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## **Smith to be Recognized with Bowl of Hygeia Award**

Bloomfield Hills resident GERALYNN BASILE SMITH will receive the coveted Bowl of Hygeia Award during the 2016 Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA) Annual Convention & Exposition, Feb. 26-28 at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center.

The Bowl of Hygeia Award, presented in cooperation with the American Pharmacists Association Foundation and the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations, is given to a pharmacist who has made outstanding professional contributions and has participated in community or governmental activities that reflect well on the pharmacy profession.

For more than 20 years, Smith dedicated her practice to the education and training of student pharmacists at Wayne State University (WSU) Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (EACPHS). She has also been involved in many community initiatives focused on preventing medication nonadherence, assisting the underserved/uninsured in affording prescriptions and providing nutrition for HIV/AIDS victims worldwide.

At WSU, Smith served as director of experiential education and maintained her academic role as a faculty member in the pharmacy program. She was responsible for the scheduling of practice-based rotations for student pharmacists, and during the transition from the baccalaureate degree to the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree, Smith developed and implemented the more advanced clinical pharmacy experiences required for the new program. In addition, she has been recognized nationally as a leader in the development of faculty preceptors for Pharm.D. rotations.

In 2005, Smith incorporated a three-semester course sequence for second-year student pharmacists into the WSU curriculum to promote their professional growth and develop their understanding of the value of community engagement. She has been involved in many community initiatives and recognized for her dedication to student development and services to the community. She was the first recipient of the EACPHS Prism Prize in 2008 in recognition for demonstrating the principles of service learning and its impact on students and the community. Smith was also honored by World Medical Relief with their Achievement Award in 2011 for her collaboration with the organization to involve student pharmacists in the local affordable prescription program. The Southeastern Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists also presented Smith with their Community Service Award that year to acknowledge her efforts as well as being honored by the Wayne County Pharmacists Association with the John H. Webster Award for these endeavors. She currently serves as Board secretary for Fighting AIDS with Nutrition (FAWN), a nonprofit organization that strives to help victims of HIV/AIDS to battle the disease using nutrition as a powerful weapon.

As a member of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, American Pharmacists Association and MPA, she has held offices and served on many Committees for these organizations during her career. Smith recently retired from WSU, but she continues to be involved professionally by serving as a Board member for the Oakland County Pharmacists Association (OCPA) and as a consultant to various underserved clinics in southeast Michigan. She is also a reviewer for *Currents in Pharmacy Teaching and Learning*.

Smith and her husband established the GERALYNN and ALAN SMITH ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP to recognize student pharmacists who demonstrate a commitment to community engagement and exhibit leadership qualities. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy from Rutgers – The State University of New Jersey and her Master's degree from St. John's University in New York. Smith practiced in hospital, community and ambulatory care pharmacy settings prior to assuming her position at WSU.

Michigan Pharmacists Association, representing the nearly 9,000 pharmacists and 15,000 pharmacy technicians in Michigan, strives to serve members by providing support, advocacy and resources that ultimately improve patient care, safety, health and the practice of pharmacy. For more information, visit [www.MichiganPharmacists.org](http://www.MichiganPharmacists.org).

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