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### VIRGINIA PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION Honors Award Winner

The Virginia Pharmacists Association (VPhA), has selected **Jamie Klucken** of Leesburg, VA as the recipient of the 2016 Pharmacists Mutual Companies Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award. Klucken was presented with the award at the Awards Banquet during the VPhA 135<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. This award was established in 1987 to honor pharmacists who have taken on a leadership role in the profession within the first nine years of graduation from pharmacy school.

Klucken graduated from Idaho State University in 2010 and completed her PGY1 pharmacy practice residency in 2011 as well as a PGY2 ambulatory care specialty residency in 2012. She is now part of the Shenandoah University, Bernard J. Dunn School of Pharmacy faculty located in Ashburn VA.

She is currently the interim Director of Student Affairs at the Ashburn campus and serves on the school's curriculum committee. Some of her accomplishments include being a board-certified pharmacotherapy specialist, ambulatory care practitioners and diabetes educator. She has made an impact managing diabetes care for underserved, non-English speaking individuals and takes part in a private physician groups and a Medicare-shared Savings Accountable Care Organization.

She is a great role model to students and emphasizes the importance of giving back to the pharmacy profession.

*The Virginia Pharmacists Association, founded in 1881, is the professional association representing the pharmacists of Virginia. The purpose of the Virginia Pharmacists Association is to assure the viability and vitality of the profession of pharmacy by advocating for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in legislative, regulatory and public affairs. The focus of advocacy shall be to maximize contributions of the profession to public health, and patient care and to increase public awareness of the value of pharmacy services.*