**Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award**

**Qualifications:**

1) Entry degree in Pharmacy received less than 10 years ago;

2) Licensed to practice in New Mexico;

3) Current member of the New Mexico Pharmacists Association;

4) Practice retail, institutional, managed care or consulting pharmacy in the year selected;

5) Participation in national pharmacy associations, professional programs, state association activities and/or community service.

This Award is presented by Pharmacists Mutual Companies.

Many of us in this room are dedicated to the pharmacy profession but this next young pharmacist is an embodiment of passion. Growing up she has always been enthusiastic about life sciences, but never felt the pull of any one discipline. After a friend planted the idea of pharmacy school, she has never looked back. Pharmacy school would provide her with the perfect outlet for her love of science and her passion for patient interaction and care.

During her APPE rotations, she had an opportunity to experience the Pediatric ICU at Presbyterian. Moved by the dedication and inspired by the differences those pharmacists made greatly influenced her decision to pursue a residency. Ultimately her residency would take her to the Texas-Mexico border where she worked at La Fe. Utilizing her double major in Spanish she was able to provide passion driven care to a largely marginalized and trivialized transborder population.

Building on the knowledge gained during her residency, she dove into anticoagulation at Lovelace where she held various staff and managerial roles. Her next step was at Duran’s Pharmacy were she designed and rolled-out the immensely successful Med-Sync program, having a large impact on patient medication adherence. When an opportunity became available to work with a largely marginalized patient population again, she could only think back to the joy of her residency and could not resist. She is now principally working with HIV positive individuals and Hepatitis C patients as a clinical pharmacist at Southwest Care Center in Albuquerque.

Driven by a passion for pharmacy and a love of community, this individual continues to give back to future pharmacists. As the 2017 UNM Preceptor of the Year recipient she exemplifies the role of mentoring our future colleagues. She is the acting preceptor for a full schedule of UNM APPE students at SCC and a longitudinal rotation at One-Hope, a PGY2 collaboration with Presbyterian, out-of-state students, and co-precepts the IPPE students.

Her membership with the New Mexico Pharmacists Association also started when she was a student including making the trip to Santa Fe for Legislative Day, to educate representatives at the round house about the value of community pharmacists. She has worked on numerous projects and presented at numerous NMPhA events.

It is my pleasure to present the Pharmacist Mutual

Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award **To:**

**Carly Floyd.**