



United States Public Health Service
Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Award
2018 Top Award Recipients

Jesus Carlos Hinojosa

University of the Incarnate Word-Feik School of Pharmacy

Recognition for his contributions to educate the underserved population on HIV/AIDS and preventative healthcare and lead health screenings for a low-income population.

Shelby Wilkinson

Purdue University College of Pharmacy

Recognition for outstanding efforts during a public health crisis due to a nation-wide nursing strike to assure that critically ill patients received necessary medication therapy.

Bright Yorika

Texas A&M Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy

For his active involvement and leadership in a wide array of public health projects providing health care to indigent and underserved populations of South Texas.

Lubna Mazin

The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy

For commitment to improving and extending the lives of those at risk for opioid overdose while educating future pharmacists to address health crises.

Austin Cook

Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy

For his valuable contribution to public health through improving access to healthcare, implementing educational and preventative services, and serving his community as president of a student led clinic.

Dillon Leisure

University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy

In recognition of his dedication in serving thousands of Guatemalans in free medical clinics that focus on acute and chronic illnesses.

Brittany Duewell

Concordia University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy

In recognition of her outstanding service in promoting heart health through several initiatives and helping to prevent drug abuse by serving on a task force and participating in medication collection efforts.

Amy Shaver

University of Buffalo School of Pharmacy

For her continued dedication and contributions to the people of Erie County, New York, primarily through diabetes and antibiotic overuse awareness events and materials.

Abigail Trezise

St. John Fisher College, Wegmans School of Pharmacy

For commitment to public health affecting policies and treatment decisions in hospitals across the world, through multiple international medical trips, and domestically in New York.

Brooke Baggett

Lipscomb University College of Pharmacy

For her dedication to various public health efforts and her leadership in orchestrating a multidisciplinary, community-wide health fair for the underserved population of Nashville, TN.

Shuwen Wu

Northeastern University, Bouve College of Health Sciences, School of Pharmacy

For instrumental part in coordinating and evaluating public outreach programs to promote safety awareness and medication disposal methods in Stoughton, Massachusetts.

Marian Lyford

University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Pharmacy

For leadership of student pharmacy activities that led to the development of a project targeting those at risk for uncontrolled hypertension at a non-profit clinic serving the uninsured.

Carissa Dotson

University of Charleston School of Pharmacy

Coordinated multiple events in West Virginia to help the underserved population with limited access to health care and low health literacy gain access to health care and education.

Tara Baran

Temple University School of Pharmacy

For outstanding leadership and commitment to establishing programs targeting the homeless population, with a focus on health education and access to health services.

Sonia Jacob

Philadelphia College of Pharmacy

For outstanding leadership in organizing public outreach to educate her community on opioids and for taking the initiative to train 40 students at her local university on naloxone use.

Eli Phillips

MCPHS University School of Pharmacy-Boston

For displaying a leadership role in the growth of MCPHS University's Faculty/Student Community Outreach program.

Lily Rowan Mahon

University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy

Led an initiative at North Memorial Hospital to open two medication disposal kiosks and created legislation that would expand Minnesota's medication repository program.

Svetozara Zehireva

Midwestern University Chicago College of Pharmacy

In recognition for her efforts in organizing students, donations, and supplies for a medical mission to Peru and her local participation in health fairs and screening events.

Donna Cruz

Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

For service to the public through leadership resulting in improving vaccination rates, ensuring access to affordable medication, and preventing prescription drug abuse.

Tiffany Lee

Virginia Commonwealth University

For recognition of her service to the public through her efforts in coordinating volunteers for immunization clinics, patient counseling, and point of care screenings.

Alexandria Sweetman

Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science

For recognition of her service to the public through her establishment of a new partnership that allows student pharmacists to enhance an existing public health practice focused on opioid misuse and abuse.

Erika Zarfoss

Wilkes University Nesbitt School of Pharmacy

For positively impacting many patients through active leadership/participation in the Lehigh Valley Network flu clinics in addition to a medical mission trip to Guatemala.

Marie Alexandra Latsa

The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy

In recognition of leading an opioid epidemic initiative based on education and empathy, which reached nearly 90,000 people through collaboration and community outreach efforts.

Tiffany Vu

Campbell University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

For development of a student led community care clinic dedicated to community wellness and public health, and for serving as a team leader during multiple medical mission trips to Honduras.

Danielle Thanh

Touro University California College of Pharmacy

For serving as Recruitment Director of a youth-focused health fair that led to higher attendance and greater public health impact to the medically underserved communities of Solano County.

Lindsey Bruner

Mercer University College of Pharmacy

For developing partnerships with community organizations to prevent substance abuse and for raising awareness of substance use by educating children and parents about the proper use and storage of medications.

Jessica Wearden

University of Maryland Eastern Shore School of Pharmacy

For commitment to improving public health for the underserved for not only the state of Maryland, but also abroad.