Al Doerr Award

Pharmacist Al Doerr lived from 1904 to 1985 and became licensed as a pharmacist in 1928. After many years as a staff pharmacist and pharmacy owner in Napoleon, he became the Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the North Dakota State Board of Pharmacy, a position that he held until 1980. He also served as the Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the North Dakota Pharmaceutical Association from 1955 to 1976. During the time he represented the Board and Association, Dr. Doerr became recognized nationally as an innovative pharmacy leader, receiving several honors. He received the APhA Remington Honor Medal in 1975, the most prestigious award that is presented to pharmacists. In 1977 he was elected Honorary President of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. The North Dakota State University conferred the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science on him in 1977. The contributions of Dr. Doerr to North Dakota pharmacy placed the state’s practitioners in the forefront of pharmacy practice and established a high standard for pharmacy leadership. Sponsored by NDPhA.

Criteria for Award Nominees:  
1. The recipient must be a Pharmacist licensed to practice in North Dakota.  
2. The recipient must be living. Awards are not presented posthumously.  
3. The recipient must not have been a previous recipient of the award.  
4. The recipient has compiled an outstanding record for community and pharmacy service.

Past Recipients:

1977 – DOERR, AL – BISMARCK  
1978 – GROSZ, WILLIAM. J. – WAHPETON  
1979 – FORBES, DAVID – FARGO  
1980 – MAYER, GORDON – HARVEY  
1981 – BERNARDY, JACK – FARGO  
1982 – SCHULD, JOHN F. – DICKINSON  
1983 – LEE, JOHN – FORMAN  
1984 – KROHN, ODELL – HARVEY  
1985 – ROGERS, RILEY – VALLEY CITY  
1986 – HAAKENSON, PHILIP N. – FARGO  
1987 – WELDER, ANTON P. – BISMARCK  
1988 – OLIG, HERMAN J. – HANKINSON  
1989 – IRSFELD, JAMES – DICKINSON  
1990 – GEORGE, CLARENCE T. – WAHPETON  
1991 – LINK, RAYMOND – BISMARCK  
1992 – SCHLITTENHARD, DuWAYNE – FARGO  
1993 – OLIG, DAVID J. – FARGO  
1994 – ZUEGER, JR., EMIL E. – NEW ENGLAND  
1995 – ANDERSON, JR., HOWARD C. – TURTLE LAKE  
1996 – AIPPERSPACH, LORETTA – JAMESTOWN  
1997 – DEWHIRST, GARY W. – HETTINGER  
1998 – HAROLDSON, LAUREL – JAMESTOWN  
1999 – TREITLINE, BOB – DICKINSON  
2000 – THARALDSON, TOM – FARGO  
2001 – BILDEN, PAUL – NORTHWOOD  
2002 – BIRKMAIER, GEORGE (SKIP) – GRAND FORKS  
2003 – ABRAHAMSON, EARL – DICKINSON  
2004 – OBERLANDER, KEVIN – BISMARCK  
2005 – BUCHHOLZ, DENNIS – LISBON  
2006 – CHURCHILL, PATRICIA – BISMARCK  
2007 – DETWILLER, RICK – BISMARCK  
2008 – HANEL, HARVEY – BISMARCK  
2009 – BAILLIE, F. DUANE – RUGBY  
2010 – AURIT, MARK – BISMARCK  
2011 – SWISHER, JUDITH – GRAND FORKS  
2012 – KRISTENSEN, TERRY – BISMARCK  
2013 – ZIEGLER, GAYLE – FARGO  
2014 – MOE, ARDELL – NEW TOWN  
2015 – ESSLER, KIM – GARRISON  
2016 – MILLER, DONALD – FARGO  
2017 – THOM, BONNIE – GRANVILLE  
2018 – STEVE BOEHNING – FARGO  
2019 – MIKE RIEPL – BISMARCK

2020 – ERIK CHRISTENSON

2021 – AMY WERREMEYER - FARGO

2022 – TIM JOYCE – TIOGA

2023 – SUE NELSON - FARGO