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**Caiden Lukan Named Inaugural Recipient of the 2025 Delbert D. Konnor Award of Excellence in Pharmaceutical Administration**

**South Lyon, MI** – The Pharmacy Leadership & Education Institute (PLEI) proudly announces that Caiden Lukan, PharmD, is the inaugural recipient of the Delbert D. Konnor Award of Excellence in Pharmaceutical Administration. This biennial award recognizes and supports innovative research that advances the field of pharmaceutical administration.



Lukan, a 2024 graduate of Butler University, initiated into the Alpha Phi Chapter of Phi Delta Chi Pharmacy Fraternity, is currently pursuing a Master of Science degree in Pharmacodynamics at the University of Pittsburgh while continuing his fellowship training. His research, which bridges pharmacy practice and health outcomes, exemplifies the purpose-driven leadership, selfless service, and lifelong learning that the Konnor Award was established to encourage.

“We are honored to recognize Dr. Lukan’s outstanding proposed research that has the potential to directly inform clinical decision-making and improve patient care,” said Dr. John Bentley, chair of the Konnor Award Review Committee. “His dedication to optimizing medication safety for vulnerable patient populations through data science and interdisciplinary collaboration embodies the spirit of this award.”

Lukan’s winning research project, titled “*Evaluating Possible Adverse Drug Events in Hospitalized Patients with Renal Insufficiency*,” seeks to improve the detection and prevention of adverse drug events (ADEs) in patients with impaired renal function—a population at significantly higher risk for medication-related harm. Through a multisite, retrospective cohort study, Lukan aims to use electronic health record data and rule-based algorithms to identify high-risk medication events, develop targeted surveillance strategies, and ultimately reduce preventable ADEs.

In addition to his clinical and academic roles, Lukan is committed to translating evidence into practice, focusing on healthcare innovation that is both patient-centered and technologically informed. His work aligns with the Konnor Award’s mission to inspire and disseminate scholarly work in fields including pharmacy practice, health outcomes, and pharmacoconomics.

The Delbert D. Konnor Award provides up to \$5,000 over two years to support research and dissemination efforts, including conference presentations and peer-reviewed publications. Lukan's project is both an expansion of ongoing work and a launchpad for new investigations that promise to enhance policy, practice, and patient safety.

For more information about the Delbert D. Konnor Award or the Pharmacy Leadership & Education Institute, please visit [www.plei.org](http://www.plei.org).

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