



**THE NCPA
2020 CONVENTION
HAD A DIFFERENT FORMAT,
BUT THE SAME HIGH-QUALITY CONTENT**

The NCPA 2020 Annual Convention is in the history books. And to make it a bit more historic, it was our first-ever virtual convention. In a year where everyone has had to adapt, NCPA did so as well. Even in the midst of a pandemic, there were two days packed with informative sessions, inspirational messages, spectacular spotlight speakers, and a bit of fun too. The virtual format was designed to make it easier than ever for independent community pharmacists and their teams to attend, wherever they were.

Along with a wide variety of educational opportunities, speakers included Assistant Secretary for Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Adm. Brett Giroir, who is the administration's leading coronavirus testing official. U.S. Surgeon Gen. Dr. Jerome Adams was unable to participate live, but he provided a recorded message making it clear he understands the critical role of independent pharmacists in fighting COVID-19. Additional speakers were Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge, who led the fight

A SHOW FOR WHEREVER YOU WERE

to the U.S. Supreme Court's Oct. 6 hearing of the landmark Rutledge v. PCMA case dealing with PBM state oversight; and Dave Chase, founder of Health Rosetta.

Also, Miss America 2020 Camille Schrier, a student pharmacist and prescription safety advocate, shared her thoughts about being Miss America and why pharmacy appeals to her.

"This was the most convenient and affordable NCPA Annual Convention we've ever had, showcasing the quality education sessions, a one-stop exhibition, and the top-notch programs and speakers our meetings are known to feature," said NCPA President Brian Caswell, owner of Wolkar Drug in Baxter Springs, Kan.





**2020
ANNUAL
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VIRTUAL
MEETING**

An NCPA Convention tradition is presenting awards to outstanding pharmacists, and even with a virtual format, this year was no different.

OUTSTANDING PHARMACISTS HONORED

The following is a list of the award winners from NCPA, the NCPA Foundation and CPESN®.

Congratulations to all the winners!



SHARLEA LEATHERWOOD MEMORIAL TRAILBLAZER AWARD

Beverly Schaefer, co-owner of Katterman's Sand Point Pharmacy in Seattle, received the inaugural Sharlea Leatherwood Memorial Trailblazer Award from the NCPA Foundation. The Trailblazer Award recognizes an outstanding pharmacy owner whose pharmacy practice blazes a trail for other independent pharmacy owners and future generations of independent pharmacy owners. The award is in recognition of the late Sharlea Leatherwood, 2003-2004 NCPA president and former NCPA Foundation president.

Katterman's is an urban neighborhood pharmacy and offers many patient care services, including immunizations of all kinds to all ages. Schaefer, a 40-year NCPA member, is a clinical community pharmacist with prescriptive authority for 30 legend drugs, including most drugs prescribed for use while traveling. In 2015, Cardinal Health chose Katterman's as its Retail Advantage award winner for the wide array of innovative travel services and goods offered in the pharmacy. Schaefer has served on many NCPA steering committees, provided numerous hours of continuing education to NCPA Annual Convention attendees, and mentored pharmacy students participating in the annual Good Neighbor Pharmacy NCPA Pruitt-Schutte Student Business Plan Competition.



NCPA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Nasir Mahmood, owner of Pine Plains Pharmacy and resident of Wappingers Falls, N.Y., received the 2020 Calvin J. Anthony Lifetime Achievement Award. The award honors a pharmacist who has dedicated his or her career to the advancement of the pharmacy profession. It is named after Anthony, whose long, distinguished pharmacy career saw him start as an independent community pharmacy owner in Stillwater, Okla., and serve on multiple pharmacy organizational boards, along with a stint as National Association of Retail Druggists (now NCPA) president from 1993-94, and a five-year term as NCPA's executive vice president.

Mahmood has served the Pine Plains area since 1989. Throughout his career he has been active in professional organizations including NCPA; the Pharmacists Society of the State of New York, of which he is a past president and chairman of the board; the American Pharmacists Association; the Hudson Valley Pharmacists Society; and the Pakistani American Pharmacists Association. While PSSNY president in 2008-09, Mahmood was instrumental in New York's successful passage of legislation allowing pharmacists to become immunizers for influenza and pneumococcal disease.



CPESN® LUMINARY OF THE YEAR

Staci Hubert, PharmD, pharmacist and owner of Ashland Pharmacy in Ashland, Neb., and lead luminary for CPESN Nebraska (Nebraska Enhanced Services Pharmacies, as it is known locally), was given the CPESN Luminary of the Year Award, sponsored by Upsher-Smith Laboratories, LLC. Hubert was selected from dozens of nominations for CPESN luminaries across America. The finalists were selected based on efforts and results in developing or leading a local CPESN network.

"Congratulations to Staci for being selected as this year's winner," said Joe Moose, PharmD, director of strategy and luminary development for CPESN USA. "Her enthusiasm for pharmacy practice in America is so contagious! It isn't surprising to me to see her network grow and contract directly with so many different regional payers."



JOHN W. DARGAVEL MEDAL

William L. Scharringhausen, a third-generation pharmacist/pharmacy owner from Park Ridge, Ill., was awarded the 2020 John W. Dargavel Medal from the NCPA Foundation. The McKesson Corp. sponsors the award that honors an individual whose contributions on behalf of independent pharmacy embody the spirit of leadership and accomplishment personified by John W. Dargavel, who was executive secretary of the National Association of Retail Druggists, now NCPA, from 1933-61.

Scharringhausen graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy in June 1956, and later received the UW School of Pharmacy Alumni Association Alumnus of the Year Award in 1992 and the school's Citation of Merit in 1997.

Upon graduating from pharmacy school, he worked at Scharringhausen Pharmacy, an independent community pharmacy founded by his grandfather in 1924 in Park Ridge, Ill. He worked there with his grandfather, father, mother, wife, and sister until retiring in 1999.



WILLARD B. SIMMONS INDEPENDENT PHARMACIST OF THE YEAR AWARD

Amina Abubakar, owner of Rx Clinic Pharmacy in Charlotte, N.C., was given the Willard B. Simmons Independent Pharmacist of the Year Award. The award is sponsored by Upsher-Smith Laboratories, LLC. It is given to a pharmacist who exhibits exemplary professional leadership, service to community, and commitment to independent pharmacy. The award is named in honor of Simmons, a former executive secretary of NCPA (then known as the National Association of Retail Druggists) and a longtime trustee of the NCPA Foundation.

Abubakar grew up in Kenya, where her interest in pharmacy and healing began. She came to the United States to pursue her dream and study pharmacy, receiving her degree in 2005 from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. She opened Rx Clinic Pharmacy in 2009, specializing in treating HIV patients. Abubakar witnessed the early effects of HIV in Kenya, which left a lasting impact. She is a passionate advocate for patients with HIV/AIDS, presenting to the community on the subject and participating in patient support groups to offer education and empowerment services. Abubakar and Rx Clinic Pharmacy are also involved in local health fairs and seminars, promoting various health screenings for early detection of diseases and linkage to care. She offers immunizations and point-of-care testing in her community as well.



NATIONAL PRECEPTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Jonathan Harward, pharmacy manager at Josefs Pharmacy in Raleigh, N.C., was honored as the National Preceptor of the Year. Harward, who is originally from Carthage, N.C. and now lives in Holly Springs, has precepted pharmacy students with Josefs Pharmacy since 2015. Harward attended Campbell University, completing his undergraduate studies and graduating with his doctor of pharmacy degree in 2013. He completed a PGY-1 community pharmacy residency with Kerr Drug and Campbell University.

Harward's commitment to pharmacy professionalism extends beyond precepting future pharmacists, carrying into his work at Josefs Pharmacy, where he is dedicated to his patients and his community. He has worked to develop and implement a medication synchronization program seeking to promote comprehensive medication reviews, immunizations and assessments in patients with HIV, HCV, and rheumatoid arthritis. He worked to develop the ScriptAbility program through which visually impaired patients (using special technology) can hear instructions printed on their medication vial. He also holds immunization clinics at nearby businesses and places of worship for those who are uninsured and shares his knowledge in presentations throughout the community.



NARD OWNERSHIP AWARD

New Jersey pharmacy owner **Mayank Parikh** was given the NARD Ownership Award from the NCPA Foundation. The award recognizes an independent community pharmacist who embraces entrepreneurial spirit through promotion and demonstrated excellence in the field of community pharmacy ownership. NARD, short for the National Association of Retail Druggists, was for a century the name associated with independent pharmacy.

Parikh is a second-generation health care provider, citing his late father Ashok Parikh as his greatest inspiration. Mayank Parikh was convinced by his father to go to pharmacy school and become a doctor of pharmacy, which led him to co-found Super Health Pharmacy in 2016. In the short time since, it has grown to include 10 independent pharmacies in various areas throughout the Tri-State area.

Now more than ever, Parikh says, pharmacists are standing strong on the front lines of the coronavirus pandemic. The pharmacies have been converted into full-service COVID-19 testing centers and places where anyone can have their prescriptions or daily essentials delivered for free the same day. Along with providing patients with safe,

convenient access to cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment, the pharmacies also worked with CutRedTape4Heroes.org to donate lifesaving PPE and hand sanitizer to frontline health care workers throughout New York and New Jersey. They donated 100,000 three-ply surgical masks and free three-ounce hand sanitizers to these frontline workers.



OUTSTANDING FACULTY LIAISON OF THE YEAR

Pooja Patel, an assistant professor at the University of South Florida Taneja College of Pharmacy in Tampa, Fla., was named the Outstanding Faculty Liaison of the Year by the NCPA Foundation. Patel received her doctor of pharmacy degree from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences University in Boston, after which she completed an advanced community residency with Walgreens and MCPHS University. Since joining USF TCOP, Patel practices as an ambulatory care pharmacist at the Tampa General Medical Group family medicine clinic in Riverview, Fla. She works as part of an interdisciplinary team to manage chronic disease states focusing on cardiovascular and metabolic therapeutic areas.

Patel is the course coordinator for the USF TCOP pharmacotherapeutics course offered to the P2 students and the ambulatory care elective offered to the P3 students. She has been awarded P2 Teacher of the Year for the last two years (2019 and 2020) and was awarded Preceptor of the Year in 2019.



GOOD NEIGHBOR PHARMACY NCPA PRUITT-SCHUTTE STUDENT BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences won the 17th annual Good Neighbor Pharmacy NCPA Pruitt-Schutte Student Business Plan Competition. A team from the University of Iowa was the runner-up, and a team representing the University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy finished as the second runner-up. It was the fourth victory for Arkansas, which also won in 2012, 2015 and 2017.

The 2020 competition drew participants from 27 schools and colleges of pharmacy across the United States. The business plan competition is the first national competition of its kind in the pharmacy profession. The contest is named in honor of two great champions of independent community pharmacy, the late Neil Pruitt, Sr., and the late H. Joseph Schutte. Its goal is to motivate student pharmacists to create a business model for buying an existing independent community pharmacy or developing a new one. The competition is supported by Good Neighbor Pharmacy, Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Co., and the NCPA Foundation.

The Arkansas team was comprised of team captain Marissa Johnston and team members Brittany Butterfield, Patrick Gurley, and Byron Johnson. The team advisers are Seth Heldenbrand and Schwanda Flowers, and the dean is Cindy Stowe. Their chapter received \$3,000, and an additional \$3,000 was contributed to the school in the dean's name to promote independent community pharmacy at the college of pharmacy.

The submissions were judged by more than 60 community pharmacists, pharmacy owners, and business coaches from across the country.

Convention content available online

If you registered for the NCPA Convention but missed something, or just want to watch it again, most content and all CE sessions are available on demand at bit.ly/ncpaondemand2020.

There is also an option for those who didn't attend but would like to access the content. Visit bit.ly/2020ncpavirtualbuy. The NCPA 2021 Convention is scheduled for Oct. 9-12, in Charlotte, N.C.