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Michigan Pharmacists Association Members Receive Hank Fuhs Good Government Award at 2017 Annual Convention

Michigan Pharmacists Association members Grant Brown, Pharm.D., David Kalis, B.S., M.S. and Jerika Nguyen P4 pharmacy student will be awarded the Michigan Pharmacy Political Action Council (PAC) Hank Fuhs Good Government Award at the MPA Annual Convention & Exposition, Feb. 24-26 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.

Grant Brown has been a committed Michigan Pharmacists Association member who continually works to advance the profession by working for, and serving those, in his community and profession. Brown has been the chief executive officer for Advanced Care, Inc., a pharmacy and services network development organization, since 2001. Advanced Care works to systemically improve the quality of care management for chronically ill patients. Brown has also been the CEO of Brown's Professional Services, Inc. which provides contract pharmaceutical services to behavioral health clients and agencies. Outside of his businesses, Brown is involved with various national associations, sitting on the board of directors of the National Home Infusion Association, a member of the Disabilities Connections board of directors, an MPA executive board member from 1989-1993, past-president of the Jackson County Pharmacists Association and much more. Brown has dedicated his life to improving, addressing and implementing positive change in the profession.

David Kalis has spent his career working with MPA to create new opportunities and improve patient and medication safety. Most recently Kalis was the corporate director of pharmacy for Pharmacy Systems, Inc., Dublin, Ohio, which provided him the opportunity to work as the interim director of pharmacy at Garden City Hospital as well as Crittenton Hospital. He began his pharmacy career at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, for 13 years. Kalis is continually involving himself in opportunities to advance the profession. He has served on the Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists (MSHP) Membership Committee, represented MSHP on the MPA Joint Commission on Pharmacy Practice, co-chaired the MPA Medication Safety Task Force, as well as serving on the MSHP Board of Directors and past-president of Southeastern Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists. He has worked to make an impact on the profession and guide it into the future.

Jerika Nguyen is a P4 student at the University of Michigan who is originally from Grand Rapids. Nguyen began sitting on the MPA PAC Board of Governors in 2015, and is also actively involved in Student Michigan Pharmacists Association, American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists, Phi Lambda Sigma, the University of Michigan Dean of Students Advisory Board and several other student organizations. Since Ngyuen was child, she has been interested in the pharmacy profession and chose to work at Parkwood Pharmacy as a pharmacy technician, Spectrum Health, the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center and Novartis in order to gain the experience necessary to positively impact the profession and understand its many facets. These experiences demonstrated to her the impact advocacy has within the profession, and she has devoted her time with PAC to meeting with legislators, organizing letter writing campaigns and engaging fellow students to begin advocating for the profession now to directly impact its future.

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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