



## News Release

### **Pharmacists Honoured at Annual Industry Conference**

September 23, 2019 (St. John's, NL) Top pharmacists across the province were honoured this weekend at the Pharmacists' Association of Newfoundland and Labrador (PANL) annual Awards Gala.

#### **Pharmacist of the Year**

Nominated by their peers and their patients, the Pharmacist of the Year award is bestowed on a pharmacist who has gone above and beyond their regular roles in providing exemplary service.

This year's Community Pharmacist of the Year is **Patrick Williams**, of Goulds PharmaChoice

The winner of the Hospital Pharmacist of the Year Award is **Heather Williams** of Eastern Health.

#### **Bowl of Hygeia**

The Bowl of Hygeia is the most widely recognized symbol for the pharmacy profession and considered one of the profession's most prestigious awards. It is bestowed on pharmacists who possess outstanding records of civic leadership in their communities while encouraging fellow colleagues to take active roles in their own communities.

The winner of the 2019 Bowl of Hygeia Award is **Dr. Scott Edwards**, Clinical Pharmacotherapy Specialist, Eastern Health.

#### **Meritorious Service Award**

The Meritorious Service Award recognizes service that brings credit and prestige to the pharmacy profession. This year's winner is **Steve Gillingham**, Shoppers Drug Mart Gander, Badger's Quay and Wesleyville.

#### **Honorary Life Membership**

Our next award is the Honorary Life Membership Award, which is presented to a PANL member for their service to pharmacy in Newfoundland and Labrador through active participation in our association and committees as well as long-term service provincially with a distinguished record. This year's recipient is **Robin Vatcher**, Twillingate Pharmacy.

## **Student Awards**

Students of the Memorial School of Pharmacy were also honoured at this year's gala.

### **Student Spirit Award**

This award is presented to a student enrolled in Memorial University's School of Pharmacy who has made an outstanding contribution to the profession through their activities as a volunteer, committee member or supporter. This year's winner is **Amelia Clarke**.

### **Ralph J. Harris Award**

The Ralph J Harris Future of Pharmacy Award is presented to a pharmacy student who exudes enthusiasm and passion for the future of pharmacy, is a visionary, involved in community volunteer work and enrolled in the MUN School of Pharmacy Program. This year's winner is **Lexi Symonds**.

### **CPBA / PANL Student Awards**

Sponsored by the Canadian Pharmacists Benefits Association (CPBA), recipients are determined based on their involvement in PANL and university life, their thoughts on pharmacy and their career goals. This year's winners are **Amelia Clarke** and **Rebecca Druken**.

PANL congratulates all winners for their accomplishments and their commitment to their patients and their profession.

*PANL is the voice of pharmacists, with membership including over 700 pharmacists, 160 pharmacy students and 150 pharmacies. PANL advocates for pharmacists as health care team members integral to the effective and efficient delivery of health services in Newfoundland and Labrador.*

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