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RACHAEL S. ORTIZ, CPhT, MBA IS THE RECIPIENT OF CSHP’S
2016 TECHNICIAN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Sacramento, CA. Rachael S. Ortiz, CPhT, MBA has been awarded CSHP’s Technician Achievement Award for 2016. During the 1990’s, Ms. Ortiz worked in a newly creative and innovative role of Administrative Pharmacy Technician, where she was responsible for 120 pharmacies in California and led the effort to improve her employer’s operations, including implementation of policies and procedures. As one of her nominators remarked, “At a time when the responsibility of pharmacy technicians was narrowly defined, Rachael demonstrated an ability to develop and maintain strategic relationships and partnerships with hundreds of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians by demonstrating a deep knowledge and understanding” of her employer’s operations and business.

Ms. Ortiz was responsible for the acquisition of independent pharmacies and transitioning them into her employer’s pharmacies. She has served on the advisory boards of six different technician schools in the San Francisco Bay Area, volunteered at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (formerly San Francisco General Hospital) as a translator to assist Spanish speaking patients understand the importance of compliance with their medications.

Ms. Ortiz is licensed in California and Nevada and holds an MBA from the University of Phoenix. She currently works as a Senior Business System Analyst in Information Technology for St. Joseph’s Dignity Health in Stockton, California.

The Technician Achievement Award annually recognizes a pharmacy technician who participates in CSHP activities, provides exemplary service to the pharmacy profession, and participates in activities that promote the advancement of technician roles within the profession.

Criteria for being considered for Technician Achievement Award includes,

- Active CSHP technician member.
- Actively participates in CSHP activities.
- Provides exemplary service to the pharmacy profession.
- Participates in activities that promote advancement of technician roles within the profession.
- Recognized as a professional role model for all technicians.
• Contributes to the professional pharmacy community or to community/public service activity involving pharmacy.

Ms. Ortiz and other award recipients will be honored during CSHP’s Seminar 2016 on Saturday, October 29, 2016.

Founded in 1962, the California Society of Health-System Pharmacists (CSHP) is a non-profit professional association established to serve the needs of hospital and health-system pharmacists. Representing over 4,000 members who practice clinical pharmacy and specialized medicine, CSHP is the largest state association for pharmacists. CSHP members share a common mission – to promote wellness, patient safety and the optimal use of medication.

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