

Dr. Kathleen Hill Besinque Announced as CSHP's 2025 Pharmacist of the Year

Awarded annually to one member who has made significant and sustained contributions to the pharmacy practice in California, **Kathleen Hill Besinque, PharmD, MEd, FASHP, FCSHP, FCPHA, NCMP**, has been selected to CSHP's most prestigious award – Pharmacist of the Year Award – for 2025.



Dr. Besinque's career is a testament to what a pharmacist can achieve with a deep commitment to the profession. As one colleague noted, she has made "a never-wavering devotion for the profession and sustained contributions...at the highest levels since she became a pharmacist over 40 years ago."

Dr. Besinque is a nationally recognized expert in women's and reproductive health, where she has been a trailblazer for decades. Through her advocacy, she championed the ability for pharmacists to provide contraception directly to patients, a pivotal contribution that impacted California law and paved the way for adoption in many other states.

Her influence extends far beyond her advocacy. As a distinguished educator and professor, she has trained and mentored thousands of students and pharmacists throughout her career at USC, Loma Linda University, and Chapman University. Through her leadership in experiential education, she has shaped the careers of countless new practitioners and is a true role model for the profession.

For her career-long dedication to advancing pharmacy practice, her pioneering advocacy, and her unwavering commitment to mentorship, we are honored to recognize Dr. Besinque with this achievement. She will be celebrated for her contributions to the pharmacy profession in California during CSHP's Seminar 2025 Awards Ceremony on Saturday, November 1, 2025 (6:00 - 7:30PM).