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IPC Inspires the Next Generation of Independent Pharmacists with Ten Pharmacy Scholarship Awards

SUN PRAIRIE, WI, July 5, 2018 – Independent Pharmacy Cooperative (IPC) is thrilled to announce the recipients of their 2018 Student Scholarships. Ten pharmacy student winners were awarded a \$1,500 scholarship, with matching funds from McKesson Corporation.

<i>Samantha Alves</i>	<i>Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences</i>
<i>Sydney Burdin</i>	<i>Ohio Northern University College of Pharmacy</i>
<i>Mary Anne Choi</i>	<i>University of Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences</i>
<i>Lilia Earnest</i>	<i>University of Southern California School of Pharmacy</i>
<i>Levi Ellison</i>	<i>University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences</i>
<i>Jason Herrington</i>	<i>University of North Texas</i>
<i>Patrick Holloway</i>	<i>Medical University of South Carolina</i>
<i>Salley Park</i>	<i>University of Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences</i>
<i>Michael Sun</i>	<i>University of Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences</i>
<i>Dana Webb</i>	<i>Northeast Ohio Medical University College of Pharmacy</i>

Winning scholarships were given based on an essay competition where students detailed their most memorable Independent Pharmacy Conference experience.

IPC hosted and sponsored over 30 pharmacy students from 11 universities that attended the eighth annual Independent Pharmacy Conference held in Hilton Head, South Carolina April 26-29, 2018. 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. Many of the students commented on how impressed they were with the guest speakers, as well as the IPC Board Member panel discussion where board members shared their personal stories regarding independent pharmacy ownership.

“It’s crucial to support, motivate and encourage the next generation of independent pharmacists,” IPC President and CEO Don Anderson said. “IPC is proud to have the opportunity to meet with, inspire and educate these exceptional future industry leaders.”

McKesson Corporation, a sponsor and supporter of the IPC Conference Student Program commented, “After reading these essays, it’s clear the students who attended the Independent Pharmacy Conference went home with valuable knowledge and experiences,” Rex Catton, Senior Vice President, Independent National Accounts – McKesson Corporation said. “IPC should be applauded for its efforts encouraging a bright future for independent pharmacy.”

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 \$130,000 in support of future community pharmacists since 2011, with 84 scholarships distributed. To date IPC sponsored 380 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.

For more information about IPC, go to www.ipcrx.com.

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