

**The Pharmacy Leadership & Education Institute is proud to introduce Courtney Woo, the 2023 recipient of the John F. (Jack) Schlegel Leadership Development Award.**

### **About Courtney Woo**

Courtney was initiated into the Delta Gamma Chapter of Phi Delta Chi at the California Health Sciences University and graduated from Loma Linda University with her Doctor of Pharmacy degree in May. She lives by the Ghandi quote, “The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” Courtney exemplifies this quote through her professional and voluntary work with optimism and a smile.



Within the Phi Delta Chi fraternity, Courtney has assumed a multitude of roles, each showcasing her exceptional leadership abilities. Courtney began her Phi Delta Chi service with her local chapter serving as Worthy Prelate. While serving as the Phi Delta Chi National Workshop Revision Committee Chair, she spearheaded inclusive changes, infusing officer courses with a fresh perspective. Her role as the West Coast Colony Coordinator for the newest Phi Delta Chi chapter, Delta Mu, paved the way for growth and expansion. As the Pacific Regional Director for Collegiate Affairs, she offered support and guidance to her fellow Brothers. Courtney has been very active beyond the boundaries of the fraternity with the American Pharmacists Association, serving in numerous leadership roles at the local, regional, and national level. Moreover, her commitment to promoting an inclusive community for her LGBTQIA+ peers led her to serve in many other advocacy and leadership roles.

In the letters of recommendation submitted in support of Courtney’s nomination, she was praised as being “zealous for connecting and energizing others,” and being a person who “naturally motivates others with her bright charisma, genuine curiosity, and selflessness.”

As the recipient of the Schlegel Leadership Development Award, Courtney 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)**

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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](http://www.plei.org)