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Student Pharmacists to Receive National Community Engaged Service Award

Alexandria, Va. – The [2010-11 AACP Student Community Engaged Service Award](#) will be awarded to four outstanding student-led community engagement programs delivering consumer education about medication use. These programs have been proven to expand access to affordable healthcare and dramatically improve the public's health.

Teams from the [University of Southern California](#), [University of Colorado Denver](#), [University of Missouri – Kansas City](#) and [The University of Oklahoma](#) will each receive the national award, sponsored by [Teva Pharmaceuticals](#), at the 2011 AACP Annual Meeting and Seminars.

In addition to receiving a commemorative prize, the winning pharmacy colleges and schools will receive \$10,000 to be used exclusively to support the expansion of the recognized program or new community engaged service projects at the school. Other prizes include a \$5,000 financial stipend administered to participating students to be used for enhancing or sustaining the recognized program or for travel support to attend and present their projects at professional meetings.

A student representative and faculty advisor from each of the following schools (listed in alphabetical order by state) will be honored with a Steuben Glass Star Stream during the 2011 AACP Annual Meeting and Seminars, July 9-13, at the Grand Hyatt San Antonio in San Antonio, Texas.

School: University of Southern California School of Pharmacy

Team leader: Terrance Yu

Team members: Phuong Ho, Jennifer Fu, Tina Patel, Sana Vaiyani

Faculty advisor: Kathleen A. Johnson, Pharm.D., Ph.D.

The University of Southern California (USC) School of Pharmacy's progressive view of clinical pharmacy practice has led student-leaders to coordinate patient-centered, student-run programs in the community under one collaborative name – USC Volunteer Outreach Initiative & Community Education (VOICE). VOICE student leaders examined existing community outreach programs to identify gaps in care and health education offerings. The two main components of VOICE are the pharmSC Clinic and SHARE (Students Helping and Receiving Education). VOICE's pharmSC Clinic is located in a community pharmacy in L.A.'s Boyle Heights where many residents are among the underserved. Through school curriculum, student pharmacists of all levels are trained to provide primary and secondary preventative services; they screen, counsel, vaccinate and perform brown-bag medication reviews. On L.A.'s skid row at the Weingart Center, a temporary housing facility, the VOICE SHARE program offers mental health and smoking cessation courses to a population mired by these problems. SHARE also offers a series of classes that address issues such as depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety and schizophrenia.

School: University of Colorado Denver School of Pharmacy

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Team leader: Monica E. Evans
Team members: Kristen M. Morrow, Heather N. Woodward
Faculty advisor: Gina D. Moore, Pharm.D.

Through the efforts of two student organizations, Serving The Underserved Health Initiative (STUHI) was created at the University of Colorado Denver School of Pharmacy. This program strives to diminish health disparities within pharmacy practice by educating and providing access to care for underserved communities. The STUHI program is committed to community-engaged service learning through health fairs, including the Wellspring Community Church Health Fair, the Native American Cancer Research and Wellness Health Fair, and the Aurora Mall African American Health Fair and Patient Care Screenings.

Under the supervision of pharmacist preceptors and faculty advisors, students provide services such as screenings for cardiovascular disease, diabetes, osteoporosis, early kidney disease and also immunization promotion and medication disposal information. Students also provide in-depth patient education on disease awareness, positive lifestyle modifications and answer questions related to prescription and nonprescription medications. The health fairs provide highly practical learning experiences to students as they gain valuable point-of-care service skills and first-hand intimate patient contact with underserved communities.

School: University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Pharmacy

Team leader: Jennifer R. Sass
Team members: Ashley M. Harbison, Jacquelyn A. Constable, Kristin D. Ripperger, Eamon M. Darbandi
Faculty advisor: Crystal. D Obering, Pharm.D.

The University of Missouri – Kansas City (UMKC) Health Sciences Wellness Fair (HSWF) was first conceived in the summer of 2008 by a group of students wanting to make a difference in the lives of the patients in the local neighborhood. The inaugural UMKC HSWF was held on April 4, 2009, with the first annual fair conducted on April 24, 2010. Volunteers are specifically trained as to the function of the service they will be providing and given tools to effectively interact with the patients. With the vast differences in levels of knowledge, there is the ability for students to learn from faculty, practitioners and each other. Services such as blood pressure, bone health and cholesterol screenings are offered to patients, in addition to educational information about depression, Alzheimer's disease and smoking cessation. To date, more than 1,100 patients have been served by the HSWF and over \$40,000 of in-kind supplies have been acquired to offer services and screenings at no cost to the patients participating in the HSWF.

School: The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy

Team leader: Timmellyn M. Buchanan
Team members: Tara M. Hutchinson, Jill C. Sczech, Tiffany N. Sanders, Katherine E. Denney, Tiffany Tu, Sheri L. Winner
Faculty advisor: Jane E. Wilson, Ph.D.

Since 2007, The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy has led the Health and Safety Blitz health fair at the City Rescue Mission (CRM), a homeless shelter in Oklahoma City. It has become an integral part of the service learning culture of the College of Pharmacy and the six other colleges at The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) campus. In 2009, the health fair was held in the gymnasium of the CRM and

the college staffed several booths with students working in shifts throughout the afternoon. Operation Diabetes was staffed by nine faculty members and 30 student pharmacists who performed finger stick blood sugar screenings, completed information sheets for each person and provided diabetes handouts. The Oklahoma Poison Control Center booth was staffed by a student pharmacist who discussed poison prevention with children and their parents. Faculty and students at the medication counseling booth assisted the homeless in completing a medication list and provided counseling to those who were interested. A contact list of organizations offering free or low-cost medical care was also distributed. Other health fair services included students providing information about breast cancer awareness and smoking cessation.

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