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### **AACP Announces Recipients of its Community Service Awards**

Alexandria, Va. — The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy today announced the recipients of its awards in community service, which recognize four student teams and one institution who extend the reach of healthcare and pharmacists' services to populations in need. Recipients will be honored at AACP's annual meeting, *Pharmacy Education 2016*, July 23-27, in Anaheim, Calif. Recipients are:

#### **Lawrence C. Weaver Transformative Community Service Award:**

• <u>The University of Arizona College of Pharmacy</u> will be recognized for its breadth of educational actives, service programs and research endeavors that are integrated into enduring and evolving community academic partnerships, which collaboratively address and improve health.

### **Student Community Engaged Service Award:**

- University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Pharmacy will be recognized for its work
  with the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Health and Wellness Center, a student-led, interprofessional, community-based free
  clinic located in Little Rock, Arkansas, that provides free medical care, dental care, medication
  management and vaccinations.
- University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences will be
  recognized for its work with the student-led and faculty-mentored DAWN Clinic, which delivers primary
  care services to the underserved patients of Aurora, Colorado; builds healthy and effective
  interprofessional relationships between trainees; and promotes student involvement and leadership
  with community-based initiatives.
- University of Florida College of Pharmacy will be recognized for its work with The Equal Access
  Clinic Network (EACN), which is a system of student-run, free healthcare clinics that provide physical
  and mental health services to the medically underserved of Gainesville and surrounding Alachua
  County of Florida.
- The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy will be recognized for its work with the Orientation to Pharmacy Services (OPS) program, which is offered to refugees who've recently settled in the Columbus area, to help acquaint them with the operations of a community pharmacy by providing an educational presentation in their native languages.

"The community engagement programs we recognize this year demonstrate the broad and deep connections between our members and vulnerable communities," said AACP Executive Vice President and CEO Lucinda L. Maine, Ph.D., R.Ph. "This is consistent with our vision that we will jointly work to create a world of healthy people. The focus on serving vulnerable populations and creating a diverse pipeline of future learners is remarkable."



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AACP will present the Weaver Award during the Opening General Session on Sunday, July 24. The Student Community Engaged Service Awards will be presented at the Tuesday General Session on Tuesday, July 26.

For more information about *Pharmacy Education 2016*, visit <a href="https://www.aacp.org/PharmEd16">www.aacp.org/PharmEd16</a>.

#### **About AACP**

Founded in 1900, AACP is the national organization representing the interests of pharmacy education. AACP is comprised of 135 accredited colleges and schools with pharmacy degree programs, including more than 6,600 faculty, 64,800 students enrolled in professional programs and 4,900 individuals pursuing graduate study. To learn more about AACP, visit <a href="https://www.aacp.org">www.aacp.org</a>.