## “Bowl of Hygeia”

**Award Presentation**

New Mexico

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, it is an honor for me to be here today at the NMPhA Mid-Winter Meeting to present the next award to a very deserving recipient.

Optional: The “Bowl of Hygeia” is the most widely recognized international symbol of pharmacy and derives from Greek mythology. Hygeia was the daughter and assistant of Es-Kah-Lay-Pi-Ous, the God of Medicine and Healing. Her classical symbol was a bowl containing a medicinal potion, with the serpent of wisdom (or guardianship) partaking of it. This is the same serpent of wisdom that appears on the caduceus, which is the symbol of medicine.

The “Bowl of Hygeia” Award is presented annually by participating pharmacy associations in each of the fifty states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The recipients are selected by their respective associations for their outstanding record of community service. The Bowl of Hygeia award is sponsored by the American Pharmacists Association Foundation and the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations.

**To honor all those who have gone before, I would like to ask all previous recipients of the “Bowl of Hygeia” Award who are present this afternoon to stand and be recognized.**

(Pause for Applause)

**This year’s Bowl of Hygeia winner will receive a plaque honoring him for winning this award. The recipient will also receive a lapel pin that will identify him as a member of a group of outstanding pharmacists, now numbering over 2,500. These pharmacists have distinguished themselves through their actions. Today, we honor a Ruidoso, NM, pharmacist in recognition of his service to the community and to the profession.**

The 2020 Bowl of Hygeia recipient…

has demonstrated outstanding service and dedication in serving his patients and his community in Ruidoso, New Mexico. After a long career (24 years) with Walgreens, he opened his own independent community pharmacy, serving the needs of his community and rural neighbors in Lincoln County. He offers customized compounded prescriptions, immunizations and countywide delivery services.

In his community, he has represented area pharmacists on the NMPhA Executive Council as a District Councilor. He has been on the Board of Pharmacy for over five years and currently serves as chair. He is a big supporter of community pharmacy and is politically engaged in support of his profession. He is an active member of his church and has been very active in community sports (coaching both Little League Football and Baseball for a

number of years) and financially supporting the local youth. He is a board member for the High Mountain Youth Project in Ruidoso, which assists in giving

homeless teens a place to go, eat, hang out, get support, and do their schoolwork.

**A coworker recently shared some thoughts on this recipient.**

***His dedication to our profession, compassion for others, willingness to help his community, and his integrity as a health care professional are all at the highest level.  He has a genuine love for young people and can hardly say no anytime a student comes to him asking for a donation to their cause. When he sees an opportunity to help someone in the community who is in need, he does more than just talk about it.  He is a doer; he walks the walk, he follows through, he is a man of his word.***

***When it comes to the advancing of our profession, he is "in the thick of things," doing everything he can to protect our position as valuable members of the health care team.  Through his involvement with the New Mexico Board of Pharmacy, he has worked to develop laws and regulations that broaden our opportunities as pharmacists.  He has worked to improve reimbursements and help us remain profitable in an ever-increasing difficult economy for health care providers. As a businessman, I have seen him step completely out of his comfort zone and step out on faith when he witnessed trends in our profession***

***that put profits before people.  He left a 20+ year career with a successful pharmacy corporation to start his own business, with the hopes of not just making a decent profit and staying in business, but to hopefully give others in his community the chance to have a better job and a better working environment.  He has used his business expertise to create a pharmacy that operates and serves our community the way a pharmacy should--to be a blessing to others.***

***He values the future of pharmacy through his work as a preceptor as well.  He takes his responsibility with students very seriously, always working to challenge them and train them to think "outside the box."  He works to prepare them for the "real world," going beyond just learning facts and teaching them to be problem solvers so they can help those they will serve.***

***He truly embodies the highest values of the profession of pharmacy: compassion, integrity and helping others. He lives out those values every day in his work, in the way he treats others, and in his passion to keep the pharmacy profession alive and strong.  He teaches me something new…pretty much every day.***

**I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for allowing me to share in recognizing the accomplishments of a deserving recipient and one who epitomizes the principles of community service for which this award was**

**developed. Please welcome to the podium and join me in congratulating the newest member of New Mexico Pharmacists Association’s Bowl of Hygeia Award Recipient “family,” Chris Woodul.**