Nebraska Medicine Postgraduate Year One Pharmacy Residency Program Receives ASHP Foundation 2016 Pharmacy Residency Excellence Program Award

ASHP Foundation will also recognize 2016 Preceptor and New Preceptor Awardees in Las Vegas

BETHESDA, MD (November 15, 2016) -- The ASHP Research and Education Foundation will recognize the recipients of the 2016 Pharmacy Residency Excellence Awards at a special reception held during the ASHP 2016 Midyear Clinical Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. This award program, supported by an educational donation provided by Amgen, Inc., recognizes excellence in pharmacy residency training through recognition of residency programs, preceptors and new preceptors. The recipients of this award have demonstrated innovation in training pharmacy residents and serve as models for other residency programs and preceptors.

The Program Award will be given to the Nebraska Medicine Postgraduate Year One (PGY1) Pharmacy Residency Program for its outstanding residency program and commitment to fostering residents’ leadership skills.

Nebraska Medicine PGY1 Pharmacy Residency has more than 240 graduates who have practiced or are currently practicing across the country. The program provides interdisciplinary clinical experiences, personal interaction with preceptors and the flexibility to modify the program to meet each resident’s needs. Program foundations are the required rotational experiences, including orientation, internal medicine, critical care, ambulatory care, drug information and pharmacy management. Residents customize their training with elective rotational experiences in areas such as critical care, solid organ transplantation, oncology, emergency medicine, toxicology or cardiology.

“With so many great residency programs across the country, we are extremely honored to have been selected for this award. Our great profession has been blessed to have outstanding leaders that developed residencies as a foundational component to train pharmacists,” said Nebraska Medicine Director of Pharmacy Michael Powell, B.S., M.S. “Ultimately, awards such as the ASHP Foundation Pharmacy Residency Excellence Award are important incentives to constantly measure ourselves against the past and chart our progress toward the future. It provides a peer-reviewed forum against which we can assess our contributions toward achieving future goals.”

Unique elements of the program include a year-long leadership development series; an annual residency fall retreat that focuses on developing team building skills; and unique pharmacy student teaching activities such as facilitating pharmacotherapy labs or teaching portions of a physical assessment class.

The PGY1 program prepares each resident to enter a practice position in acute care or a postgraduate year two (PGY2) residency and fosters the development of leadership skills. Since 2006, 36 percent of PGY1
graduates have gone on to complete a PGY2 residency, and 59 percent have become board certified. The residency program continues to contribute to Nebraska Medicine’s mission significantly.

“Our program is focused on training the next generation of pharmacy leaders,” said Program Director Patrick Fuller, B.S., Pharm.D., BCPS. “The program provides a push-pull incentive to continuously advance the practice of pharmacy at Nebraska Medicine. The commitment to residency training pushes the pharmacists to meet higher standards of practice in order to stay both current and at the leading edge of developing and advancing practice. The Pharmacy Residency Excellence Award program provides us with a tool to measure our progress toward these goals and the quality of our training.”

The other Pharmacy Residency Excellence Award recipients are:

**2016 Preceptor Award**
Sandra L. Kane-Gill, Pharm.D., M.S.
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA

**2016 New Preceptor Award**
Joshua N. Raub, Pharm.D., BCPS
Detroit Receiving Hospital/Detroit Medical Center
Detroit, MI

“At the ASHP Foundation, we understand that excellent residency programs lead to excellent pharmacists. It is vital to the advancement of the profession that residents receive exceptional training and leave with the knowledge and confidence of future pharmacy leaders,” said Stephen J. Allen, ASHP Foundation chief executive officer. “The ASHP Foundation recognizes pharmacists who make improving their residency program a priority. We share the accomplishments of these recipients to inspire other residency program directors and preceptors to evaluate and improve their own programs.”

The awardees will be formally recognized at a reception on December 3, 2016, at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**For More Information**
For more information regarding this awards program and the recipients, please visit our website at [www.ashpfoundation.org/residencyawards](http://www.ashpfoundation.org/residencyawards).

**About the ASHP Foundation**
The ASHP Research and Education Foundation ([www.ashpfoundation.org](http://www.ashpfoundation.org)) was established in 1968 by ASHP ([www.ashp.org](http://www.ashp.org)) as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization. As the philanthropic arm of ASHP, our vision is that patient outcomes improve because of the leadership and clinical skills of pharmacists, as vital members of the healthcare team, accountable for safe and effective medication use. Our mission is to improve the health and well-being of patients in health systems through appropriate, safe and effective medication use.
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