



John W. Webb Lecture Award

The John W. Webb Lecture Award recognizes a pharmacy practitioner who has fostered excellence in pharmacy administration.

History of the John W. Webb Lecture Award

This annual award was first established as the John W. Webb Visiting Professorship in Hospital Pharmacy by the Northeastern University College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions, Boston, Massachusetts, in 1985.

John W. Webb received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1949 and his Master of Science degree in 1951 from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. Mr. Webb served as Director of Pharmacy for Hartford Hospital and served on the faculty of the University of Connecticut. He returned to Massachusetts in 1956 when he accepted the position of Assistant Director of Pharmacy at the Massachusetts General Hospital. In 1959 Mr. Webb was promoted to Director of Pharmacy at Massachusetts General Hospital, where he remained until his retirement in 1983. Mr. Webb also served as Director of the Graduate Program in Hospital Pharmacy at Northeastern University from its inception in 1964 until his retirement. Mr. Webb had a distinguished career in hospital pharmacy management, which included service on the ASHP Board of Directors.

In 2006, a memorandum of understanding between ASHP and Northeastern University transferred responsibility for the award to ASHP. The award recipient will deliver the lecture at the ASHP Conference for Pharmacy Leaders and also will be invited by Northeastern University to participate in the traditional activities associated with the award as Visiting Professor in Hospital Pharmacy at the University. The ASHP Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers was bestowed the privilege of conducting the annual selection process in 2007. The Webb Lectures are published in the American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy.

Value of the Lectures

Throughout the three decade history of the Webb Lecture series, recognized leaders in health-system pharmacy have shared their wisdom and vision while describing specific paths to successful leadership and management in the form of practical, instructive, and inspiring lectures. Thoughtful and focused leadership has always been at the foundation of quality patient care services. During the Webb Lecture series, we have observed leaders who are confident, yet humble; demanding, yet encouraging; motivated, yet strategic; and innovative, yet mindful of tradition. With unwavering commitment to the profession, Webb Lecture recipients have historically distinguished themselves in ever-changing workplaces and health care systems through thoughtful vision, quality education and training, and well-organized teamwork empowerment. We recognize through these leaders and our own experiences how each patient is our priority and how, as practitioners, managers, and educators, we must be mindful of our history, driven by the need for improvement, adaptable to current and emerging technology, and always compelled to put quality first. The legacy of the Webb lecturers lies in the wisdom they offer to the next generation of leaders who will apply their knowledge and skills to accelerate the advancement of our profession.

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