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HyGen Pharmaceuticals Receives 2014 Trailblazer Award

Redmond, WA: HyGen Pharmaceuticals, Redmond based national distributor of generic prescription pharmaceuticals is the winner of the 2014 Trailblazer Award, awarded by the University of Washington (UW). Part of the UW Minority Business Awards this award recognizes a firm that has innovated in their *creation or use of technology* and are looking to reach markets that are outside of the norm.

Established in 1993, the company excels in providing high quality generic pharmaceuticals at low prices. HyGen is a nationwide distributor of generics to independents, mail order, long term care, small chains and other types of pharmacies.

"The value of today's award is about much more than our business achievements—it is a celebration of all the trailblazers who have paved this way," said Nishit Mehta, CEO HyGen Pharmaceuticals. "It is my pleasure to accept this award on behalf of our dynamic and innovative team, customers and vendors. We are here today thanks to your professionalism, commitment to excellence, diligence and high quality work."

HyGen headquartered in Redmond recently established a new state of the art warehouse and office and has made substantial investments in highly automated systems to increase the company's distribution capabilities. The company has also expanded staffing at its headquarters and continues to increase its product and customer base.

HyGen is committed to leading the way to a secure drug supply chain and is one of the first and only independently owned pharmaceutical distributors to practice uni-directional flow of prescription drugs within the pharmaceutical supply chain. HyGen has implemented a sophisticated enterprise resource planning (ERP) system and deployed warehouse management systems (WMS) that include tracking of lot numbers and expiration dates, online pedigrees, electronic data interchange (EDI) and automated controls at every level in the operational process. HyGen continues to innovate at a rapid pace and is currently looking to expand.

The University of Washington Minority Business of the Year Awards program was started in 1999 to recognize outstanding business achievements of minority-owned businesses in Washington. The program is sponsored by the University of Washington Consulting and Business Development Center of the Michael G. Foster School of Business and is co-hosted by the Puget Sound Business Journal.

Since the program was started, the growth in number of minority-owned businesses, the revenue they earn and the number of people they employ have demonstrated that business owners of a multitude of ethnic backgrounds can and are building high-growth companies that create jobs that span Washington's geography and industry sectors.

HyGen Pharmaceuticals CEO Nishit Mehta accepted the 2014 Trailblazer award at a dinner ceremony on December 3, at the Sheraton Hotel in Seattle.

For more information on HyGen Pharmaceuticals, visit hygenpharma.com.

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