

# In the Spotlight

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UGA College of Pharmacy Graduates 137 students and Honors 13 at Awards Banquet

The University of Georgia College of Pharmacy graduated 137 Doctor of Pharmacy students in ceremonies held on May 2 at the Hugh Hodgson Hall. Of those students, 69 graduated with honors: 18 summa cum laude, 30 magna cum laude and 25 cum laude.

Twenty-seven graduates were selected to attend postgraduate residency programs, 14 in Georgia and the remaining 13 in other states.

The 2015 graduation weekend's festivities began with the 67th annual Senior Awards banquet on Friday evening, where 13 exemplary students received 12 separate awards for special achievement, academic excellence and professionalism. Raphaelle Rose Lombardo of Statham was Master of Ceremonies.

Earning top awards were: Thomas Adam Brown of Woodstock- the Robert C. Wilson Award for professional integrity, personality, positive attitude and intelligence; Leah Ainsley Stowers of Dawsonville - the Kenneth L. Waters Award, which recognizes academic excellence, leadership qualities, professional attitude and service; Patrick J. Y. Tu of Alpharetta - the Durward N. Entekin Pharmacy Student Leadership Award. Kathryn Tyler Maples of Marietta received the Lilly Achievement Award for ethics, scholarship and leadership. Patrick Terry Brandin of Rome, Thomas Adam Brown of Woodstock and Raybun Carol Spelts of Leesburg were recipients of the Merck Award for academic excellence.

The APhA-ASP Senior Recognition Certificate went to Leah Ainsley Stowers of Dawsonville, recognizing professionalism, excellence in patient care, exceptional service and commitment to the profession.

The Facts and Comparisons Award of Excellence in Clinical Communications went to Chioma E. Enyinnah of Atlanta for high academic achievement and outstanding clinical communication skills.

The McKesson Award, based on exemplary performance during clinical rotation, was presented to John Michael Hughes of Summerville.

The Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc. Excellence in Pharmacy Award for high academic achievement and professional motivation and proficiency in drug information services was awarded to Megan Elizabeth Phillips of Colquitt.

The Pharmedawg Award for service to the profession, college and community was presented to Kristin Delane Bradley of Savannah and Kyley Kani Makanani of Conyers.

Ian Edward Dunne of Athens received the Redfearn Award for professionalism and community service.

Page Skinner Thomas of Athens received the TEVA Pharmaceuticals USA Outstanding Student Award for excellence in pharmacy study.

Additional awards were given to preceptors: Patricia Knowles of Augusta; Amanda Miller of Conyers and Karyn Taylor of Savannah.

