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IPC Awards Pharmacy Scholarships to Promising Independent Pharmacy Students

SUN PRAIRIE, WI, June 27, 2017 – Independent Pharmacy Cooperative (IPC) is excited to announce the recipients of their 2017 Student Scholarships. Eight pharmacy student winners were awarded a \$1,500 scholarship, with matching funds from McKesson Corporation.

<i>Gabriella Amato</i>	<i>Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences</i>
<i>Melinda Chappell</i>	<i>University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy</i>
<i>Morgan Krause</i>	<i>University of Toledo College of Pharmacy</i>
<i>Aaron McDonough</i>	<i>University of Iowa College of Pharmacy</i>
<i>Vivian Phan</i>	<i>Midwestern University College of Pharmacy</i>
<i>Yazmin Quijano-Gonzalez</i>	<i>University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy</i>
<i>April Sartin</i>	<i>University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy</i>
<i>Stephanie Sun</i>	<i>University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy</i>

Winning scholarships were given based on an essay competition regarding their most memorable IPC conference experience.

IPC hosted and sponsored 52 students from 16 universities that attended IPC's seventh annual Independent Pharmacy Conference held in Scottsdale, Arizona April 6-9, 2017. The event presented students with tremendous opportunities to learn about what an independent pharmacy business entails and network with successful store owners, industry experts and pharmacy vendors, as well as IPC staff.

"We must be proactive in supporting the next generation of independent pharmacists," IPC President and CEO Don Anderson said. "IPC is proud to encourage the career growth and development of these exceptional future pharmacists."

IPC and RxScholarship Fund partnered this year to release the 2017 IPC Conference student scholarship dollars. This year was unique in that the remaining students who participated in the competition were awarded thru RxScholarship Fund a \$1,000 scholarship for submitting an essay. The RxScholarship Fund Executive Committee and Grant Kinn were very impressed with all of the student essays. Grant Kinn commented, "We wanted to recognize the students for submitting inspiring essays and continue to assist their ambitions of pursuing independent pharmacy."

McKesson Corporation, a sponsor and supporter of the IPC Conference Student Program commented, "The students who attended the IPC Independent Pharmacy Conference went home with valuable knowledge and experiences," Rex Catton, Senior Vice President, Independent National Accounts – McKesson Corporation said. "IPC should be proud of the contributions made to the success of our future pharmacists and independent pharmacy owners."

IPC congratulates the attending students on all of their accomplishments to date in pharmacy and expresses optimism about their successful career road ahead.

IPC awarded nearly \$115,000 in support of future community pharmacists since 2011, with 74 scholarships distributed. To date IPC sponsored 350 student conference attendees hailing from universities across the United States.

Dating back to 1983, IPC is the nation's largest group purchasing organization owned by independent pharmacy, representing nearly 6,000 members. With locations in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin and Phoenix, Arizona, IPC prides itself on providing access to the most effective programs and services to put profit back into independent pharmacy.

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