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VIRGINIA PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION Honors Award Winner

The Virginia Pharmacists Association (VPhA), has selected Alex Wiatt of Elkton, VA as the recipient of the 2016 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Wiatt was presented with the award at the Awards Banquet during the VPhA 135th Annual Convention on Saturday, September 10th.

Established in 1958, the Bowl of Hygeia Award recognizes pharmacists who possess outstanding records of civic leadership in their communities and encourages pharmacists to take active roles in the affairs of their respective communities. The award is presented annually by participating state pharmacist associations, including those in the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In addition to service through their local, state and national pharmacy associations, award recipients have devoted their time, talent and resources to a wide variety of causes and community service.

Wiatt received his B.S. in Pharmacy from the Medical College of Virginia in 1973. He currently works at Peakside Pharmacy in Harrisonburg, VA. He serves the elderly as an active participant with Meals on Wheels and is involved with the Elkton Ruritan Club and the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organizations. However, his true passion seems to be guiding boy scouts as a leader and advisor. For over 35 years he has been active in scouting's honor camper group, the Order of the Arrow and was recently recognized with their prestigious Centurion Award. He is also working to have the town of Elkton designated as a historical area.

The Virginia Pharmacists Association, founded in 1881, is the professional association representing the pharmacists of Virginia. The purpose of the 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.