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CPhA Announces 2022 Award Winners

Sacramento – The California Pharmacists Association (CPhA) has announced the winners of its 2022 awards. The awardees will be recognized as part of the Awards Ceremony on April 23, 2022 at the Mandalay Bay Resort & Spa in Las Vegas, NV during Western Pharmacy Exchange 2022.

CPhA's awards program has a long history of recognizing pharmacists, student pharmacists and technician members of CPhA who are contributing at a high level to CPhA and the profession. The CPhA Awards Committee, chaired by Elizabeth Johnson, PharmD, once again had difficult decisions to make in selecting recipients from a pool of highly-qualified individuals.

The 2022 award recipients are as follows:

Pharmacist of the Year **Ruth Arnold Smarinsky, PharmD** (Camarillo, CA)

This award recognizes a CPhA member pharmacist for outstanding activities and leadership in the profession of pharmacy.

Bowl of Hygeia **Maria Lopez, PharmD** (San Francisco, CA)

This award recognizes a pharmacist for outstanding and continuing activity in the community outside of the profession.

New Practitioner of the Year **Marina Dykhne, PharmD** (Los Angeles, CA)

This award recognizes the outstanding new practitioner (graduated within the last 10 years) who has demonstrated energetic leadership at multiple levels of pharmacy.

Student Pharmacist of the Year **Reilly Oki**, 2022 PharmD Candidate, California Northstate University (Tracy, CA)

This award recognizes a pharmacy student who demonstrates leadership among their peers and is an active part of their student chapter, CPhA chapter, school, and community.

Technician of the Year **Cynthia Bennett** (Cerritos, CA)

This award recognizes a CPhA member pharmacy technician who has demonstrated exceptional capabilities, raising the standard of excellence within practice.

Excellence in Innovation **Crystal Zhou, PharmD** (San Francisco, CA)

This award recognizes a pharmacist who has demonstrated innovative pharmacy practice resulting in improved patient care or had a significant impact on the profession of pharmacy.

Hall of Fame

David Adler, PharmD (San Diego, CA)

William Stuart, RPh (Long Beach, CA)

John Tilley, RPh (Downey, CA)

The Hall of Fame honors individuals who are an inspiration to the practice of pharmacy in California, as exemplified by a long and distinguished history of service, achievement in several arenas, character, innovation, trend setting and altruism.

Fellow Designation

Micah Hata, PharmD (Fountain Valley, CA)

Friend of Pharmacy Award

California Senator Josh Newman

This award recognizes any individual who has shown outstanding devotion and service to the profession in pharmacy in California.

CPhA-ASP Innovative Chapter Award

West Coast University

This award recognizes California's most innovative CPhA-Academy of Student Pharmacist (ASP) chapter embodying CPhA's core values of visionary leadership, innovation, diversity of thought and opportunity, and entrepreneurship. This is the fourth year in a row that West Coast University has been recognized with this award.

CPhA recognizes CPhA local and CPhA-ASP chapters as **Chapters of Excellence** for their pursuit of CPhA's mission and goals in promoting the health of the public through the practice of pharmacy.

The following CPhA local chapters are being recognized:

- Central Valley Pharmacists Association
- Orange County Pharmacists Association
- Peninsula Pharmacists Association
- Pharmacist Society of San Francisco
- Pharmacists' Professional Society of the San Fernando Valley
- Sacramento Valley Pharmacists Association
- San Diego County Pharmacists Association
- San Gabriel Valley Pharmacists Association

The following CPhA-ASP chapters are being recognized:

- Marshall B. Ketchum University
- Loma Linda University
- University of California, San Diego
- University of the Pacific
- University of Southern California
- West Coast University

For more information about CPhA awards, visit cpha.com/awards.

For more information about Western Pharmacy Exchange, visit <https://westernpharmacyexchange.com>.

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About CPhA

The California Pharmacists Association (CPhA) is the largest statewide professional association for pharmacists, student pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in the country. CPhA represents the pharmacy profession all practice settings and promotes the health of the public through the practice of pharmacy.