

The Pharmacy Leadership & Education Institute recognizes Nikki Chen, the 2024 recipient of the John F. (Jack) Schlegel Leadership Development Award.

About Nikki Chen, PharmD

Dr. Chen was initiated into the Beta Theta Chapter of Phi Delta Chi at the University of South Carolina in 2020, graduating with her Doctor of Pharmacy degree in May 2024. She is currently the Regulatory Affairs International and US Policy and Intelligence Fellow at Eli Lilly & Company. Nikki's career goals are driven by a steadfast commitment to advocacy, mentorship, and community engagement to advance healthcare and pharmaceutical innovation.

Throughout her academic journey, Nikki has been very active with the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists, notably serving as the International Standing Committee National Contact Person establishing collaborations across the globe. She was elected into Phi Lambda Sigma Leadership Honor Society. Within Phi Delta Chi, she served as the Southeast Regional Correspondent. She also served as a Junior Board Member of the South Carolina Pharmacy Association, as the Founding President of the Industry Pharmacists Organization USC Chapter, President of the Student Society of Health Systems Pharmacy, and as the Vice President of her pharmacy class.



Her letters of recommendation recognize Nikki as a creative thinker, effective communicator, and a natural leader with a heart for helping others. Pharmacists extolled her ability to take on new challenges and her work ethic, placing the goals and objectives of teams above her own.

As the recipient of the Schlegel Leadership Development Award, Nikki will receive a crystal award and a \$1,000 honorarium.

About John F. (Jack) Schlegel

Dr. Schlegel received his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy in 1967 and his Doctor of Pharmacy in 1972 from the University of the Pacific. He received a Master of Science in education at the University of Southern California in 1980. From 1967 to 1975, Schlegel served as Chief Pharmacist, Instructor, and Director of Pharmacy Admissions at the University of Southern California. In 1975 he joined the staff of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and eventually became CEO. Schlegel assumed the role of CEO of the American Pharmacists Association in 1984 when he was just 39 years old, serving until 1989. He then started his own management consulting firm that focused on leadership development and improving the governance and management of non-profit organizations. Over the next 15 years he worked with more than 350 organizations nationwide. In 2000, when his



wife Priscilla retired, they relocated from Washington, DC, to Florida, where they now spend their time enjoying the cultural arts and as major philanthropists in support of them.

About the Pharmacy Leadership & Education Institute, Inc. (PLEI)

The Pharmacy Leadership & Education Institute (PLEI) facilitates engaging professional leader development activities, to enable personal growth that will transform the delivery of healthcare. In 2021, PLEI established its Academy for Leader Development that offers on-line training to develop leaders, enhance teamwork, and drive success through personal, interactive sessions.

PLEI coordinates the Prescott Pharmacy Leadership Award, Leader Development Seminars, Leader Development Institute, the Lead←Grow→Shape leadership workbook, and other educational events for pharmacists and student pharmacists across the country. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) recognizes PLEI as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization; EIN 58-2296988. You can learn more about PLEI at www.plei.org

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