

NEXT-GENERATION PHARMACIST™ AWARDS PROGRAM ANNOUNCES 2011 FINALISTS

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Parata Systems and *Pharmacy Times* have announced the finalists for the second annual Next-Generation Pharmacist awards. The 2011 program, honoring pharmacists who define the future of the industry across a wide range of practice settings, attracted nearly 350 nominations from across the country.

This year's finalists include pharmacist innovators, student pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians across 11 distinct categories. The program introduced the "Long-Term Care Pharmacist of the Year" and the "Military Pharmacist of the Year" categories in 2011.

A panel of esteemed judges—pharmacy thought leaders in their own right—chaired by *Pharmacy Times* Editor-in-Chief, Fred M. Eckel, RPh, MS, selected three finalists for each category, with four finalists in the Lifetime Achievement Category as a result of a tie. These finalists represent a true cross-section of the industry—from large chain retailers and independent pharmacies to military health clinics and educational institutions in 23 different states.

One winner from the pharmacist categories will also receive the program's highest honor—"2011 Next-Generation Pharmacist." This award recognizes a licensed pharmacist who embodies the highest standards of patient care, management and operations, while demonstrating an uncompromising vision for the pharmacy industry.

The 2011 finalists are:

Civic Leader of the Year:

Peter Crouch, BSPHarm, Eden Drug, Eden, NC

John Forbes, RPh, Medicap Pharmacy, Urbandale, IA

John Gotowko, RPh, MS, MBA, FASCP, Wende Correctional Facility, Alden, NY

Entrepreneur of the Year:

Ken Fields, PharmD, ApproRx and Waynesville Pharmacy, Waynesville, OH

Doug Kaleugher, BSPHarm, Med-Fast Pharmacy, Aliquippa, PA

Michael Schwartzwald, RPh, GuidePoint Pharmacy, Brainerd, MN

Future Pharmacist of the Year:

Kyle Burcher, The University of Georgia College of Pharmacy, Athens, GA

Gina M. Pettineo, Nova Southeastern University College of Pharmacy, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Edward Saito, Creighton University, Omaha, NE

Industry Advocate of the Year:

Anthony Brooklere, RPh, Adamsville Pharmacy, Adamsville, AL

Jerry Kaup, RPh, Kaup Pharmacy, Fort Recovery, OH

Autumn Wells, PharmD, Family Drug, Inc., Big Stone Gap, VA

Lifetime Achievement:

Stephen Giroux, RPh, Middlepoint Family Health Center, Middleport, NY

Steven Judy, RPh, Judy's Drug Store, Petersburg, WV

Whitaker Moose, Sr., BSPHarm, Moose Drug Company, Mt. Pleasant, NC

Gianna Talone-Sullivan, PharmD, Mission of Mercy, Frederick, MD

Long-Term Care Pharmacist of the Year:

Mark Adler, RPh, Adler's Pharmacy, Sicklerville, NJ

Brian Beach, PharmD, FACA, Kelley-Ross Prescription Pharmacy, Seattle, WA

Tina L. Fiebelkorn, BSPHarm, Fiebelkorn Pharmacy Consulting Services, Getzville, NY

Military Pharmacist of the Year:

Major Jeffrey Neigh, PharmD, BCPS, Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Fort Gordon, GA

Major Jessica Spitler, PharmD, MBA, Patrick Air Force Base, Patrick Air Force Base, FL

Lieutenant Colonel Gwendolyn Thompson, RPh, MPA, PharmD, BCPS, Fort Hood, Fort Hood, TX

Patient Care Provider of the Year:

Traci Brooks, PharmD, Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, NC

Steffany Loper, PharmD, Kroger, Delaware, OH

Justin Wilson, PharmD, Valu-Med Pharmacy, Midwest City, OK

Rising Star of the Year:

Abby Caplan, PharmD, Kerr Health LLC of Kerr Drug, Inc., Zebulon, NC
Lieutenant Vince Deguzman, PharmD, MBA, US Naval Hospital Guam, Agana, Guam
Nick Patterson, PharmD, Blanchfield Army Community Hospital, Fort Campbell, KY

Technician of the Year:

Amy Haines, CPhT, Bradley Drug, Nashville, TN
Jennifer Jelinek, CPhT, J&D Pharmacy, Warsaw, MO
Jeanne Li, CPhT, Independent Consultant, Elk Grove, CA

Technology Innovator of the Year:

Diane Gatchell, RPh, Lawrence Family Health Center, Lawrence, MA
Chris Geronsin, RPh, Beverly Hills Pharmacy, St. Louis, MO
Vincent Venitelli, BSPHarm, UCONN Correctional Managed Health Care, Farmington, CT

"We really saw the program grow this year with the exceptional nominations we received," said Eckel.

Each finalist will be profiled on *Pharmacy Times'* website and also will be spotlighted in the July 2011 issue of the publication. Finalists are currently listed at www.nextgenerationpharmacist.com, where guests can reserve tickets for the annual awards event, as well as at www.PharmacyTimes.com.

This year's gala will be held at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston on August 29, concurrent with the National Association of Chain Drug Stores Pharmacy & Technology Conference.

"The JFK Presidential Library is a perfect place to recognize these amazing pharmacists, given all that Kennedy stood for and now symbolizes," said Tom Rhoads, CEO of Parata Systems.

Other event information, including sponsorship opportunities, can be found on Facebook (Next-Generation Pharmacist) and Twitter (@nextgenpharm), as well as on www.PharmacyTimes.com.

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