

**November 9, 2019**

**WSPA**

WASHINGTON STATE PHARMACY ASSOCIATION

**2019 Awards of  
Distinction Ceremony**



## **AWARDS OF DISTINCTION FOR 2019**



### **Bowl of Hygeia**

*Recognizes an exemplary pharmacist who has made outstanding contributions in the area of community service throughout their career.*

#### **Steve Singer, R.Ph.**

Steve Singer earned his degree from the University of Washington School of Pharmacy and has spent most of his career practicing in Senior Care Pharmacy. He has always advocated for pharmacists to practice at the top of their licensure. Steve currently practices in Woodinville, Washington in a pharmacy specializing in home health and hospice care, Bellegrove Pharmacy Services. Steve has served in volunteer leadership positions within the pharmacy profession including WSPA President and WSPA Secretary/Treasurer and he currently is the Washington State Pharmacy Foundation Treasurer. But, his impact on his community has earned him this prestigious recognition. He has been a dedicated voice for the pharmacists' role in appropriate pain management and opioid-use disorder. He actively engaged a physician partner to expand access to naloxone throughout King and Snohomish County pharmacies. He's worked with the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute, Tulalip Tribe, Ambulatory Surgery Facilities and other health care entities. He testified in support of ESHB 1671 to increase access to opioid antagonists to prevent opioid-related overdose deaths. And he's been a tireless advocate and educator for Pharmacist Dispensed Opioid Overdose Reversal Kits. When not working, Steve enjoys outdoor activities and spending time with his family, children and grandchildren.



### **Washington State Pharmacist of the Year**

*Honors a pharmacist who possesses qualities of excellence in routine practice and association activities, is an exemplary role model, and who has contributed in service and skill to the WSPA during the past year.*

#### **Kirk Heinz, B.Pharm.**

Kirk Heinz graduated from Washington State University in 1986 and then started his career as the manager of Colton Pharmacy in Eatonville Washington. Kirk purchased his first store in 1995 and he is now the owner of three independent pharmacies. He has been very active in the community, as president of the Lions club, Chamber of commerce. He also served on the Eatonville School board for 14 years and was the mayor of Eatonville from 1994 to 1997. Kirk served as member of the multiple locations steering committee for the NCPA. He is a member of the Cardinal Health National advisory board. Kirk has served on the WSPA board and is a past president. Over the past year, Kirk led the reinvigoration of the Washington Pharmacy PAC and through his leadership (and generous donations), we exceeded our \$10,000 goal. This hard work will empower our professions legislative efforts in the years ahead.

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### **Washington State Health-System Pharmacist of the Year**

Recognizes an outstanding health-system pharmacist and their service to the profession of pharmacy and specifically, hospital pharmacy. A pharmacist with contributions in pharmacy programs, cooperation with the entire health team as well as service to the community as a whole. Sponsored by PFIZER

#### **Dianna Gatto, Pharm.D., BCPS**

Dr. Gatto is the Clinical Pharmacy Manager and Residency Program Director at MultiCare Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup. She received her B Pharm from Washington State University College of Pharmacy, Pharm.D. from the University of Washington School of Pharmacy and completed a pharmacy practice residency at Good Samaritan Hospital. Dianna is passionate about the profession of pharmacy and medication safety, developing others, promoting our profession, building multidisciplinary relationships, staff development and standardizing systems and processes. An advocate for continual process improvement, she's been the past Chair for the ASHP Council on Education and Workforce Development, past Chair of the Western States Residency Conference and actively involved in the WSPA health-system leadership and residency director meetings. Dr. Gatto is being recognized for her Health System Leadership both within Washington and nationally. Dianna is a leader for our profession, and a resource for the WSPA. Her leadership has spanned Chair of the Western State's Pharmacy Residency Conference, Participating in the Washington State Hospital Association's Adverse Drug Event and Antimicrobial Stewardship Steering Committees, the Planning Teams for the WSPA Residency Directors Meeting and WSPA Health System Leadership Team. On a personal note, is married and has two sons and loves spending time running, reading and hiking.



### **Washington State Student Pharmacist of the Year**

*Recognizes a student member who has made consistent, sustained and outstanding contributions toward the growth and develop of pharmacy student participation on both a local and state level.*

#### **Brandy Seignemartin, Pharm.D. Candidate 2020, Washington State University College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences**

Brandy Seignemartin is a 4th year Student Pharmacist at WSU, serving her second term as the Vice President of Legislative Affairs for the Associated Students of Washington State University Health Sciences, current Vice Chair for the OneWSU Student Government Council, and one of two student members of the Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness Council for Washington State University - planning the 'Drive to 25'. Brandy is passionate about working on policies to foster innovation within our healthcare system and advance pharmacist provided care as well as teaching and leadership. Since beginning pharmacy school Brandy has also served as VP of Graduate and Professional Affairs for the Washington Student Association, fundraising chair for the Professional Pharmacy Student Organization, on many committees, and received a WSU President's LEAD award, Chancellors Excellence Award for Community Impact, and a Student Leadership Award from her fellow pharmacy students at the WSU College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Brandy demonstrated her influence this past legislative session by advocating for the successful passage of House Bill 1726 which amended state law to allow pharmacy, medicine and nursing students to be supervised by preceptors from any of those professions while providing care at health fairs as long as the care provided is within the proper scope of practice. Similar legislation was introduced in 2015, but it didn't go anywhere. This time, Seignemartin, along with her classmates, contacted stakeholders in pharmacy, nursing and medicine to address their concerns and amended language to get all those stakeholders to support the bill or remain neutral, which ultimately led to the passage of the bill. This impressive accomplishment is a sign of things to come for this future pharmacist leader.



### **Washington State Outstanding Technician of the Year**

*Acknowledges a pharmacy technician who displays excellence in the practice setting, is motivated to learn new tasks and roles, provide community service, and has contributed to the WSPA on a local or state level.*

#### **Dianna Fish, CPhT**

Over her career, Ms. Fish has climbed the ranks at Fred Meyer. Starting as a Pharmacy Technician in 2000, she became a Fred Meyer Pharmacy Support Specialist and then a Pharmacy Recruiter. In 2018, Dianna was promoted to Health and Wellness Operations Specialist. She has led the WSPA technician academy and served on the WSPA board of directors advocating for advanced in pharmacy technician utilization. She is married with 2 boys in college, having moved into her dream house that took 7 years to build.



### **Washington State Distinguished Young Pharmacist of the Year**

*Established to encourage pharmacists with less than ten years of practice to participate in association activities. The community recognizes an exemplary pharmacist who has made outstanding contributions in the area of community service. Sponsored by Pharmacists Mutual*

#### **Jennifer Bacci, Pharm.D., MPH, BCACP**

Dr. Bacci is an Assistant Professor at the University of Washington School of Pharmacy. Dr. Bacci's work focuses on increasing our communities' access to pharmacists' patient care services by leveraging implementation science and strong community partnerships to optimize existing and develop new services, such as adult immunizations in the nationally recognized Project VACCINATE and pharmacist statin prescribing in diabetes. In the classroom, Dr. Bacci works with first year student pharmacists in the "Foundations of Being a Pharmacist" course series. She also currently serves on the Washington State Pharmacy Association Board of Directors, the ACT Pharmacy Collaborative Task Force, and the Journal of the American Pharmacists Association Editorial Advisory Board. Dr. Bacci uses her research to advance and advocate for the pharmacy profession. Her work is innovative and inclusive with an eye to the horizon. Her enthusiasm for the profession and passion for making change is irresistible to her peers and students.



### **Bill Mueller Outstanding Mentor Award**

*Recognizes a pharmacist or pharmacy technician actively engaged in practice, with at least 10 years of pharmacy practice experience, who has been and continues to be an outstanding mentor in the field of pharmacy.*

#### **Howard's Pharmacy**

##### **David Thome, B.Pharm., R.Ph.**

##### **Joel Thome, Pharm.D., BCACP**

The Thome family has owned Howards Pharmacy in Selah, WA, for nearly 20 years. Father and son, Dave and Joel are grateful and excited to be an independent, family-owned community pharmacy in their Yakima Valley community.



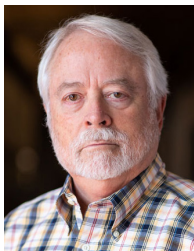
The Thome family has been dedicated to mentoring and precepting student pharmacists by providing practice experiences for students at Washington State University College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Yakima. Since Joel is an experienced, board-certified ambulatory care, community pharmacist and clinical pharmacy educator with interprofessional academic appointments at Pacific Northwest University (an Osteopathic Medical school) and Heritage University to direct pharmacology education for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Physician Assistant Programs, the IPPE and APPE rotations at Howard's Pharmacy are tremendous opportunity for pharmacy students. David and Joel's selfless commitment to mentoring is impactful and appreciated.



### **David Almquist Award**

*Recognizes a member for outstanding work in the endeavors of WSPA promotion and pharmacy enrichment.*

*For more than a decade, Dr. Tom Hazlett and Dr. Bill Fassett have provided the profession of pharmacy with guidance and education related to compliance with Washington state pharmacy law. These two legal minds have taught pharmacy law to students and generously shared their interpretations and opinions annually as part of the WSPA New Drugs New Laws program. For this tremendous enrichment of our profession, we are proud to present the 2019 David Almquist Award to Bill and Tom.*



### **William E. Fassett, Ph.D., R.Ph., FAPhA**

Dr. Fassett received his BS in Pharmacy from UW in 1969; later earning an MBA from the University of Puget Sound and a PhD from UW. He practiced community pharmacy and long-term care in Kenmore for 2 years, 8 years with the Upjohn Co., another 2 years of community practice, and 34 years in academia at UW, Drake University, and WSU, retiring in 2014 from WSU after serving as dean and professor of pharmacy law and ethics. He is a prior member of the WSPA Board of Managers, past President of APhA's Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science, past APhA Trustee, and past Director and Treasurer for the American Society for Pharmacy Law.

### **Thomas K. Hazlett, Pharm.D., Dr.PH, Associate Professor**

Dr. Hazlett completed a doctorate in Pharmacy at the University of California, San Francisco and a residency in hospital pharmacy at Yale-New Haven Hospital. He earned a doctorate in public health in the Health Policy and Administration Program from the School of Public Health at the University of California, Berkeley. Dr. Hazlett has been a Food and Drug Scientist with the California Department of Health Services Food and Drug Branch and a member of the Food and Drug Administration's Pacific Region Biotechnology Team. He had a clinical faculty appointment at UCSF through 1996, when he joined the UW Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research & Policy Program. He has directed the Biomedical Regulatory Affairs certificate and MS programs since 1998, was course master for the school's Laws and Ethics, Medical Products Policy Analysis, and Biomedical Regulatory Affairs series.



### **Distinguished Leadership Service Award**

*Pays tribute to a member who has, over his or her career been instrumental in the development and growth of the profession, and who demonstrates a high level of influence and direction with respect to their workplace, the entire health profession, the community, and/or the profession of pharmacy as a whole.*

### **Steven Saxe, MHA, FACHE**

Steve Saxe is a graduate of Washington State University College of Pharmacy and an ASHP hospital pharmacy residency. He also has a Master of Healthcare Administration from Duke University and is board certified in healthcare management. Before joining the department, Steve worked in both clinical pharmacy and health care administration positions in North Carolina, California and Washington. Steve recently retired as Executive Director of the Washington State Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission. Steve began this position when he moved to the department in 2004. Steve has also been director of the Office of Facilities and Services Licensing, the Office of Health Professions and Facilities and the Office of Community Health Services at the department. In 2016, Steve took over as Executive Director of PQAC and under his leadership, the commission has made significant changes to modernize and benefit pharmacy practice in Washington state including revision of the pharmacy inspection process and the pharmacy standards of care rules rewrite project.





### **Friend of Pharmacy Award**

*Recognizes an individual or organization outside the profession of pharmacy whose activities promote the advancement of the pharmacists' role of improving patient medication outcomes and public health.*

#### **Peter Shalit, MD, Ph.D.**

Dr. Shalit is an Internal Medicine physician in private practice in Seattle, Washington, USA. He obtained his Ph.D. in Genetics from the University of Washington in 1981, graduated from the University of Washington Medical School in 1985, and completed residency training in Internal Medicine at the University of Washington in 1989. He has been in full time, independent medical practice since 1990. Most of the practice's patients are either living with HIV or are at risk and being treated to prevent HIV. In addition, the practice is a clinical research site for trials of new HIV treatments and preventive medications. He also holds a courtesy faculty position as Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Washington, where he teaches about HIV treatment and prevention. Dr. Shalit's collaborative practice relationships with Washington State pharmacists have led to increased patient access to vaccines, antivirals and antibiotics. Most notably, he has worked with pharmacists to increase access to HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP). He is a true friend of pharmacy.



### **Excellence in Innovation Award**

*Recognizes a practicing pharmacist or pharmacy technician using innovative pharmacy practice to improve patient care and outcomes.*

#### **Tara Pfund, Pharm.D.**

Dr. Pfund works in Clinical Program Development for Kroger Health. Her primary areas of focus include national Kroger Health residency initiatives, technology improvements for community clinical services including medical billing, and the development and implementation of Advanced Clinical Services and Prescriptive Authority (ACS) across the nation. Throughout Tara's community residency and positions within Fred Meyer Pharmacy she has specialized in promoting pharmacist prescribing models and other initiatives to increase access to care for patients. Dr. Pfund's work to build partnerships between clinics and community pharmacy is truly innovative. She has collaborated with physician owned clinics to not only bring pharmacists into the clinic, but also collaborate with community pharmacists to improve patient care for chronic and acute conditions. When not working, Tara enjoys spending time with her son Austin, daughter Adrianna, husband, friends and 6 pets (3 dogs and 3 cats).



### **Rodney D. Shafer Achievement Award**

*Recognizes a pharmacy professional who has made pioneering and sustaining contributions to the profession of pharmacy.*

#### **Michaelene (Micki) Kedzierski, R.Ph., SUDP**

Micki Kedzierski is currently a Clinical Professor at the University of Washington School of Pharmacy. Micki has made sustaining contributions to the pharmacy profession through her work in substance-use disorder. Early in her professional career, Micki had a vision for treatment and rehabilitation of pharmacists with chemical dependency. She led the effort to establish the Washington Recovery Assistance Program for Pharmacy (WRAPP) in 1983 and volunteered on the WRAPP Advisory Board for the past 36 years. In 1989, she co-authored WAC 246-867 "Impaired Pharmacist Rehabilitation Rule" with Doug Beeman. She also established and taught a Curricular Enhancement Pathway in Chemical Dependency at the UW School of Pharmacy. Because of her work, thousands of pharmacists understand the need to "meet patients where they are." Micki has made an indelible impression on our profession.

# Past Award Recipients

## Congratulations 50-Year Pharmacists

Janet Abbott  
Loyal Brock  
William Fassett  
Vicky McFarlane  
Paul Hendrickson  
William Jolly  
Mary Kuehn  
Larry Morgan  
Linda Evans Parlette  
Wade Schutze  
Sharon Sutton  
Gordon Tambellini  
Carol Vanhorn

### Bowl of Hygeia

2018 Linda Garrelts MacLean  
2017 R. Keith Campbell (Posthumous)  
2016 Nancy Murphy  
2015 Gregory Hovander  
2014 Patty Heeney Slagle  
2013 Janet Kusler  
2012 Michelle Valentine  
2011 Robert Slagle  
2010 Holly Whitcomb Henry  
2009 Gordon Tweit  
2008 Richard Kuch  
2007 Ron Lind  
2006 James Ramseth  
2005 Gerald L. Stocker  
2004 Donald H. Williams  
2003 Janet R. Tjarnberg  
2002 John S. Oftebro  
2001 Donald V. Hobbs  
2000 Warren L. Hall  
1999 Richard Driskell  
1998 Frederick Martin  
1997 Joseph L. Schwab

### Friend of Pharmacy Award

2018 Michael Loehr  
2017 Caleb Banta-Green  
2016 Sen. Steve Conway  
2015 Peter Rutherford  
2014 Maxine Hayes

### WSPA Pharmacist of the Year

2018 Ryan Oftebro  
2017 Amanda Locke  
2016 Kari VanderHouwen  
2015 Glenn Adams  
2014 Merrie Kay Alzola  
2013 Andy Stergachis  
2012 Beverly Schaefer  
2011 Chuck Paulsen  
2010 Tim W. Lynch  
2009 C.A. Leon Alzola  
2008 Greg Gibbons  
2007 David Williams  
2006 William Gaskins, Jr.  
2005 Michael J. Donohue  
2004 Charles J. Kahler  
2003 Janet R. Tjarnberg  
2002 Don Downing  
2001 Cindi Brennan & Steve Setter  
2000 Linda Lavigne & Freddie Toniolo  
1999 Michael Donohue & Theresa O'Young  
1998 Garth Holmes & Richard Shine  
1997 Tim S. Fuller & Peggy Odegard

### Bill Mueller

#### Outstanding Mentor Award

2018 Jeff Purcell  
2017 Roy Mock  
2016 R. Keith Campbell  
2015 Steven Erickson  
2014 Tony Casanova  
2013 Steven F. Anderson  
2012 Don Spedden

2011 Nanci Murphy  
2010 Paul L. Anderson  
2009 Thomas Rowe  
2008 Colleen Terrieff  
2007 Lee Funkhouser  
2006 Robert L Johnson (posthumously)  
2005 C.A. Leon Alzola  
2004 Philip D. Hansten  
2003 Janet & Shawn Needham  
2002 Marilyn Bufton  
2001 Peggy Odegard  
2000 Jeff Almgren  
1999 Kim Orchard  
1998 Norm Suzuki  
1997 Jim Carlson

### Innovative Pharmacy Practice Award

2018 Beverly Schaefer  
2017 Monica Graybeal  
2016 Josh Akers  
2015 Marge & Rick McCoy  
2014 Elyse Tung  
2013 Stephen M. Setter (Posthumous)  
2012 Jennifer Kreidler-Moss  
2011 Brandy Singer  
2010 Tony J. Casanova and Eric S. Wymore  
2009 Andy Stergachis  
2008 Larry Lemchen and David Rose  
2007 Michelle Valentine  
2006 Janet Kusler  
2005 Michael L. Brandt  
2004 Steven M. Riddle  
2003 Nathan M. Lawless  
2002 Gayle McWilliams  
2001 Dale Duskin  
2000 Janet & Shawn Needham  
1999 Beverly Schaefer  
1998 John R. Parker  
1997 Nola Rasmussen & Connie Shafer

### Health System Pharmacist of the Year Award

2018 Kenneth Kenyon  
2017 Craig Petersen  
2016 Andrea Corona  
2015 Christopher Greer  
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2014 Ajay Sinha  
2013 Glenn Adams  
2012 John Zarek  
2011 Roger Woolf  
2010 Steven G. Pickette  
2009 Gregory Matsuura  
2008 Tim Lynch  
2007 Cindi Brennan

# Past Award Recipients

2006 Ashish Dhingra  
2004 Joseph E. Ness

## David Almquist Award

2018 Steve Singer  
2017 Jenny Arnold  
2016 Julie Akers  
2015 Sean Sullivan  
2014 Sean Dobbin  
2013 Linda Garrelts Maclean  
2012 Holly Whitcomb Henry  
2011 Angela Stewart  
2010 Donald F. Downing  
2009 Elizabeth Susan Merk  
2008 Kari Vanderhouwen  
2007 Semra Stanley  
2006 Becky Shipman  
2005 Ronald L. Broekemeier  
2004 Michael Sun  
2003 Jennifer Brumblay-Daily  
2001 Jennifer Edwards  
2000 Ron Broekemeier  
1999 Larry Oliver  
1998 Larry Ishii  
1997 Susan Boyer

## Rodney D. Shafer Award

2018 Ann K. Wittkowsky  
2017 Don Williams  
2016 Teri Ferreira  
2015 Don Downing  
2014 Dale Christensen  
2013 Donald Beste Jr. (Posthumous)  
2012 Richard D. Morrison  
2011 Bill Fassett  
2010 Joy B. Plein  
2009 Stephen Setter

## Distinguished Leadership Service Award

2018 Holly Whitcomb Henry  
2017 Don Williams  
2016 Roger Woolf  
2015 Senator Linda Evans Parlette  
2014 John Oftebro  
2013 Steven Singer  
2012 Sid Nelson (Posthumous)  
2011 Dan Connolly  
2010 Linda Garrelts MacLean  
2009 Larry Simonsmeier (posthumously)  
2008 Steve Riddle  
2007 Ron Broekemeier  
2006 Garth Holmes  
2005 Rod Shafer  
2004 Daniel D. Connolly

2003 Donald H. Williams  
2002 Arthur M. Zoloth  
2001 Larry Bettesworth  
& Joe Ness  
2000 Tim Fuller  
& Larry Ishii  
1999 Susan Teil Boyer  
& Michael Brandt  
1998 Terri O'Sullivan  
& John Swenson  
1997 Craig Biggs  
& Marv Chamberlain

## Distinguished Young Pharmacist of the Year (Sponsored by Pharmacist Mutual Insurance Company)

2018 Kimberly McKeirnan  
2017 Michael Sieg  
2016 Cris DuVall  
2015 Crystal Bryan  
2014 Roy Pfund  
2013 Heather H. Gamache  
2012 Ryan Oftebro  
2011 Dawn Ipsen  
2010 Travis E. Sonnett  
2009 Joshua Neumiller  
2008 Carol Vanevenhoven  
2007 Hatam Shafeean  
2006 Brian Beach  
2005 Robyn L. Agnew  
2004 Jeff Rochon  
2003 Brian Gates  
2002 Merrie Kay Alzola  
2001 Kari VanderHouwen  
2000 Tori Taylor  
1999 Leon Alzola  
1998 Stephanie Abbott  
1997 Kelley Precht

## Pharmacy Student of the Year

2018 David Bunch  
2017 Amanda Lyon and Even Sainsbury  
2016 Stephanie Heeney  
2015 Sheila Shapouri  
2014 Amanda Norman  
2013 Yara Nouisser  
2012 Erik Nelson  
2011 Karen Craddick  
2010 Andrew W. Helm  
2009 Tahnee Marginean  
2008 Kevin Lor  
2007 Jessica Gruber  
2006 Cristina DuVall  
2005 Jennifer S. Riddell  
2004 Heidemarie Windham

## Outstanding Pharmacy Technician of the Year

2018 Erika Anderson  
2017 Cathy McDonald  
2016 Jackie Gardner  
2015 Maureen Sparks  
2014 Pam Simison  
2013 Mary Nyman  
2012 Lori Ruff  
2011 Sandi Tschritter  
2010 Paul M. Iseminger  
2009 Bridgett Edgar  
2008 Sydney Jenkins  
2007 Rose Shelton|  
2006 Marilyn Kase  
2005 Renee M. Rudisill  
2004 Charleen A. Johnson  
2003 Becky Ann Shipman

## CardinalHealth Generation Rx Champions Award

2018 Cristina DuVall  
2017 Jane Jacobson and Kelvin Lee  
2016 Liz Rankos  
2015 Steve Singer  
2014 WSU College of Pharmacy  
2013 Ryan Oftebro & Ryan Hansen  
2012 Stanley Jeppeson  
2011 Michaelene "Micki" Kedzierski