

Kethen So, PharmD, FCSHP

Named CSHP's 2025 Distinguished Service Award Recipient

It is with great honor that the California Society of Health-System Pharmacists (CSHP) posthumously announces **Kethen So, PharmD, FCSHP** as the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. This award recognizes an individual who has made exceptional and sustained contributions to the Society and the profession.



Kethen embodied the values of this award throughout his career. His passion, energy, commitment, and leadership were evident in his unwavering dedication to our profession and our community. He was a pillar of strength during a tumultuous time for CSHP, serving as a presidential officer when many others stepped away. He took on the immense challenge of rebuilding the Society, leading the search for a new EVP/CEO, and pouring his heart and soul into the role. His emotional farewell speech, met with a standing ovation from the House of Delegates, was a testament to his profound impact and dedication.

Kethen's service to CSHP spanned decades and included numerous leadership positions at the Golden Gate Chapter and at the state and national levels. He served as a CSHP President (2015-2016), was a Director on the Board (2005-2010), and chaired many critical committees and task forces, including the recent 2024 Blue Ribbon Task Force on the CSHP Bylaws Revision. He was a fierce advocate for legislative affairs and a tireless champion for student engagement and development.

Beyond his CSHP involvement, Kethen was a senior pharmacy leader at UCSF Medical Center and a full clinical professor, a title rarely achieved by volunteer faculty. He was a CSHP and ASHP Fellow and a respected advocate for patient care and safety. His legacy is one of extraordinary volunteer service, leadership,



and a steadfast commitment to giving back to the profession and the public. He will be deeply missed, but his contributions will continue to shape the future of pharmacy for generations to come. If you would like to donate to the Kethen So Memorial Scholarship in his memory please do so [here](#).

For his lifetime of accomplishments, we are proud to honor the legacy of Dr. So with this achievement. Dr. So's family will accept his achievement on his behalf for his commitment and contributions to the pharmacy profession in California during CSHP's Seminar 2025 Awards Ceremony on Saturday, November 2, 2025 (6:00 - 7:30PM).