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## **Stewart and Wayne State APhA-ASP Chapter to be Presented with Generation Rx Champions Award for Providing Education on Inappropriate Medication Use**

Brittany Stewart and the American Pharmacists Association – Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) chapter from Wayne State University (WSU) will be honored with the Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA) Generation Rx Champions Award during the Association’s Annual Convention & Exposition, held Feb. 26-28 at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center.

The Generation Rx Champions Award, sponsored by Cardinal Health Foundation, recognizes a pharmacist who has demonstrated excellence in community-based prescription drug abuse prevention. The award is intended to recognize outstanding efforts within the pharmacy community to raise awareness of this serious public health problem. It is also intended to encourage educational prevention efforts aimed at patients, youth, and other members of the community. The award recipient receives a \$500 donation to the charity of his/her choice.

Stewart and the WSU chapter of the APhA-ASP are committed to raising awareness about prescription drug abuse and prevention in the metro Detroit area. The chapter’s Generation Rx Committee provides information to faculty and students at the college as well as the public at community events such as immunization clinics and health fairs. In addition, WSU student pharmacists collaborate with local agencies to raise awareness about the dangers of nonmedical use of prescription drugs. Stewart and the students developed several initiatives in partnership with the Love Detroit Prevention Coalition (LDPC), a community-based substance abuse prevention organization.

In April 2015, the Generation Rx Committee and LDPC hosted a peer educational program entitled Medication Generation: Just Say Know, which was aimed at helping Detroit adolescents understand the risks associated with prescription drug abuse. WSU student pharmacists led interactive activities, including a Family Feud-style game, a “pharm” party, skits, role-playing scenarios and drunk driving simulations.

Additionally, in August 2015, Generation Rx students from the college presented a program called the Truth Fairy to youth and parents at a back-to-school fair on Belle Isle in Detroit. The Truth Fairy is an interactive activity where student pharmacists, dressed as the Truth Fairy, educated community patrons about the myths and truths associated with prescription medication use and abuse. Other events held in partnership with LDPC include community key leader roundtable discussions and educational seminars.

Stewart is co-advisor of the APhA-ASP chapter at WSU. In addition, she is a clinical assistant professor at the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. A participant and graduate of the 2014-2015 Michigan Pharmacy Foundation Leadership Academy, she focused her year-long leadership project on Generation Rx initiatives.

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