

# In the Spotlight

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## 2016 Pharmacy Graduates Receive Awards and Graduation Certificates

Festivities at the 2016 University of Georgia College of Pharmacy graduation weekend began with the 68th annual Senior Awards banquet on Friday, May 6. Fifteen 15 exemplary students received 12 separate awards for special achievement, academic excellence and professionalism.

Rebeca White, J. Alton Hosch Professor Law at the UGA Law School gave the keynote address. Grace Lee of Cumming was Master of Ceremonies. The Georgia Pharmacist magazine was presented to Associate Dean George Francisco. Payal Kakadiya presented Senior Superlatives

Earning top awards were: Bliss Alayne McMichael of Dublin - the Robert C. Wilson Award for professional integrity, personality, positive attitude and intelligence; Huong Lan Pham of Cumming - the Kenneth L. Waters Award, which recognizes academic excellence, leadership qualities, professional attitude and service; and Michelle Arielle Borg of Conyers - the Durward N. Entekin Pharmacy Student Leadership Award.

Samantha Julia Kolofske of Suwanee received the Lilly Achievement Award for ethics, scholarship and leadership. Brittany Leigh Chambers of Bonaire; Payal Pravin Kakadiya of Lilburn; and Brent Hiroshi Sasaki of Savannah were recipients of the Merck Award for academic excellence.

The APhA-ASP Senior Recognition Certificate went to Jessica Arnette Kupstas of Evans, 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 Shannon Flanley Bear of Peachtree City for high academic achievement and outstanding clinical communication skills.

The McKesson Award, based on exemplary performance during clinical rotation, was presented to Daniel Victoria Co of Brunswick.

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 Marlene Seddon of Calhoun.

The Pharmdawg Award for service to the profession, college and community was presented Zachery Frank Childs of Bishop and Harrison Thomas Jozefczyk of Savannah.

Dana L'Rae Brock of Whigham received the Redfearn Award for professionalism and community service.

Patrick Daniel Walker of Evans received the TEVA Pharmaceuticals USA Outstanding Student Award for excellence in pharmacy study.

Awards were also presented to three outstanding pharmacy preceptors: Micaela Carroll of the Augusta University Medical Center; Kelly Ouellette of St. Joseph's Hospital, Atlanta; and Daniel Chastain of Phoebe Putney Medical Center in Albany.

The College of Pharmacy graduated 141 Doctor of Pharmacy students in ceremonies on May 7. Of those students, 93 graduated with honors: 20 summa cum laude, 37 magna cum laude and 36 cum laude.

Thirty-eight graduates were selected to attend postgraduate residency programs, 18 in Georgia and the remaining in other states.

Michael Azzolin ('02), Distinguished Alumnus of 2015, was grand marshal.

**See event photos on college website at [www.rx.uga.edu](http://www.rx.uga.edu)**