**Wilkes University Professor Nicole Pezzino Named Distinguished Young Pharmacist**

Wilkes University assistant professor of pharmacy practice Nicole Pezzino was named Distinguished Young Pharmacist during the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association 2018 annual conference held in October.

The Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Companies Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award recognizes new pharmacists for their dedication to and participation in pharmacy organizations, commitment to the practice of pharmacy and involvement in community activities.

Pezzino is a 2014 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School Of Pharmacy. She has a clinical practice site at Weis Markets in Schnecksville, Pa., where she works as a community pharmacist and certified diabetes educator. In this role she has also initiated an accredited diabetes self-management education and support program and the diabetes prevention program. Pezzino was also recently named a 2018-2019 Faculty Scholar by the National Association of Chain Drugstores Foundation and was previously one of Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association’s Top Ten Under Ten Award recipients. She is a member of the board of directors of the Lehigh Valley Pharmacists Association and serves as the academia practice director on PPA’s Board of Directors.

Founded in 1878, the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association is a professional membership organization of more than 2,300 pharmacists and pharmacy students across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, representing almost all facets of pharmacy practice. As the leading voice of pharmacy in Pennsylvania, it promotes the profession through advocacy, education, and communication to enhance patient care and public health.

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