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AACP Introduces Award to Recognize Pharmacy Students' Innovative Community Service Projects

The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) will recognize four student-led community engaged service projects that provide care to the underserved with the inaugural AACP Student Awards for Community Engaged Service.

Sponsored by Teva Pharmaceuticals, this annual award program will recognize a community-engaged service program developed and delivered by doctor of pharmacy students enrolled at AACP member colleges or schools of pharmacy. It is intended to encourage pharmacy students and faculty to design and build programs of community-engaged service learning, delivering consumer education about medication use, expanding access to affordable medications and improving the public's health.

"As a result of their involvement in local communities, they too are becoming better educated on contemporary issues of consumerism and accessibility to affordable health care and medication therapy," said Lucinda L. Maine, Ph.D., AACP executive vice president and CEO.

"At Teva, one of the most important things we do is to make health care accessible," stated William S. Marth, President and CEO of Teva North America. "This award program encourages students to help educate consumers and also improve access to affordable drugs."

The four inaugural awards will be presented at the 2009 AACP Interim Meeting in Arlington, Va. In addition to receiving a commemorative prize, the winning pharmacy college or school will also receive \$10,000 to be used exclusively to support the expansion of the recognized program or new community engaged service projects at the school.

Additional 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.

For more information about the inaugural AACP Student Awards for Community Engaged Service, visit the [AACP Web site](#) and click on the For Students and Applicants section or the For Faculty section.

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About AACP

The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy is a national organization whose mission is to serve its member colleges, schools and their faculties by acting as their advocate on a national level. Comprising all 105 U.S. colleges and schools of pharmacy including more than 4,300 faculty, 48,500 students enrolled in professional programs and 3,600 individuals pursuing graduate study, AACP is committed to excellence in pharmacy education.