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Martirosov Recognized with Distinguished New Pharmacist Practitioner Award

Amber Lanae (Smith) Martirosov of Detroit will receive the Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA) Distinguished New Pharmacist Practitioner Award during the Association's Annual Convention & Exposition, held Feb. 24-26 at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center.

This award, sponsored by Pharmacy Services Inc., is given to a Michigan pharmacist who has been licensed to practice for less than 10 years. This individual must also be a MPA member who participates in local, state or national pharmacy associations, professional programs and/or community service.

Since relocating to Michigan to begin her pharmacy career, Martirosov has quickly established herself as a new practitioner determined to impact the profession. She first earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2007. She then continued at Virginia Commonwealth to complete her Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2011. Not long after Martirosov finished her Pharm.D., she enrolled in the University of Texas College of Pharmacy to complete her Masters in Pharmacotherapy in 2013. She is now an Assistant Clinical Professor at Wayne State University as well as Clinical Specialist in ambulatory care and pulmonary medicine at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

Martirosov's participation in Michigan Pharmacists Association, as well as other various local and national efforts in the few years since coming to Michigan have set her apart from other new practitioners. She is involved in the Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacist's Ambulatory Care Committee as well as serving as treasurer for the Southeastern Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists (SMSHP). Nationally, she serves as Vice Chair of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Educational Steering Committee and serves on the American College of Clinical Pharmacy Ambulatory Care PRN Advocacy Committee.

Recently, Martirosov was recognized for her work designing and implementing an ambulatory care referral clinic. This clinic focuses on managing high-risk pulmonary patients including patients with recent admissions to the hospital. The clinic works to provide comprehensive services including medication therapy management, medication access and adherence assistance and patient education. This referral clinic is also serving as a training site for both pharmacy residents and students to further their experience in direct clinical care. As a result of this work, she was awarded the SMSHP Innovative Practice Award in November 2016 as well as being recognized as a finalist for the Henry Ford Health System Outstanding Progress award in February 2016.

Martirosov has earned her recognition from MPA by her continuous dedication to the advancement of the profession. As a new practitioner, Martirosov is paving the way for the future of pharmacy and demonstrating to resident and student pharmacists how to impact the profession. She has been recognized with the SMSHP Preceptor of the Year Award in 2015 for her work with preparing students and has presented at many national meetings, displaying to students and the nation what it means to be a Michigan pharmacist.

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.

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