

## 2017 National P&T Competition: Annual Meeting Attendees Invited to Live Presentations in Denver

### Eight AMCP Student Pharmacist Chapters Advance to P&T Competition Finals



The AMCP Foundation is pleased to announce eight finalists in the 17th Annual National P&T Competition. The AMCP Student Pharmacist Chapter teams will compete in person at the AMCP Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy Annual Meeting in Denver this month.

The competition takes place from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on March 29 in Room 4D-4E of the Colorado Convention Center. We invite you to view the [live presentations](#), where schools will present in the following order. Congratulations to:

Ohio Northern University, Raabe College of Pharmacy  
UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy  
Mercer University  
University of Minnesota  
Touro University California  
University of Washington  
University of Iowa  
University of the Pacific

Four additional teams advanced to the second round of the semi-finals. We congratulate the following:

California Northstate University  
Lipscomb University  
University of Arizona  
Western University of Health Sciences

This year's competition drug is Xeljanz® (tofacitinib citrate), manufactured by Pfizer, Inc. Semi-final judges were tasked with the difficult job of reviewing 43 submissions. Special appreciation to Cody Ball, Karen Goolsby, Paul Lakowski, Catherine Lee, and Vimal Reddy. The competition is made possible through the generous support of Genentech, Inc., Amgen, Inc., Supernus Pharmaceuticals, Dymaxium, and AMCP eDossier.

## John P. Hopkins Named AMCP Foundation's 2017 Steven G. Avey Award Recipient



The AMCP Foundation is pleased to announce that John P. Hopkins, RPh, has been selected by the AMCP Past Presidents and Founders Advisory Council as the 2017 recipient of the prestigious Steven G. Avey Award. The highest honor in managed care pharmacy, the award is bestowed by the AMCP Foundation to recognize sustained, exemplary and distinguished service to the profession.

Hopkins is a past president of AMCP and former Trustee of the AMCP Foundation. He retired in 2009 as CEO of Rocky Mountain Health Plans (RMHP) in Grand Junction, Colo., where he helped create and support a managed care model that has been nationally recognized for improving health outcomes while lowering costs. Hopkins joined RMHP in 1986 as head of the pharmacy department and was named president and CEO in September 2001.

In an Aug. 25, 2009, letter to Hopkins, then Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter praised the RMHP model as consistently delivering higher quality health care at a lower cost. "As our state and our nation wrestle with how to reform our health care system, we have much to learn from our successes," Ritter told Hopkins in his letter.

Hopkins has served on national, state, and local boards, including America's Health Insurance Plans and the Colorado Association of Health Plans. Hopkins holds dual bachelor degrees in pharmacy and psychology from the University of Wyoming and was a clinical pharmacy intern at Veteran's Administration Hospital in Palo Alto, Calif. He served as AMCP President from 1996-1997 and was an AMCP Foundation Trustee in the late 2000s.

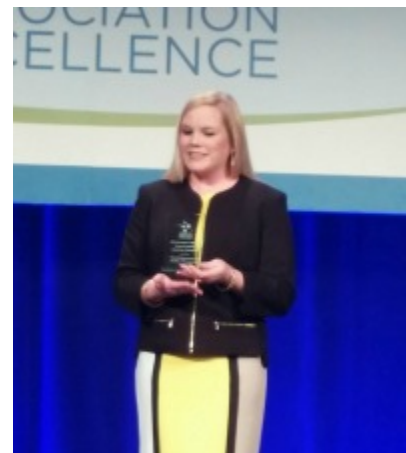
The Steven G. Avey Award will be presented at the AMCP/AMCP Foundation awards ceremony, March 29, at AMCP's Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy Annual Meeting in Denver, CO.

## AMCP Foundation Executive Director Named 'Young & Aspiring Association Executive' by *Association TRENDS* Magazine

Last month, *Association TRENDS* magazine recognized AMCP Foundation Executive Director Paula J. Eichenbrenner, CAE, as a "Young & Aspiring" Association Executive.

Nominated by AMCP CEO Susan A. Cantrell, RPh, CAE, Eichenbrenner was one of five individuals selected for this prestigious national award and honored at last month's Salute to Association Excellence in Washington, D.C.

Eichenbrenner joined the Foundation in November 2015, alongside Ebony Clay, AMCP Foundation Program Manager. "It was a great day for the AMCP Foundation when Paula joined the team. Her ambition, creativity and expertise have taken the Foundation to a new level," says Clay. "It's an honor to work with her and see how together we can continue the growth of the Foundation."



Congratulation to our very own Paula J. Eichenbrenner! Get the [full story](#) and more [news and information](#) on our [website](#).

## AMCP Foundation Creates Synergy Through Strategic Partnerships



Your AMCP Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization recognized by the IRS for the public benefit we provide. Our mission is to support research and education to assist managed care pharmacy in advancing public health. That's why we conduct educational programs like the Annual P&T Competition (for 17 years), summer student internships (22 years), and the Best Poster Competitions (15 years).

Our highly regarded annual research symposium (now in its 7th year) brings noted experts together addressing timely and critical health care issues—like the 2016 symposium focused on challenges of opioid medication pain therapy management. In a similar fashion, our cutting-edge research

on emerging health care trends calls for continual monitoring. This body of knowledge has become a valued resource for all healthcare stakeholders, and is in use by pharmacy school educators.

These important programs require money. The portion of annual dues renewal and individual giving to the foundation provides only about 10% of our operating budget. The remainder comes from our corporate sponsors.

Our goal is to create synergy through strategic partnerships, and it is with deep pride and gratitude that we thank the following companies for their support. When we approach you, "tin cup" in hand, you will know it is our intent through partnerships to achieve our mutual interest in advancing public health.

### 2016 Partners

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## ***Runners/Walkers/Sleepers: Join the AMCP Foundation 4th Annual 5K for the Future***



Get your heart pumping before a day of meetings and sessions. Meet your fellow colleagues at the 5K for the Future and enjoy the scenery of the Rocky Mountains, as you run or walk through City Park.

In 2016, Team Alkermes and the MAD Hatters dominated the team competition and Tommy Bramley and Ruth Seiffert took home the medals for fastest male/female runners. Give them a run for their money and start your 5K run/walk/sleep-in team today!

Form a team with your colleagues, best friends in AMCP circles, or alumni from your pharmacy alma mater. All you have to do is [email](#) us with your team name and then tell your team members to join. Individuals can join a team after it is created by [emailing](#) us, or logging in to the [registration](#) site and selecting the team name from the drop-down menu.

Prizes will be awarded in a number of categories, including overall fastest male/female runner.

You can also support your fellow runners/walkers/sleepers. [Donate](#) securely online and complete the fields to support the run/walk, a participant, team, or sleeper. Prizes are available for the most funds raised!

Already training for the 5K in Denver? Visit [run.amcpfoundation.org](http://run.amcpfoundation.org) for tips on running in high altitude, team information, [registration](#) and more.



## **AMCP Foundation Volunteer Opportunities**

The Foundation is seeking volunteers for the upcoming annual meeting in Denver. [Kiosk volunteers](#) are needed to help promote Foundation programs, including giving opportunities and charitable initiatives to annual meeting attendees. This is your opportunity to show your support of AMCP Foundation activities. To learn more and volunteer, please visit [www.amcp.org/GiveTime/](http://www.amcp.org/GiveTime/)



## AMCP Foundation in the Community: Socks for Charity



Community outreach is an important part of The AMCP Foundation's strategic initiatives. We are asking AMCP Annual Meeting attendees to participate in local giving by hosting a "socks for charity" event to benefit community organizations in Denver.

"Knock Your Socks Off" at the Foundation Kiosk by donating a brand-new pair of socks for charity. All socks are welcomed in adult and youth sizes. A token of our appreciation will be given to all attendees who participate. Participating is easier than you can imagine!

Use the AMCP Foundation [Amazon Wish List](#) to donate socks.

## First-Time Donors: Thank You For Your Contribution

**Thanks for Donating!**

The AMCP Foundation welcomes the following [new names](#) to our growing donor list! We're glad that you recognize the importance of what we stand for, and we are grateful for your support. This is your first step to helping us advance the quality and affordability of our health care system. The following individuals donated for the first time between Dec. 16, 2016, and March 7, 2017. To view

the list visit [here](#).

## Aligning Tomorrow's Pathways

You may have already taken the initiative to create a will, set aside money for retirement and taken care of your family through a life insurance policy. Consider going one step further by using our planned giving tools to deepen your connection to the AMCP Foundation.



Our newsletter, *Aligning Tomorrow's Pathways*, is intended to provide information on estate planning and options for an enduring legacy. [Subscribe](#) today and receive the tools you need for long-term planning. Visit our [website](#) to begin your giving journey today! In case you missed it, view [Issue #2](#) of our free e-newsletter.

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