David Ogle

The University of Tennessee Health Science Center

Presented to Josh Ogle for his outstanding leadership, professionalism, and interest in public health while a student at the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy.

Kelly Pak

Palm Beach Atlantic University Gregory School of Pharmacy

Kelly provided poison prevention education at local inner city elementary schools and was chair of the poison prevention booth at the school's annual health fair.

Matthew Pepper

University of Utah College of Pharmacy

Matt promoted public health to overweight underserved patients at a Community Health Center by providing education and disseminating Spanish language exercise video.

Ngocahn Phan

University of Houston College of Pharmacy

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

Truong Vinh Phung

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences

Truong Vinh Phung has participated in public health service that supports the goals of the U.S. Public Health Services as designated in "Healthy People 2010".

Daniel L. Plaisted

University of Wyoming

The UW School of Pharmacy proudly acknowledges the accomplishments of Daniel L. Plaisted in the areas of public health, compassionate patient care and advocacy.

Benjamin Price

Appalachian College of Pharmacy

Benjamin T. Price is recognized for his role in the promotion of health and wellness in patients with addiction through the Appalachian Aware Program.

Jaclyn Karam Priest

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy

For outstanding dedication and leadership in the promotion of public health as evidenced by her high level of professionalism and the many volunteer hours she has devoted to public health service projects.

Luis Alberto Ramos

University of Washington

Luis Ramos has demonstrated outstanding leadership toward addressing health literacy, raising awareness on HIV/AIDS, reducing health disparities, and improving access in medically-underserved areas.

Elizabeth Reist

Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine School of Pharmacy

For dedication to community service through numerous extracurricular activities and providing leadership that promotes student involvement in health care initiatives

Andrew Roberts

Drake University College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences

Andrew helped recruit community pharmacies in 97 of 99 Iowa counties to participate in TakeAway, a community pharmacy-based disposal program for unwanted and expired drugs.

Keena Segre

Hampton University School of Pharmacy

Keena Segre has shown true commitment to public health. She is recognized for her participation in diabetes care and assistance in the organization and implementation of immunization programs.

Courtney Shakowski

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

In recognition of her service to the community through the tobacco cessation program, the UCSD Free Medical Clinics and the Asian Pacific Health Center.

Helen Stevens

Campbell University College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences

We are proud to recognize Helen Stevens for her personal and professional commitment to public and Indian health initiatives.

Reginald Tayaben

Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy

For leadership in the efforts of pharmacy students to work with the patients in underserved populations in the Inland Empire Region of Southern California.

Kolistin Fei-Hsin Tsai

Western University of Health Sciences, College of Pharmacy

Kolistin Tsai has significantly contributed to public health in the areas of smoking cessation, chronic disease screening, drug abuse and prevention and Medicare Part D education.

Betsy Ummel

Butler University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Betsy Ummel's interest in advocacy has led to her project on the role of pharmacists in Health Shortage Profession Areas in Indiana.

Martienne Vernon

Feik School of Pharmacy, University of the Incarnate Word

Ms. Vernon has taken action to combat health disparities in underserved communities. Her ability to motivate others to support community health initiatives is exceptional.

Kathryn H. Wolpert

Purdue University School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical

Katie Wolpert has a passion for working with underserved populations and chronic condition patients. She is a public service role model for pharmacy students.

Tsu-Hsuan Yang

UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy, Univ of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Tsu-Hsuan (Sherry) Yang (PY4) at the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy has earned the USPHS award for her work on safe medication disposal.

Lawrence Momodu

Howard University School of Pharmacy

Mr. Momodu has volunteered in the Alliance for Pharmaceutical Care booth at the National Conference of State Legislators (NCLS) conference in Philadelphia and Congressional Black Caucus health fair in DC. He is currently a member a pediatric medication safety steering committee called The Alliance for Pediatric Emergency Medication Safety- Pharmacy Team.

Geraldine Okwuonu

Touro College of Pharmacy, New York

Geraldine Okwuonu demonstrated genuine commitment to the care and wellbeing of the underserved and uninsured cancer patients at the Ralph Lauren Cancer Center in Harlem.