

AMERICA'S WINNERS

Shriners' Microbiologist, Ian Holder, Ph.D.

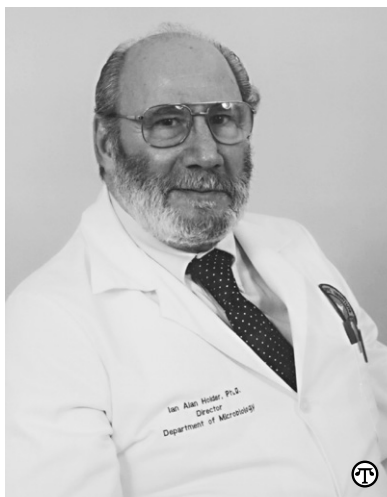
(NAPSA)—His research has saved countless lives—and his own life has been a fascinating success story. For over 30 years, Ian Alan Holder, Ph.D., has been one of the most remarkable staff members of Shriners burn hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In tribute to his achievements in life-saving burns medicine research, Holder recently received a coveted award from the American Burn Association. Soon to retire from his work at Shriners Hospital, Holder also received the “Curtis P. Artz Distinguished Service Award,” which is presented annually to a nonphysician member of the association for lifetime contributions made in the burn field.

Holder has been at Shriners since September 1967. For the past 35 years he has worked as a microbiologist and as director of microbiology and professor of research surgery and adjunct professor of microbiology at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Holder obtained his bachelor's and master's degrees from Brooklyn College. For his doctorate degree in microbiology, Holder headed away from the East Coast and went to Kansas. He landed his first professional job at Shriners in Cincinnati, where he has remained ever since. Holder says Shriners is a great place to work, that “you are able to do what is necessary to take care of patients without worrying about other things, such as cost or insurance companies.”

Holder's education and ambitions didn't stop with his medical career. Just recently, he returned to school to learn another craft—cooking. He attended Cincinnati State's



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one-year chef technology program. The Cincinnati Shriners Hospital has reaped the rewards of Holder's culinary interests—in December 2001, he chose the menu and served as chef for some 50 people attending the hospital's annual Board of Governors holiday dinner.

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