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Master Preceptors Recognized for Dedication to Experiential Education

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

Alexandria, Va. – The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy has recognized seven 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 first 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 2014 recipients are:

- Todd W. Canada, Pharm.D., The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy
- L. Rose Macklin, Pharm.D., BCPS, The University of Montana Skaggs School of Pharmacy
- Ferena Salek, Pharm.D., The University of Arizona College of Pharmacy
- Kiela Samuels, Pharm.D., University of Michigan College of Pharmacy
- Paul Szumita, Pharm.D., Northeastern University School of Pharmacy
- Brian Trevarrow, Pharm.D., University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Pharmacy
- Thomas J. Worrall, BS, Pharm.D., South Carolina College of Pharmacy

"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 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 next year's program."

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About AACP

Founded in 1900, AACP is the national organization representing the interests of pharmacy education. AACP is comprised of all accredited colleges and schools with pharmacy degree programs, including more than 6,400 faculty, 62,500 students enrolled in professional programs and 5,100 individuals pursuing graduate study. To learn more about AACP, visit www.aacp.org.