**Student award winners**

The **CSHP Excellence Student Award** is awarded to a student with significant contributions to CSHP, who demonstrated leadership among their peers and significant interest in pursuing a career in health system pharmacy. This year the winners are Dr. Nick Pugliese and Dr. Lena DeVietro. Dr. Nick Pugliese, the 2019 CSHP University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy Student Award winner, is currently a PGY1 Resident at Hartford Hospital and Dr. Lena DeVietro, the 2019 CSHP University of St. Joseph School of Pharmacy Award winner is currently a PGY1 resident at Bridgeport Hospital.

**CSHP Pharmacist of the Year Award**

The **CSHP Pharmacist of the Year Award** is given annually to a CSHP member of the highest integrity who best exemplifies the profession of pharmacy through their cooperation with the entire health care team, service to the profession of pharmacy and service to the community. This year the award winner is Dr. Ginger Rouse. Ginger was chosen for her contributions in reducing medication errors across a Health System and her service to our profession and our community.

Ginger completed both a PGY1 and PGY2 residencies at Yale New Haven Hospital and is currently practicing at Yale New Haven hospital as a medical intensive care unit (MICU) pharmacist. In addition to working collaboratively with her MICU team providing direct patient care, she also serves on a medication event reporting team to decrease medication errors in her unit. One of the safety initiatives that Ginger led involved creating a medication administration workflow for vancomycin levels in an effort to decrease number of missed or inappropriately drawn levels. A team led by Ginger piloted the process in MICU and expanded workflow across the Health System, demonstrating reduction of inappropriate vancomycin level draws.

Ginger exemplifies her dedication to the pharmacy profession. She has served as both the Junior and Senior Board Member of CSHP and has organized the 2017 Greg Gousse and Catch the Wave Conferences. Ginger is the residency program director (RPD) of the PGY2 Critical Care residency at Yale New Haven Hospital and is a preceptor for both pharmacy student and PGY1 pharmacy residents. She has been identified as a mentor by her trainees, including students, residents, and new practitioners. Ginger has contributed to community by coordinating an annual Liver Walk for the pharmacy team to raise awareness and provide funds for patients with liver disease. She has recently started an annual spin class to raise funds for the Connecticut Brain Tumor Alliance.

**Paul G. Pierpaoli Award**

The Paul G. Pierpaoli Award is given annually to a CSHP member of the highest integrity who best exemplifies the profession of pharmacy through significant contributions, of a long-term nature, to the practice of pharmacy in Connecticut and the development of high standards of pharmacy practice. This year the award winner is Jose Scarpa.

Jose has been in the pharmacy profession for over 30 years and has been recognized as a leader within our profession. He currently serves as a director of pharmacy at Hartford HealthCare Natchaug Hospital, providing metal health and addiction medication therapy services for children, adolescents and adults.

Jose is a collaborative member of the healthcare team, providing both administrative and clinical services. He leads nicotine cessation patient groups, provides patient medication education classes, oversees pharmacy medication reconciliation and serves on various hospital and Health System committees, while providing leadership to the Natchaug pharmacy department and Hartford HealthCare.

Jose is dedicated to pharmacy profession and to advancing our pharmacy practice by supporting pharmacy student and pharmacy resident education. He has served as CSHP Treasurer and is an active student committee member for the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists. He was recognized as a University of Connecticut (UConn) Institutional Preceptor of the Year in 2014 and as a Dennis Chapron Preceptor of the Year in 2016 and serves on the UConn the school of pharmacy advisory committee.

Jose has been recognized for providing exceptional community service and he has received numerous service awards, including the Exceptional Service Award in 2014. He was selected this year as the winner of the Community Benefit Award for his efforts in coordinating dispensing of free medication to clients upon discharge, volunteering at the UConn Migrant Farm as part of a healthcare team where he assisted with patient screening, medication distribution, providing medication education and coaching as well as mentoring medical and pharmacy students.

Finally, an expert from one of Jose’s nominations: “Jose is a remarkable man. He is able to run a pharmacy and staff clinically at the same time. He is such a great pharmacy ambassador to the providers and nursing at Natchaug Hospital and has a gentle approach to influence change that new pharmacists can learn from”.

**CSHP Meritorious Team Achievement Award:**

**Backus Pharmacy, Hartford HealthCare East Region Medication Management Team**

The CSHP Meritorious TEAM Achievement Award is given annually to a team of pharmacy professionals (with an active CSHP member) who has contributed to the enhancement of patient care by 1) initiating an innovative pharmacy service or 2) helping people achieve optimal health outcomes. This year the award winner is Backus Pharmacy, Hartford HealthCare East Region Medication Management Team. The team, led by Dr. Nick Tessier, Dr. Mike Smith, Dr. Shally Sinha and Dr. Victoria Lambert was chosen for their contributions to the enhancement of patient care by initiating and providing optimal pharmacy services in Connecticut.

In 1997 the Backus Hospital Anticoagulation Clinic, now known as a Medication Management Clinic quickly became an invaluable resource for providers and patients throughout Southeastern Connecticut and was one of the first clinics in the nation to receive “Center of Excellence” designation from the Anticoagulation Forum in 2012. The clinic serves as a model and provides training and guidance to many warfarin clinics that now function throughout the state. More than 22 years after opening, while other clinics are beginning to decrease in volume, the Medication Management Clinic has expanded their services and opened a second clinic at Windham hospital to serve the community of Northeastern Connecticut. Both clinics are staffed by pharmacist who focus on warfarin treated patients, provide direct oral anticoagulants management, medication therapy services to patients at high risk of adverse medication events, assist the local Endocrinology practice with their patient education and provide transition of care medication management.

In 2019, the clinic was once again designated as a “Center of Excellence”, in recognition of their strong commitment to providing the highest level of care to patients taking antithrombotic medications and improving the outcomes of the patients they serve.