

Lisa Gunther, PharmD, FCSHP, FASHP **Announced as CSHP's 2024 Pharmacist of the Year**

Awarded annually to one member who has made significant and sustained contributions to the pharmacy practice in California, **Lisa Gunther, PharmD, FCSHP, FASHP**, has been selected to CSHP's most prestigious award – Pharmacist of the Year Award – for 2024.

"When I think of Dr. Gunther, I imagine a lighthouse, a beacon to guide the profession," states Dr. Daniel Kudo, 2023 CSHP President. Looking through the list of qualifying criteria for this award, it's hard to find one of them that doesn't have an abundance of examples showing her dedication and excellence to the profession.



Beginning in 1991 with her membership in the Southern California SHP chapter, Lisa served at CSHP House of Delegates (1995-1996; 1998-1999), Hospitality Chair (1994-1998;), Seminar Hospitality Co-chair (1996), Focus Industry Relations Co-chair (1997), President (1997-1999), Special CE Programs Chair (1997-2000), Seminar Publicity Co-chair (1998; 2011), ASHP House of Delegates (1999; 2003-2005; 2008; 2019), Board of Directors (2000-2001; 2003-2004; 2008-2010; 2015-2016), Committee on Nominations Chair (2000; 2012), Focus Industry Relations Co-chair (2000-2001), Seminar Management Team Chair (2001-2002), CSHP Treasurer (2004-2010; 2022), and Seminar Industry Relations Chair (2004-2005; 2007-2008). For South Bay/Long Beach SHP, Lisa was President (2011-2013), Clinical Affairs Co-chair (2012-2014), Delegate (2011), Alternate Delegate (2015), and Board Liaison (2010; 2015-2016). At San Gabriel Valley SHP, Dr. Gunther was Board Liaison for 2016 and 2019, President (2023 and is now the Education Chair (2024). Dr. Gunther served as CSHP President from 2019-2021 and was also the Inaugural Chair of the Pacific Coast Patient Safety Conference in 2022 and served as President of the CSHP Research & Education Foundation from 2017 to 2019.

In Dr. Gunther's career, she spent the first 30 years of her career working as a pharmacist for Kaiser Permanente in various capacities and at various locations in California. During that

time she earned and received a number of awards that reflect the impact she has had, the respect she has earned, and her value to the Kaiser Permanente pharmacy services. These awards include: A Service Improvement Award (1993), On-the-Spot Recognition Awards (1995, 2004), Drug Utilization Action Team Recognition Awards (2003, 2004, 2005), Voh's Award for Drug Utilization Action Team Achievements (2003), and a Service Excellence Award (2005). In 2017, Dr. Gunther changed her career path and employer and is now working as a medication safety officer for Adventist Health Glendale.

As a role model for the profession, Dr. Gunther has never stopped throughout her illustrious career. Dr. Gunther has precepted and/or mentored hundreds, if not tens of hundreds of students, residents, and new practitioner pharmacists in numerous settings, including USC (from 2007-2016) and Western (2010-2012) as well as during her time serving at three separate CSHP affiliate chapters: Southern California (1991-2010), South Bay/Long Beach (2010-2022), and San Gabriel Valley (2022-present). She has also attended countless health fairs, precepting and mentoring USC PharmD candidates (2007-present) and members of the Lambda Kappa Sigma professional fraternity (2010-present). Lisa has precepted students and residents in several work settings, such as Kaiser's Drug Education Coordinator (KP West Los Angeles, 2000-2006) and Adventist Health Glendale's Medication Safety Program (2017-present).

In summary, Dr. Gunther has met and exceeded every criterion for this award. Her career reflects her commitment to improving the profession and advancing pharmacy practice. She has achieved this through her daily work as a pharmacist, her leadership and active participation in professional organizations, her advocacy efforts in legislative, regulatory, and professional policy work, her mentorship, preceptorship, and didactic teaching of student pharmacists, and her contributions to her community.

For all her accomplishments, we are proud to award Dr. Gunther with this achievement. She will be recognized for her commitment and contributions to the pharmacy profession in California during CSHP's Seminar 2024 Awards Ceremony on Saturday, November 2, 2024.