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**The New Jersey Pharmacists Association Presents
 2017 Awards to Outstanding NJ Pharmacists, Pharmacy
 Technicians, and Pharmacy Industry Supporters**

Princeton, NJ (October 25, 2017) – On October 15, 2017 nearly 170 people gathered at Harrah’s in Atlantic City, NJ, for the New Jersey Pharmacists Association’s (NJPhA’s) 147th annual awards luncheon. Each year the NJPhA recognizes member-nominated award recipients for their outstanding contributions and achievements. The awards provide members with an excellent way to thank colleagues, friends and mentors who have made a difference in their careers. This year, the NJPhA is proud to announce the following award winners:

Award Name	Award Description	2017 Recipient
Mortar and Pestle Award	The award is given to an individual who is not a pharmacist, but who by virtue of his or her activity, has contributed to the profession of pharmacy and the public-at-large.	Assemblyman Raj Mukherji
Rosario “Russ” J. Mannino Award	This award honors President-Emeritus Rosario J. Mannino, and is given for meritorious service to the profession of pharmacy and the New Jersey Pharmacists Association.	Linda Gooen, PharmD, MS, CGP, CCP Basking Ridge, NJ
Bowl of Hygeia Sponsored by APhA Foundation and NASPA	Sponsored by National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations (NASPA) to a living, NJ-licensed pharmacist who has compiled an outstanding record of community service that, apart from the practice of pharmacy, reflects well on the profession.	Tom Bender, RPh Monmouth Beach, NJ
Andrew J. Preston Political Action Award	Sponsored by past President and PAC Chairman Andrew J. Preston, this award is presented to an NJPhA member exhibiting outstanding effort in the political arena to benefit the profession and our patients.	Loretta Brickman, RPh, BS Phillipsburg, NJ

Donald J. Wernik Academic Achievement Award	Presented to an academician who has performed outstanding service for our profession and NJPhA.	John Colaizzi, Jr., PharmD, CCP Franklin Lakes, NJ
Frederick B. Kilmer Award	Dr. Kilmer, a former NJPhA president, established the concept of research at Johnson & Johnson that became a standard for much of the pharmaceutical industry. He was a prodigious writer who valued articulate writing as a means of improving the pharmacy profession and the health of our citizenry. This award, given since 1938, recognizes excellence in pharmacy writing. All members, with the exception of educators and laboratory workers, are eligible.	Steve Zlotnick, PharmD, CCP Rockaway, NJ
NASPA Excellence in Innovation Award	Sponsored by NASPA, this award is given to a practicing pharmacist within New Jersey who has demonstrated innovative pharmacy practice resulting in improved patient care.	Domenic DiPrimo, RPh Waldwick, NJ
William H. McNeill Award	This award recognizes outstanding community service work by an NJPhA member in the preceding year or years.	Richard Coniglio, RPh Lake Hiawatha, NJ
Pharmacist Mutual Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award	Presented to an outstanding pharmacist who has worked for the profession of pharmacy and who graduated in the past ten years.	Michael Tinglin, PharmD Belleville, NJ
RDC Independent Pharmacist of the Year Award	The RDC Independent Pharmacist of the Year Award is presented to a practicing pharmacist who has demonstrated exemplary service to his/her patients and the community.	John Bellitti, RPh North Arlington, NJ
Cardinal Health Generation Rx Champions Award	Presented to a pharmacist in recognition of efforts to prevent prescription drug abuse, and for outstanding service to the pharmacy community to raise awareness of this serious public health problem.	Joseph Tarallo, RPh Matawan, NJ
Sidney B. Gilman Pharmacy Technician Award	Presented to an NJPhA Pharmacy Technician member in recognition of individual excellence and outstanding service to the pharmacy profession.	David Giraud, CPhT Stroudsburg, PA

NCPA Leadership Award	Valuing the leadership qualities of pharmacists in our state associations, this NCPA-sponsored award is traditionally given to incoming state association presidents.	Carmela Silvestri, PharmD Flemington, NJ
Lifetime Achievement Award	For lifetime achievement to the profession of pharmacy and to NJPhA.	Donald J. Wernik, RPh Metuchen, NJ

About The New Jersey Pharmacists Association

The New Jersey Pharmacists Association (NJPhA) represents the interests of pharmacists in all disciplines. It provides certified continuing pharmacy education for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, and promotes ethical standards of professional conduct with the purpose of advancing the pharmacy profession, providing optimal care for patients, and forming alliances with other health care professionals and the public.

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