



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
EASTERN SHORE
SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

2024 AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

Academic Achievement Awards

Latin honors are awarded to students who are in the top 20% of the class. The class valedictorian holds the distinction of having the highest cumulative grade point average (GPA) in the class. The salutatorian has the second highest GPA.

Faculty Preceptor of the Year Award

The Faculty Preceptor of the Year award is presented each year by the Office of Experiential Education and recognizes faculty preceptors who demonstrate commitment to excellence and outstanding contributions to the educational development of future pharmacists. Criteria for the award include sustained contributions and service to the mission of the School of Pharmacy and is based on nominations and evaluations by the students.

External Preceptor of the Year Award

The Preceptor of the Year Award is presented annually by the Office of Experiential Education to recognize an exemplary preceptor of Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPE) who has a demonstrated history of excellent precepting of student pharmacists. Criteria for the award include sustained contributions and service to the mission of the School of Pharmacy and is based on nominations and evaluations by the students.

Pharmaceutical Research and Innovation Award

This award is given to a graduating student who has contributed to/excelled in research areas including drug discovery and development and health outcomes studies. The award consists of an award certificate from the UMES School of Pharmacy.

Complementary and Alternative Medicine Award

This award is given to a graduating student who has demonstrated promise in improving patient care and shows an appreciation for scientific inquiry and an evidence-based approach to evaluating complementary and alternative medicines. The award consists of an award certificate.

Student Leadership Award

The Outstanding Leader Award is given to a member of the graduating class who has provided outstanding leadership to the class by mentoring others, demonstrating servant leadership and leading by example. The graduating class nominates recipients for this award. The awards committee chooses a candidate based on the quantity and quality of votes received. This award consists of a plaque.

Peggy Naleppa Outstanding Citizenship Award

This award was named in honor of Dr. Peggy Naleppa, a leader in the Maryland Eastern Shore medical community, at the inaugural School of Pharmacy Hooding & Awards ceremony in May 2013. It is awarded to the graduating student who best represents the University of Maryland Eastern Shore School of Pharmacy through a combination of demonstrated leadership and service. This award consists of a plaque and a monetary award.

EXTERNAL & PROFESSIONAL FRATERNITIES AWARDS

American Institute of the History of Pharmacy Award

This award recognizes a student who has contributed to the profession of pharmacy in one or more of the following ways: completed a project pertaining to pharmacy history, documented UMES SOP history through school or organizational service (i.e. organizational historian), has contributed to documenting UMES SOP history through school or organizational service (i.e. organizational historian), participated in community outreach events to educate the public on the many roles of the pharmacist, or has shown dedication in advocating for the profession of pharmacy and provider status.

Facts and Comparisons Award of Excellence in Clinical Communication

This award is presented to a graduating student in the top 25% of his/her class who has demonstrated superior verbal and written clinical communication skills. The award consists of a certificate, a 1-year subscription to Facts and Comparisons and a one-year subscription to Lexi-COMPLETE.

Merck Manual Awards

The award recognizes outstanding scholastic achievement as determined by the awards and scholarship committee. To be eligible, a student must be in the top 10% of their class. The award consists of a special edition of the Merck Manual of Diagnosis & Therapy engraved with Merck Academic Excellence Award on the front cover.

Mylan Excellence in Pharmacy Award- To be considered, the recipient:

- Should be a graduate of the Class of 2022 at the School/College of Pharmacy
- Must be in the top 25 percent of their class academically and intend to enter practice upon graduation; and
- Shall demonstrate high personal motivation and possess a unique ability to communicate drug information.

Apple Discount Drugs Community Pharmacy Award

- Applicant must have successfully completed an APPE rotation at Apple Discount Drugs
- Applicant must have contributed positively to the pharmacy/clinical services at Apple Discount Drugs (e.g., immunization clinics, publications, research, MTM services, home infusion, diabetes education classes, etc.)
- Applicant must be in good academic standing at the time of submitting the application
- Applicant must have a strong interest in community pharmacy based on their statement of interest

CARE Oncology Award

This award is presented to a graduating student who has participated in an academic or community project that has impacted the cancer community and who has expressed interest in oncology and/or clinical practice.

Kappa Psi Brother of the Year

The Brother of the Year Award is presented to the graduating Brother of Kappa Psi Epsilon Nu who best personified the meaning of brotherhood and fraternity in the eyes of the chapter.

Phi Delta Chi Brother of the Year

This award is named in honor of the first UMES colony and the first chapter advisor, Dr. Tom Sisca. It is presented to a Phi Delta Chi Gamma Omicron graduating brother who has demonstrated brotherhood, leadership, scholarship, and service.

STATE & NATIONAL AWARDS

Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Scholars Program

AHEC Scholars is a program for health professions students interested in supplementing their education by gaining additional knowledge and experience in rural and/or underserved urban settings. This is a longitudinal program with interdisciplinary curricula to implement a defined set of clinical, didactic, and community-based activities. All experiential or clinical training conducted in rural and/or underserved urban settings.

- Student should have a current interest in rural or underserved healthcare
- Student should be enrolled in a health professions degree or certificate program
- Student must complete the program during a period of two years (complete 40 hours of interprofessional
- didactic and 40 hours of interprofessional experiential experiences per year)
- Student will need to apply for the AHEC Scholars program

Maryland Chapter of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP) Award

This organization is dedicated to serving the unique needs of the aging population. It focuses on giving pharmacy students and pharmacists the education, resources, advocacy and opportunities to promote healthy aging in older adults. This award is presented to a Maryland chapter ASCP student member that is exemplary of our mission to improve health outcomes and needs for all older adults.

Maryland Society of Health System Pharmacy Student Achievement Award

Nominations for this award traditionally come from the advisors of the UMES American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP) chapter. The award is presented to a student who has excelled through their didactic and experiential coursework and has intentions of practicing in hospital pharmacy after graduation.

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP)

The American Society of Health-System Pharmacist - Student Society of Health-system Pharmacists (ASHP - SSHP) at UMES conducted the annual local clinical skills competitions in October 2021 and selected a team of two student winners who represented the school to compete at the ASHP National Clinical Skills Competitions. The following team of two students received the highest scores in terms of performing patient case assessment and developing a comprehensive patient care plan to optimize health outcomes.

National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) Award

Students nominated should have demonstrated excellent dedication to the NCPA student chapter through consistent engagement in the chapter meetings and events, holding an officer position or multiple positions, and being a positive role model and voice for independent community pharmacy.

Phi Lambda Sigma Pharmacy Leadership Society

Mission Statement: Recognize leaders in the profession, cultivate leadership development, and inspire transformational change.

Vision Statement: Empowering lifelong leaders to positively influence the profession of pharmacy.

Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society

Vision: The Rho Chi Society seeks to advance pharmacy through sustained intellectual leadership.

Mission: As the academic honor society in pharmacy, the Rho Chi Society:

- Encourages and recognizes intellectual achievement
- Stimulates critical inquiry to advance pharmacy
- Contributes to the development of intellectual leaders
- Promotes highest ethical standards
- Fosters collaboration

Membership in The Rho Chi Society is a privilege accorded to the very few who distinguish themselves by their academic and professional achievements and who aspire to the mission and vision of the Society.