

# Valley native named top U.S. pharmacist

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A Central Valley native has been picked for the top pharmacist and pharmacy-educator honors in the nation.

Mary Anne Koda-Kimble, dean of the UCSF School of Pharmacy and a Dos Palos native, has received the 2010 Remington Honor Medal from the American Pharmacists Association, according to the pharmacy school at the University of California at San Francisco.

Koda-Kimble, 64, also has been named by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy as the 2010 recipient of the Robert K. Chalmers Distinguished Pharmacy Educator Award, the UCSF pharmacy school said.

The award will be presented during an annual meeting in July.

Koda-Kimble will be honored for her teaching, achievements as a researcher and scholar, and contributions to pharmacy education and the profession.



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Koda-Kimble was raised on Koda Farms, a rice-farming operation run by her family in Dos Palos. She has been responsible for helping to create UCSF pharmacy programs in Fresno, including a medication-management service for physicians and patients and an early-admissions program for Central Valley high school students to interest them in clinical pharmacy as a career.

One goal of the programs, Koda-Kimble said, is to train pharmacists in the Valley who will stay in the Valley. "We're pleased to be getting our graduates to go to Fresno, stay in the general area and contribute to patient care," she said. "And we're also trying to increase the number of kids from the Valley who apply to the School of Pharmacy at UCSF."

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