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**DUANE JONES OF SILOAM SPRINGS NAMED PHARMACIST OF THE YEAR**

**LITTLE ROCK, AR** – Duane Jones, PD, of Siloam Springs was presented with the 2019 Pharmacist of the Year Award at the Arkansas Pharmacist's Association (APA) luncheon on Thursday, June 6, during the 137th APA Annual Convention held at the Doubletree Hotel in Little Rock from June 6-8.

When asked why he chose a career in pharmacy, Duane Jones had a simple response “So I could help people.” Although his answer may be brief, the pharmacy community has no shortage of words to paint the portrait of a man who has dedicated his life to helping.

“I am so impressed with his passion and commitment to community pharmacy practice. While serving as both practicing pharmacist and district manager for over 30 Harps pharmacies, he helped guide his pharmacies to a 97% completion rate for comprehensive medication reviews and MTM interventions, one of the highest rates in the country. Duane serves as an excellent example of strong leadership in supporting his team to provide good patient care. He both “talks the talk and walks the walk”. – Nicki Hilliard, American Pharmacists Association Past President

Duane’s resume demonstrates his commitment to pharmacy and his patients. He serves as District Manager, Community Pharmacy Residency Director, and Clinical Programs and Operations Director for the Pharmacy Division of Harps Food Stores. He also serves as a Luminary and Board Chair for Arkansas CPESN, sits on the Board of Directors for CPESN USA, serves as an adjunct assistant professor at UAMS College of Pharmacy and is the Program Director for MTM The Future Today.

Duane is a graduate of Siloam Springs High School, the University of Arkansas, and the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center College of Pharmacy. He and his wife Valerie have two sons and live in Siloam Springs.

Previous recipients of the Pharmacist of the Year Award include: 2018 David Smith, Conway; 2017 Laura Lumsden, Little Rock; 2016 Keith Larkin, Little Rock; 2015 Wayne Padgett, Glenwood; 2014 Michelle Crouse, Lake Village; 2013 Carl Collier, Fayetteville; 2012 Charles Born, Little Rock; and 2011 Don Johnson, Little Rock.

Photo Caption: APA Past President Stephen Carroll and 2019 APA Pharmacist of the Year Duane Jones

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**BRANDON ACHOR WINS DISTINGUISHED YOUNG PHARMACIST AWARD  
FROM ARKANSAS PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION**

**LITTLE ROCK, AR** – Brandon Achor, Pharm.D., owner of Lackie Drug Store in Lonoke and Owner/Managing Partner of Ally Pharmacy Acquisitions, was presented with the 2019 Distinguished Young Pharmacist of the Year Award at the Arkansas Pharmacist's Association (APA) luncheon on Thursday, June 6, during the 137th APA Annual Convention held at the Doubletree Hotel in Little Rock from June 6-8.

The APA Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award is given annually to an outstanding young pharmacist who has been out of pharmacy school less than 10 years and who has demonstrated leadership among his or her peers.

Brandon has completely embraced his career and profession and doesn't seem to be slowing down. In the past year, he has acquired five new pharmacies to fulfill his passion of mentoring pharmacists to become store owners, he has been involved with the past two legislative sessions, and he was one of the first pharmacists in the state to offer point of care testing.

"It is incredibly humbling to be recognized by a membership and association that has done so much to protect, preserve and further a profession that serves the needs of so many," Brandon said. "I feel exceptionally fortunate to have such a supportive wife and membership of colleagues, mentors, and friends. This award will serve as a constant reminder to always place my patients first."

Brandon is a graduate of Arkansas Baptist High School, the University of Arkansas, and UAMS College of Pharmacy. He serves as APA District 3 Representative, an Arkansas CPESN Luminary, and a member of NCPA. Brandon and his wife Kaley, also a pharmacist, live in Sherwood.

Previous recipients include: 2018 Greta Ishmael, Cherokee Village; 2017 Joshua Bright, Harrison; 2016 Kevin Barton, Centerton; 2015 Rachel Stafford, North Little Rock; 2014 Stephen Carroll, Arkadelphia; 2013 Zach Holderfield, Fayetteville; 2012 Clint Recktenwald, Gassville

Photo Caption: Pharmacists Mutual Representative Joe Baker and 2019 APA Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award Winner Brandon Achor

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**MAX CALDWELL WINS BOWL OF HYGEIA AWARD AT ARKANSAS PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION**

**LITTLE ROCK, AR** – Max Caldwell, PD, owner of Caldwell Discount Drug in Wynne, was presented with the 2019 Bowl of Hygeia Award at the Arkansas Pharmacist's Association (APA) luncheon on Thursday, June 6, during the 137th APA Annual Convention held at the Doubletree Hotel in Little Rock from June 6-8.

The Bowl of Hygeia Award is sponsored by the American Pharmacists Association Foundation and National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations, with premiere support from Boehringer-Ingelheim. This award was established to honor pharmacists who have contributed to the progress of their community. Recipients must have compiled an outstanding record of community service which reflects well on the profession.

Growing up as the youngest of 10 kids, Max Caldwell got used to the idea of helping out very early in life. With a house full of kids, everyone had to pitch in and contribute to the success of the household. Now as an adult, that mindset of being a contributing member of a community has translated to service to the community of Wynne through volunteering and being a healthcare leader for his region.

"It's an honor to win this and I'm humbled by it, especially with this award being a community service-based award," Caldwell said. "My mother always said you've got to go out and help others. Wynne has been good to all of our family, and in turn we need to give back to the community and to the people who haven't been as fortunate as us."

Max is a member of Miss Polly's Daycare Board of Directors, a facility for children with mental and physical disabilities, President of the Parks and Recreation Committee of Wynne, member of the Wynne Chamber of Commerce, Region 2 Representative on the APA Board of Directors, member of the NCPA Emerging Models Committee and was awarded the 2014 NCPA Outstanding Adherence Practitioner Award.

Max attended Wynne High School. East Arkansas Community College, Arkansas State University, and the UAMS College of Pharmacy.

He and his wife Jolene have been married for 22 years and have four children and six grandchildren.

Previous recipients include: 2018 Cissy Clark, Earle; 2017 Sue Frank, Little Rock; 2016 Jon Wolfe, Little Rock; 2015 Nicki Hilliard, Little Rock; 2014 Eric Shoffner, Newport; and 2013 Vicki and Karrol Fowlkes, Little Rock.

Photo Caption: APA Past President Stephen Carroll and 2019 APA Bowl of Hygeia Award Winner Max Caldwell

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**JETT JONES OF JONESBORO WINS INNOVATIVE PHARMACY PRACTICE AWARD  
FROM ARKANSAS PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION**

**LITTLE ROCK, AR** – Jett Jones, Pharm.D. of Jonesboro was presented with the 2019 NASPA Excellence in Innovation Award at the Arkansas Pharmacist's Association (APA) luncheon on Thursday, June 6, during the 137th APA Annual Convention held at the Doubletree Hotel in Little Rock from June 6-8.

This award was established in cooperation with the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations (NASPA) to annually recognize a pharmacist who has demonstrated a prominent spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship in the practice of pharmacy.

For Jett Jones, a career in pharmacy was a slight detour from his original path working at the family business. Instead, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Arkansas State University and a Doctor of Pharmacy from UAMS College of Pharmacy.

After graduating, Jett worked at Walgreens for five years in many different roles from retail and clinical to compounding and specialty pharmacy. He is currently employed as the pharmacist in charge at The Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy in Jonesboro. He's a member of Pharmacists United for Truth and Transparency and the Hat Club and was named 2018-2019 UAMS College of Pharmacy Preceptor of the Year.

In 2018, Jett and fellow pharmacist Matt Garner founded The Hog Pharm, an educational podcast created “to teach something new, discuss something relevant, and update you on current events surrounding our profession” specifically for Arkansas pharmacists.

“The goal in starting this podcast was to educate myself, educate fellow colleagues, and educate the public on various pharmacy topics. Winning this award shows that it has the potential to expand to serve an even greater purpose in upcoming seasons. The pharmacy profession is at a critical juncture and I’m very hopeful that the podcast can serve as a vehicle to bridge gaps in our different areas of practice. I’m extremely excited for what the future holds for The Hog Pharm and I can’t thank everyone enough for taking notice and supporting us!”

Jett and his wife Haley live in Jonesboro

Previous recipients include: 2018 Whitney Bussell, Benton; 2017 Jody Smotherman, Batesville; 2016 Nikki Scott, Russellville; 2015 Taylor Franklin, Fort Smith; 2014 Marcus Costner, Fayetteville; and 2013 Lanita White, Little Rock.

**Photo Caption:** APA Past President Stephen Carroll and 2019 APA Innovative Pharmacy Practice Award Winner Jett Jones

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**SENATOR KIM HAMMER AWARDED GUY NEWCOMB AWARD  
AT ARKANSAS PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION**

**LITTLE ROCK, AR** – Arkansas State Senator Kim Hammer of District 33 was presented with the 2019 Guy Newcomb Award at the Arkansas Pharmacist's Association (APA) luncheon on Thursday, June 6, during the 137th APA Annual Convention held at the Doubletree Hotel in Little Rock from June 6-8.

The Arkansas Pharmacists Association Board of Directors created this award to recognize individuals who, by their legislative influence and leadership, have distinguished themselves as political friends of Arkansas pharmacy. This award is named in memory of Guy Newcomb, P.D. of Osceola. Dr. Newcomb was a pharmacy leader who understood, appreciated, and enthusiastically participated in the political process.

Senator Kim Hammer served in the Arkansas House of Representatives representing District 28 from 2011 to 2019 and now represents Senate District 33, where is co-chair of the Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC) Health Insurance Marketplace Oversight Subcommittee, vice-chair of the ALC Administrative Rules Committee, and a member of the Public Health, Welfare & Labor Committee, the Transportation , Technology & Legislative Affairs Committee, and the Joint Public Retirement & Social Security Programs Committee, among many others.

In the 92nd General Assembly, Senator Hammer sponsored Senate Bill 520 (now Act 994), a landmark bill that prohibits spread pricing, sets a payment floor for ingredient cost payments to pharmacies, requires PBMs to report manufacturer rebates, and closes loopholes on the definition of Maximum Allowable Cost, among other things.

Senator Hammer is a member of the Benton Booster Club, Reward Sports Ministries, and First Baptist Church Benton and has previously served as Director of Reward Saints and Regional Director of Arkansas Counseling Association. Professionally, he is pastor and hospice chaplain. Senator Hammer earned a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Counseling from Trinity College of the Bible in Newburgh, Indiana. He and his wife Karen have three children.

Photo Caption: APA Past President Stephen Carroll and 2019 APA Guy Newcomb Award Winner Sen. Kim Hammer

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#### CODY TURNER WINS CHARLES M. WEST LEADERSHIP AWARD FROM ARKANSAS PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION

**LITTLE ROCK, AR** – Cody Turner, fourth year student at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) College of Pharmacy, was named winner of the 2019 Charles M. West Leadership Award by the Arkansas Pharmacists Association (APA) on Thursday, June 6, during its 137th Annual Convention held at the Doubletree Hotel in Little Rock from June 6-8.

The Charles M. West Leadership Award honors students who have demonstrated exemplary leadership abilities and contributed to the profession of pharmacy.

Cody has served as President of the UAMS chapter of NCPA, mentor for the KMU Taiwan Exchange Program, and is a member of Phi Delta Chi, APhA-ASP, and the Arkansas Pharmacists Association. He was captain of the 2019 UAMS Local Business Plan Competition winning team and has volunteered in several health and wellness screenings.

Cody earned a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from the University of Arkansas and will receive his Doctor of Pharmacy from UAMS in 2020. He is originally from Springdale and is the son of Mike and Sheila Turner of Bee Branch and the grandson of June Sutton of Casscoe.

Photo Caption: Arkansas Pharmacy Foundation Chairman Gary Bass and Charles M. West Leadership Award Winner Cody Turner

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### KYLA FEATHER WINS ARKANSAS PHARMACY FOUNDATION AWARD

**LITTLE ROCK, AR** – Kyla Feather, fourth year student at Harding University College of Pharmacy, was presented with the 2019 Arkansas Pharmacy Foundation Award at the Arkansas Pharmacists Association luncheon on Thursday, June 6, during the 137th APA Annual Convention held at the Doubletree Hotel in Little Rock from June 6-8.

The Arkansas Pharmacy Foundation Award honors a student who has demonstrated exemplary leadership abilities and contributed to the profession of pharmacy.

Kyla has served as President and Parliamentarian of the Council of Students, Vice President of Membership and Finance of the Harding chapter of APhA-ASP and is a member of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, ASHP Student Society of Health System Pharmacists, NCPA, American College of Clinical Pharmacy, and the Arkansas Pharmacists Association. She was awarded the Harding University College of Pharmacy Chancellors Scholarship and HUCOP APhA-ASP 2017 Member of the Year. She has volunteered for Arkansas Drug Take Back, HUCOP Pharmacy Camp, and several health and wellness screenings.

Kyla earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Ouachita Baptist University and will receive her Doctor of Pharmacy from Harding University College of Pharmacy in 2020. She is originally from Higgonson, AR.

Photo Caption: Arkansas Pharmacy Foundation Chairman Gary Bass and Arkansas Pharmacy Foundation Award Winner Kyla Feather

*The Arkansas Pharmacy Foundation (APF) is a 501(c)(3) that was created to promote the profession of pharmacy in Arkansas through continuing education and by providing scholarships to outstanding students. The Board of the Foundation is composed of all living past presidents of the Arkansas Pharmacists Association. The Arkansas Pharmacists Association, founded in 1882, is the statewide professional association representing approximately 2,300 pharmacists in Arkansas. APA strives to further the professional advancement of pharmacists, advocate the value of pharmacy, and safeguard the health and well-being of every Arkansan. Its mission is to advance a professional and business environment for Arkansas pharmacists to be successful and fulfilled in serving patients.*

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**SENATOR JASON RAPERT AWARDED FRIEND OF PHARMACY AWARD  
AT ARKANSAS PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION**

**LITTLE ROCK, AR** – Senator Jason Rapert of District 35 was presented with the 2019 Friend of Pharmacy Award at the Arkansas Pharmacist's Association (APA) luncheon on Thursday, June 6, during the 137th APA Annual Convention held at the Doubletree Hotel in Little Rock from June 6-8.

The Friend of Pharmacy is a new award for 2019. The award symbolizes leadership, dedication, passion, and contribution to the pharmacy profession from an individual who isn't in a traditional pharmacy role.

Senator Jason Rapert represents Senate District 35, comprised of Faulkner and Perry counties. Serving in the Senate since 2010, he is chair of the Insurance and Commerce Senate Committee and the Legislative Joint Auditing Executive Committee. He is co-chair of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee and serves on the Joint Budget Personnel and Special Language Committees, the Senate Revenue & Tax Committee, and the Joint Public Retirement & Social Security Programs Committee, among many others.

In the 92nd General Assembly, Senator Rapert was instrumental in guiding Senate Bill 520 through the Senate Insurance and Commerce Committee. SB520 (now Act 994) is a landmark bill that prohibits spread pricing, sets a payment floor for ingredient cost payments to pharmacies, requires PBMs to report manufacturer rebates, and closes loopholes on the definition of Maximum Allowable Cost, among other things.

Senator Rapert is a member of Rotary International, Gideons International, and serves on the boards of Conway Christian School Foundation, Conway Area Chamber of Commerce, and Conway Symphony Orchestra. Professionally, he is president and owner of Rapert Financial & Associates, Inc. and the president and founder of Holy Ghost Ministries, Inc. A lifelong resident of Arkansas, Senator Rapert earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Central Arkansas. He and his wife Laurie have two children.

Photo Caption: Senator Jason Rapert and Arkansas Pharmacy Foundation Chairman Nick Landers

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**JENNIFER DILLAHA AWARDED FRIEND OF PHARMACY AWARD  
AT ARKANSAS PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION**

**LITTLE ROCK, AR** – Jennifer Dillaha, M.D. of Little Rock was presented with the 2019 Friend of Pharmacy Award at the Arkansas Pharmacist's Association (APA) luncheon on Thursday, June 6, during the 137th APA Annual Convention held at the Doubletree Hotel in Little Rock from June 6-8.

The Friend of Pharmacy is a new award for 2019. The award symbolizes leadership, dedication, passion, and contribution to the pharmacy profession from an individual who isn't in a traditional pharmacy role.

Jennifer is the Medical Director for Immunizations and the Medical Advisor for Health Literacy and Communication at the Arkansas Department of Health. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from Azusa Pacific University, completed pre-med course requirements at California State University and completed her medical degree at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine.

After medical school, Jennifer trained in internal medicine, infectious diseases, and geriatric medicine. She was recruited by her mentor Dr. Joe Bates to the Arkansas Department of Health where she enjoyed roles such as Director of the Center for Health Advancement and Medical Director for Immunizations of the Immunization and Outbreak Control Branch. “This role has been special to me,” Jennifer said “because it brings together all of my past interests and training into a single (but complex) public health focus: immunizations, health literacy, community collaboration, and strategic initiatives.”

She is a member of the Rotary Club of West Little Rock where she promotes PolioPlus and supports the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, as well as giving presentations on the benefits of vaccination. She is also a member of the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra Board of Advisors and Chair of the Arkansas Immunizations Action Coalition Board of Directors.

“It is hard for me to put into words what this award means to me,” Jennifer said. “I highly value the work of pharmacists across Arkansas and the contributions they make every day to the health and well-being of the people in their communities (including myself and my family), and I greatly value the collaborative relationship we have developed over the past five years to promote immunizations. So, what this award means to me is that our collaboration has been genuinely mutual—that pharmacists have valued working with me as much as I value working with them, and that means the world to me.”

Jennifer lives in Little Rock and has three sons, Kerry, Jackson, and Thomas.

Photo Caption: APA Past President Stephen Carroll and Friend of Pharmacy Award Winner Dr. Jennifer Dillaha

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#### **TERY BASKIN AWARDED LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**LITTLE ROCK, AR** – Tery Baskin, Pharm.D., former CEO of RxResults, was posthumously honored with the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award at the Arkansas Pharmacist's Association (APA) luncheon on Thursday, June 6, during the 137th APA Annual Convention held at the Doubletree Hotel in Little Rock from June 6-8.

This award honors a pharmacist who has devoted his or her life and career to improving the field of pharmacy and has made an impact that affects healthcare at a local, state, and national level.

Tery Baskin was a nationally renowned pharmacy pioneer whose lifelong commitment to his profession left a deep impact on the pharmacy landscape. He was previously recognized as APA Pharmacist of the Year, UAMS College of Pharmacy Preceptor of the Year, an APhA Fellow, and was inducted into the Arkansas Tech Hall of Distinction.

Tery earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Arkansas Tech University, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy and Doctor of Pharmacy from UAMS College of Pharmacy. He held numerous leadership positions, including Treasurer and Trustee for the American Pharmacists Association and Past President and Board Member for the APhA Foundation for many years beginning when he was a student. He holds the record for longest serving APhA Board member in the organization's 167-year history.

Tery was the Founder, President, and CEO of RxResults. Prior to RxResults, Tery served as the COO and CMO for NMHC, President of Pharmacy Associates, Inc., and served on numerous boards and federal task forces related to health care reform.

Tery's life was blessed by his wife Mary, daughter Julie Lewis and her husband Randy, and son Jeff. Mary attended the ceremony and accepted the award on behalf of Tery's family.

**Photo Caption:** APA Past President Stephen Carroll presents the Lifetime Achievement Award to Mary Baskin and Mark Riley, Former APA CEO

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