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## ABHP RECOGNIZES STUDENTS FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT



**Shafaat Pirani** is the 2013 Association of Black Health-system Pharmacists (ABHP) Student Achievement Award Recipient. Shafaat is a graduate of the University of Florida with a B.S. degree in Nutrition Sciences. He is currently a Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) candidate at the University of South Florida (USF) College of Pharmacy.

Shafaat is selected in recognition for his leadership, dedicated service, and outstanding voluntary contributions to community, and the profession of pharmacy. Shafaat's academic and educational experiences have allowed him to develop and improve his skills in research activities involving various laboratory and equipment techniques. He has worked as a Research Assistant in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition at the University of Florida, as well as, a Pharmacogenomic Research Intern

at the University of South Florida.

Shafaat has been involved in volunteer and community services for his entire pharmacy education experience. He has been an active participant in volunteer health events involving various diverse communities, including Hispanic, Haitian, and African American patient populations. Along with his colleagues, he has become well trained in immunizations, blood pressure, diabetes, and cholesterol screenings, as well as, in minor patient physical examinations. One of his most significant service contributions has been becoming the first Pharmacy Operations Director in the founding of the University of South Florida BRIDGE Healthcare Clinic. The BRIDGE Clinic is a student-run, non-profit, free clinic offering services to the uninsured and underserved patient populations. BRIDGE stands for Building Relationships and Initiatives Dedicated to Gaining Equality. The goal of the BRIDGE Clinic is to create a health facility where patients are treated compassionately and cared for through the collaboration of medicine, physical therapy, social work, public health, and pharmacy providers. It harbors an interdisciplinary, inter-professional environment of future healthcare professionals focusing improving patient outcomes by promoting collaboration and education to the respective students. Shafaat has taken the leadership role of helping to create the pharmacy services for the clinic, which includes medication reconciliation, new prescription medication counseling, device or technique training, screening patients for poly-pharmacy to prevent potential adverse drug reactions and educational services regarding disease state and medication therapy management.

Shafaat is a member of the Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists, the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP), and the International Health Service Collaborative (IHSC). He is the current President of the Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA) USF Chapter.

Shafaat has been recognized by his peers with the USF College of Pharmacy Student Leadership Appreciation Award and the BRIDGE Clinic Award for Diabetes Education. He is the recipient of the USF College of Pharmacy Scholarship, the Florida Bright Future Scholarship, and an inductee into Phi Lambda Sigma Pharmacy Leadership Society.



**Lindsey L. Carter** is the 2013 ABHP Student Achievement Award recipient. Lindsey is a graduate of Florida A&M University with B.S. degree in Chemistry and Molecular Biology. She is currently a Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) candidate in the College of Pharmacy, as well as, an MBA degree candidate in the Stetson School of Business and Economics at Mercer University.

Lindsey is being recognized for her outstanding professional leadership, scholar achievements, and community service. She has recognized at an early stage of her career the importance of giving back to her community. As Resident Assistant, she has been resourceful and responsible for communicating her fellow students' needs to the appropriate campus

administrator. In doing so, she has been able to develop skills in conflict resolution for the benefit of her student colleagues. As a Counselor in the Pharmacy Summer Scholars Program (PSSP), Lindsey has been responsible for supervising and mentoring students in various on- and off-campus activities. Her community services have ranged from screening students and patients for HIV and diabetes to counseling on lifestyle modifications.

Lindsey has also been active in global exchange experiences in Paris, France; Milan, Italy; and Buenos Aires, Argentina with a focus on business, languages, and Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences.

As a research assistant, she has worked with a several investigators that have helped her to develop basic skills in scientific and clinical research. Some of the research centers where she has been assigned have included: the Georgia Institute of Technology and the Sackler Institute at the New York University School of Medicine.

Lindsey's dedication to her profession has included membership in the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM), American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), and the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP). She is the Student Liaison to the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP), Chaplain of her chapter of the Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA), and the Inter-fraternal Council Representative of Kappa Epsilon (KE) Professional Pharmacy Fraternity.

Lindsey is the recipient of the Hewitt W. Matthew Scholarship, Bo Harper Scholarship, the Tom and Elizabeth Perkins Scholarship, and Walgreens Diversity Scholarship. Other recognition of her efforts has included the Florida Academic Award and Distinguished Scholar Award. She is also an inductee into the White and Gold Honor Society and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.



**Kayla Mackanin** is the 2013 Honorable Mention recipient of the ABHP Student Achievement Award. Originally from Saddle Brook, New Jersey, Kayla is a graduate of Florida State University with a B.S. degree in Biology. She is currently a Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) candidate at the University of South Florida (USF) College of Pharmacy.

Kayla is being recognized for her professional leadership, and involvement in community and professional services. As a pharmacy informatics intern, Kayla has demonstrated initiative in evaluating the impact of electronic medical records on e-prescription volume. Her involvement has also included evaluating methods utilizing informatics in determine the

effectiveness in addressing various global health issues. In her internship in the Area Health Education Center Interdisciplinary Community Health Scholar (AHEC-ICHS) program, she demonstrated leadership in planning and developing a health education campaign focusing on the use of tobacco, hookah, and alternative nicotine delivery systems on college campuses. The data she collected has been presented nationally at an interdisciplinary public health conference.

Kayla is Co-President of the International Health Service Collaborative (IHSC) - an interprofessional student organization dedicated to promoting sustainable health projects worldwide. She has organized and executed annual medical mission trips to underserved communities in other countries, and has most recently worked with the remote Panamanian community of La Chica. Trip objectives for 2014 are aimed at addressing results from the 2013 needs assessment, which include *E. Coli* water

contamination and a need for expanded health services. She also coordinates and schedules the meetings, financial endeavours, and community service activities of the IHSC.

Her leadership is also exemplified as one of the founding student Pharmacy Directors of the USF BRIDGE Clinic. The BRIDGE Clinic is a student-run, non-profit, free clinic offering services to the uninsured and underserved patient populations. The goal of the BRIDGE Clinic is to create a health facility where patients are treated compassionately and cared for through the collaboration of medicine, physical therapy, social work, public health, and pharmacy providers. Kayla has been instrumental in helping to implement various pharmacy services, including patient counselling and education, medication reconciliation, devising methods for managing appointments, and creating a system for monitoring medication side effects and patient compliance.

Kayla has demonstrated a strong commitment to her profession through membership in her state and national associations. Through her involvement with the Florida Pharmacy Association Professional Affairs Council, she was actively involved in designing & executing an NPI drive held at the FPA annual conference in July 2013. This drive enabled over 200 pharmacists to register for NPI numbers; an initiative that complements the agenda and efforts of national pharmacy organizations to obtain pharmacist CMS provider status. She is member of the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP), SSHP, and AMCP.

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### CEDONA WATTS IS THE ABHP STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT



**Cedona Watts** is the 2012 Association of Black Health-System Pharmacists (ABHP) Student Achievement Award recipient. Cedona is a graduate of the University of Alabama at Huntsville with a B.A. degree in Philosophy and a B.S. degree in Biology. She is currently a PharmD candidate in the School of Pharmacy at the University of Southern California (USC).

Cedona is being recognized for her academic achievement, outstanding professional leadership, and involvement in community and professional services. Her academic achievements are exemplified by her high grade point average and research efforts. For more than six years, Cedona has gained research experience under several outstanding principal investigators, which has allowed her to develop skills and knowledge of various laboratory equipment and techniques. As a Research Assistant she

has demonstrated her ability to deliver her research in written reports, oral platform and poster presentations, as well as publication. She recently completed a Cancer Research Internship at the National Cancer Institute Center for Cancer Research.

She has been actively involved in volunteer and community services throughout her entire pharmacy education experience. Her volunteer and community service has ranged from working health fairs with a variety of health organizations, in diverse patient communities, with children, to women health programs, and fellow students involving activities which help bring attention to such health issues as healthy eating, vaccinations; heart, diabetes, menopause, osteoporosis, and cancer diseases.

She has demonstrated a strong commitment to her profession by being an active member of her local, state, national, and international professional organizations, which includes, among others, the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP), Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP), Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA), the Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists, and the American Pharmacists Association- Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP). She also serves as Co-Chair of the Association of Black Health-system Pharmacists (ABHP) Student Affairs Council.

Her efforts and achievements have not gone unrecognized. Cedona is a National Black Graduate Student Association Conference Fellow. She is the recipient of the William Lawson, Jr. Scholarship, Walgreens Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship, the Joyce and Harold Washington Endowed Scholarship, Dolly Harris Endowed Scholarship, and the CVS Diversity Scholarship. Cedona has been inducted into the Sigma Xi Research Honor Society, Alpha Epsilon Delta Honor Society, and the Delta Epsilon Iota Academic Honor Society.

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### ASHP-ABHP LEADERSHIP AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT!



**Lenore T. Coleman, PharmD, CDE, FASHP** is the 2012 ASHP-ABHP Leadership Award recipient. She is being recognized for her sustained leadership, dedicated and voluntary contributions to the profession of pharmacy in reducing racial and ethnic disparities in health care.

Dr. Coleman has been a practicing pharmacist for 34 years. She has worked as a clinical pharmacist in the acute care, ambulatory care, long-term care, and community pharmacy setting. Within each of those practice settings, Dr. Coleman has focused on the care and management of people with diabetes.

Dr. Coleman holds the title of Associate Professor, Xavier College of Pharmacy; Research Fellow, Center of Excellence; and Howard University School of Pharmacy. A Certified Diabetic Educator of 10 years, Dr. Coleman

provides education and drug therapy management to ethnic populations throughout the United States. Dr. Coleman is currently the Executive Director and CEO of Total Lifestyle Change, Inc. (TLC), a non-profit service organization dedicated to eliminating health care disparities in ethnic populations. As part of TLC Dr. Coleman developed Project FAITH and Operation DETECT: A Cardiovascular Risk Reduction Program for Faith-Based and Community-Based Organizations. As part of Operation DETECT, TLC has a mobile health van, staffed by Wellness Coaches providing diabetes and hypertension education as well as generation of a personalized health record (PHR). Clinical Pharmacists telephonically intervene with diabetes patients and communicate/coordinate care with the patient's primary care provider.

Dr. Coleman is President and Founder of Healing Our Village of Maryland, Inc. (HOV). HOV provides minority recruitment for clinical research trials as well as a medication therapy management and health education programming in physician offices, urban hospitals and community health clinics. She is the author of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of "Healing Our Village: A Self-Care Guide to Diabetes Control". Healing Our Village also provides online and advance training on culturally competent diabetes care to healthcare professionals worldwide.

Dr. Coleman is a Fellow of the American Society of Health System Pharmacists. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of California, San Francisco. She completed an ASHP approved residency in Ambulatory Care at the USC School of Pharmacy.

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