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Master Preceptors Recognized for Dedication to Experiential Education

AACP award honors instructors' exemplary work in training and mentoring future pharmacists.

Alexandria, Va. – The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy has recognized eight individuals as master preceptors for their dedication and commitment to excellence in experiential education and professional practice.

Preceptors supervise student pharmacist-interns in a clinical setting, and play a critical role in shaping a student's future career through teaching and mentoring. The second cohort of the AACP Master Preceptor Recognition Program will receive a \$500 honorarium—to attend additional preceptor training or a pharmacy professional meeting to continue preceptor development—a certificate of recognition, complimentary AACP membership, and national acknowledgment from AACP and other pharmacy associations.

The 2015 recipients are:

- James S. Sarigianis, B.S.Pharm., University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy
- Lisa Hammond, Pharm.D., BCPS, Shenandoah University Bernard J. Dunn School of Pharmacy
- Susan Miller, Pharm.D., MBA, BCPS, FCCP, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Eshelman School of Pharmacy
- Edward Sheridan, Pharm.D., Purdue University College of Pharmacy
- Deanna McDanel, Pharm.D., The University of Iowa College of Pharmacy
- Stephen Clement, R.Ph., St. Louis College of Pharmacy
- Christopher L. Greer, B.S.Pharm., Washington State University College of Pharmacy
- Andrea Hinton, Pharm.D., University of the Pacific Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

"The AACP Master Preceptor Recognition Program recognizes the exemplary preceptors in the Academy who support our institutional members and future practitioners," said Dr. Lucinda L. Maine, executive vice president and CEO of AACP. "AACP introduced the Master Preceptor program in 2014 to offer our members another tool for recognizing and rewarding our best preceptors who contribute so much to our students' learning."

It is estimated that 82 percent of schools use faculty who are jointly-funded by practice sites, and up to 60 percent of total APPE rotations are provided by adjunct or volunteer faculty. The MPRP seeks to recognize preceptors who are not full-time employees of a pharmacy school, but who are critical in creating practice-ready pharmacists. "Experiential learning is more than 25 percent of the curriculum and requires the dedication of so many excellent practitioners," Dr. Maine continued. "We look forward to receiving more applications and inquiries for the 2015-2016 cohort next year."

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Founded in 1900, AACP is the national organization representing the interests of pharmacy education. AACP is comprised of 134 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 www.aacp.org.