



OPhA Presents

2018 Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award

David George, PharmD, Ph.D.

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The Oklahoma Pharmacist Association (OPhA) celebrated the outstanding efforts of individuals in the pharmacy profession during its Annual Convention and Trade Show at the Renaissance Oklahoma City Convention Center this week (July 27-29). A total of 6 individuals were presented with the 2018 Excellence Awards. The Excellence Awards were awarded in six different categories: Spirit Award, NCPA Leadership Award, Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award, Excellence in Innovation Award, Cardinal Health Generation Rx Award of Excellence, and the prestigious Bowl of Hygeia Award.

The Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award was presented by Pharmacists Mutual Companies to David George, PharmD, Ph.D. To be eligible to be nominated for the award, an outstanding young pharmacist must be: a member of the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association, licensed and in good standing in Oklahoma, received his/her entry degree in pharmacy no more than ten years ago, actively practicing in retail, hospital or consulting pharmacy, and participates in pharmacy associations, professional programs and/or community service.

George received a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Cameron University in 2009. He then received his Doctor of Pharmacy in 2011 and a Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmaceutical Sciences in 2016 from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Since graduating, he has been involved with and belongs to the Oklahoma Pharmacist Association, the National Community Pharmacists Association, the American Pharmacists Association, the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, and Pharmacy Quality Alliance.

Dr. George is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy and is the co-owner of Mustang Drug in Mustang, Hutton Pharmacy in Blackwell, Creative Care Pharmacy in Edmond, and Harbor Drug in Washington state. He is President of RxOmni, LLC, a Healthcare Software Development Company. George is also a luminary of the RxSelect Community Pharmacy Enhanced Services Network and serves on the Grant and Research Workgroup. He also served on the NCPA Change Makers Task Force and serves on the Stream Committee - Curriculum Committee at OU.

Despite George's busy schedule, he volunteers in the community at the Regional Foodbank of Oklahoma and the Immunization Clinic at the OU Health Sciences Center. George is married to Liz Wolf George and they have two boys, Gavin and Emory.

"David has been a very active member of OPhA since his graduation from pharmacy school," said Debra Billingsley of the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association. "He brings a high level of enthusiasm to everything he does, whether it's in his pharmacy practice or his community. I can't think of a more deserving recipient of this award."

Established in 1890, the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association, www.OPhA.com, promotes and protects the role of pharmacists as the medication expert in patient care relationships. They advocate for the profession by shaping public policy and scope of practice as well as act as a unified voice for Oklahoma Pharmacists.
