



United States Public Health Service Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Practice Award

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As part of the effort of the U.S. Public Health Service to encourage pharmacy students to become active in public health, the Assistant Surgeon General RADM Richard S. Walling and the pharmacists of the U.S. Public Health Service established the United States Public Health Service Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Practice Award. This annual award recognizes pharmacy students who have demonstrated a commitment to public health and public health practice.



Campbell University, School of Pharmacy. Elizabeth J. Truman receives award from Dr. Thomas J. Holmes, Jr. (LT Shannon Cornell from the Bureau of Prisons was also present - not pictured).

The criteria considered this award include:

1. Development and implementation of programs that advance the goals stated in “Healthy People 2010”. Examples of educational and community-based programs include:
 - Educational programs on the effects of smoking or programs aimed at reducing the sale of tobacco to children under the age of 18
 - Education on adverse effects of lead poisoning or screening for lead toxic levels
 - Drug abuse prevention
 - Chronic disease or cancer screening
 - Immunization surveys
 - Sexually transmitted disease education
2. Participation in programs that support the philosophy and/or goals of the U.S. Public Health Service as articulated in the specific objectives of “Healthy People 2010”.
3. Accomplishments of a single outstanding act of significant benefit to a medically underserved community. Examples could be serving in an inner-city health clinic or renovation of a health clinic in an underserved area.
4. Contributions of time, talents, or energy without pay or other compensation in voluntary health related service by directly or indirectly helping individuals in need through work in civic, community, or humanitarian activities.
5. Providing outstanding leadership and participation in recruitment, placement, or training activities that effectively foster the team approach in patient care.

The award consists of a certificate plaque, the book *Plagues and Politics: The Story of the United States Public Health Service* and a letter signed by the Assistant Surgeon General, RADM Richard S. Walling.



University of Arizona, College of Pharmacy. CAPT Nicholas Quaglietta from the Bureau of Prisons is presenting the award to Carol Fortin.

In 2004, The Pharmacist Professional Advisory Committee (PharmPAC) Awards Committee received 35 nominations for the United States Public Health Service Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Practice Award. Of the 35 nominations, 33 awards were given. The Awards Committee coordinated the presentation of the awards at the pharmacy schools with the University Points of Contact (UPOC). The UPOC program was developed in 2002 to facilitate communication between a U.S. Public Health Service pharmacist and a

college of pharmacy. Currently, the U.S. Public Health Service has at least one pharmacist representing each of the 90 pharmacy schools in the United States. Additional information about the UPOC program and a list of UPOC contacts can be found at <http://www.hhs.gov/pharmacy/poc.html>.

Working directly with the Awards Committee, the UPOC activity lead arranged for a UPOC or active duty U.S. Public Health Service officer to present the Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Practice Award to each of the 33 recipients.



Duquesne University, Mylan School of Pharmacy. CAPT Michael Lilla from the Bureau of Prisons is presenting the award to Luke W. Glimore.

For more information about the U. S. Public Health Service Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Practice Award, please visit the PharmPAC website at

<http://www.hhs.gov/pharmacy/stuaw.htm>.

Nominations for the Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Practice Award will be requested in December 2004.