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Congressman and Michigan Pharmacists Association Members to be Presented With Good Government Award

U.S. Congressman Earl “Buddy” Carter and Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA) members Pang Hang and Akram Obeid will be awarded the Michigan Pharmacy Political Action Council (PAC) Hank Fuhs Good Government Award at the MPA Annual Convention & Exposition, Feb. 26-28 at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center.

The Hank Fuhs Good Government Award is presented by Pharmacy PAC to student pharmacists and pharmacy professionals in recognition of continued public service, outstanding participation in Association events and political action on behalf of pharmacy in Michigan.

Congressman Carter is an experienced businessman, health care professional and faithful public servant. As the owner of Carter’s Pharmacy, Inc., South Georgians have trusted him with their most valuable assets (their health, lives and families) for more than 30 years. Serving his first term in the United States House of Representatives, he helps shape health care policy that will improve access and quality for patients everywhere. Congressman Carter is a member of the Education and the Workforce Committee as well as the Committees on Homeland Security and Oversight and Government Reform. As the only pharmacist serving in Congress, he is the co-chair of the Community Pharmacy Caucus and is dedicated to working toward a health care system that provides more choices, decreased costs and improved services.

Pang Hang is a third year student pharmacist studying at Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at Wayne State University. After completing a degree in Anthropology from Michigan State University, she served as a volunteer and educator in Mongolia and Thailand from 2002 to 2011, where her interest in advocacy and community development began. She has served on the MPA PAC Board since 2014, the Wayne State University Chapter APhA-ASP Student Collaborating on Policy and Advocacy and is a member of PART the Pharmacy Advocacy Response Team. She is a coordinator of an inter-professional student run, free clinic for Diabetes Education and Wellness (DEW) serving in Wayne County. She is continually involved in promoting community understanding of pharmacy by volunteering to do brown bag events and health screenings with Walgreens and CVS. Pang currently practices as an intern at CVS Pharmacy in Detroit.

Alex Obeid has been an active member of the MPA since 2013 and Arab American Pharmacists Association (AAPA) since 2004. Alex graduated from St. John’s University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in 1994. Prior to opening Kings Pharmacy in 2003, he specialized in infusion, oncology, and corporate retail pharmacy. He is married to his wife of 20 years, and they share a home with their children in the city of Dearborn. Alex is very involved with his children’s activities that include coaching both football and soccer. Alex was elected to be the Chairman of the AAPA organization in 2012. He is currently serving his second term as Chairman. As Chairman, Alex established a Legislative Committee in an effort to participate in legislative policy development. As a proud member of the MPA, MPA Community Pharmacy Council, PART and NCPA, Obeid has worked to advocate for community pharmacy-related concerns.

The Michigan Pharmacy Political Action Council (PAC) is a voluntary, nonpartisan organization of pharmacy professionals that actively seek to promote good government and public health. Pharmacy PAC serves as the advocacy arm of Michigan Pharmacists Association, which advances the profession of pharmacy and patient care on behalf of the 9,000 pharmacists and 15,000 pharmacy technicians in the state.

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