

ACT (Academia-CPESN Transformation) Pharmacy Collaborative



ACT Pharmacy Collaborative Announces 50 Stories from 50 States Challenge Winners

The [ACT \(Academia-CPESN Transformation\) Pharmacy Collaborative](#) is pleased to announce the winners of its [50 Stories from 50 States Challenge](#). The Challenge captured examples of pharmacists and their teams providing impactful patient care in community pharmacies nationwide. Stories were collected by faculty and students working with pharmacist preceptors in their region.

The Challenge winners are:

- First place: Idaho State University/ Shaver Pharmacy and Compounding Center, Pocatello, ID
- Second Place:
 - University of Colorado/ Clearspring Pharmacy, Denver and Littleton, CO
 - University of Iowa/ Greenwood Pharmacy, Waterloo, IA
- Honorable mention:
 - University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences/Village Healthmart and Wellington, Hot Springs Village, AR
 - Philadelphia College of Pharmacy at St. Joseph University/ Sunray Drugs, Philadelphia, PA
 - Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy/Bremo Pharmacy, Richmond, VA
 - Wilkes University/Cook's Pharmacy, Kingston, PA

More than 50 stories , representing states across the U.S., plus Washington DC and Puerto Rico, will be featured on the ACT Pharmacy Collaborative website. Over 50 different community pharmacies and more than 40 schools/colleges of pharmacy contributed to the stories. All participating teams will be recognized through the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP), CPESN USA, and the ACT Pharmacy Collaborative.

Stories will soon be released on an online multimedia library on the ACT Pharmacy Collaborative website and promoted on partner organization platforms. Stories will be publicly available for use in legislative, regulatory, and community education efforts, as well as pharmacy curricula, to showcase the clinical, humanistic, and economic value of pharmacist-provided care.

“Community pharmacy teams have stepped up in a significant way to provide care to their communities throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, ” said Dr. Melissa McGivney, Associate Dean for Community Partnerships University of Pittsburgh and Director of the ACT Pharmacy Collaborative. “The 50 Stories from 50 States Challenge is an opportunity to showcase the incredible patient care being provided in communities nationwide each day. It is also evidence to introduce students, legislators, payors and our many health professionals colleagues of the gaps in care pharmacists in the community are filling through their clinical and community-focused expertise.”

“The goal of the ACT Pharmacy Collaborative has been to amplify all the positive, impactful patient care that is happening nationwide,” McGivney added. “We’re uniting together to tell a story, to amplify what is occurring around the country so that all patients, in every community can have access to a pharmacist providing medication-related care.”

“We at AACP are extremely excited to share the 50 Stories from 50 State multimedia library with our members and stakeholder community,” shared Melissa Murer Corrigan, Executive Director of the AACP Transformation Center. “This tool will offer pharmacy faculty the opportunity to easily learn about transformative community pharmacy services happening across the country and provide already packaged stories to share with their pharmacy students and preceptors about the impactful patient care happening in the community pharmacy space and enhance the connection with pharmacy practice transformation.”



The ACT Pharmacy Collaborative is supported by grant funding to the University of Pittsburgh from the Community Pharmacy Foundation. ACT Pharmacy Collaborative partners include CPESN USA and AACP. The work of the Collaborative is guided by a task force of AACP Faculty Appointees, CPESN USA Luminary Appointees and NCPA, ACCP, and APhA representatives.