

by Jayne Cannon

PHARMACY: Clinical pharmacist, Semmes Pharmacy, Semmes, Ala.

AGE: 33

FAMILY: Her husband, Zachary, is also a pharmacist. They have a rescue dog named Breesy.

EDUCATION: Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy – Mobile campus, 2014

SMALL TOWN ROOTS: Jessica grew up in the tiny village of Tickfaw, La.

CAREER MOTIVATION: Jessica was drawn to pharmacy for personal reasons. She knew someone whose life was affected by opioid misuse, and she wanted to do her part to prevent that.

PHARMACY PASSION: Being part of a health care team. Working closely with patients and physicians to find the best way to treat patients.

AWARD WINNER: In June, Jessica won the Alabama Pharmacy Association's Excellence In Innovation Award. The award honors a pharmacist who has demonstrated significant innovation in their practice, method, or service resulting in improved patient care and/or advancement of the profession.

FACING HER FEAR: Jessica laughs when she remembers that in pharmacy school, she said never wanted to "give shots. Well, in the past year, I've definitely gotten over that!" Many in her community are vaccine-resistant. She listens to their objections and doesn't lecture. She's found that providing answers and education has made a difference.

NCPA'S VALUE TO ME: "I love the advocacy. It's good to know that someone is out there every day, supporting our profession and speaking for us."

Jessica Hung, PharmD

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