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**Davie Pharmacist Goar N. Alvarez Honored for Outstanding Community Service**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – The Florida Pharmacy Association (FPA) has selected Goar N. Alvarez, BPharm, CPh, PharmD, FASCP, as the recipient of the 2017 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Alvarez was presented the award at the 127th Annual Meeting and Convention of the Florida Pharmacy Association on Saturday, July 15, 2017. The Bowl of Hygeia is sponsored by the American Pharmacists Association Foundation, the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations, and the American Pharmacists Association, with support from Boehringer Ingelheim.

Alvarez has contributed to his community since graduating from the Nova-Southeastern University College of Pharmacy in 1994. He is licensed in the states of Florida and Alabama. As a consultant pharmacist for over 25 years, he has served patients in the least acute to the most acute practice settings. His responsibilities have provided him with opportunities to help patients in various residential, assisted living, skilled nursing, and step-down rehabilitation facilities. He has also served in a hospital practice as Director of Pharmacy/Consultant Record.

Alvarez has served on the Florida Medicaid Program Drug Utilization Review Committee and on the Agency for Health Care Administration Long Term Care Preferred Drug List Advisory Committee. While serving as a consultant, Alvarez made multiple presentations to seniors groups in many venues as well as to the Area Agency on Aging and the Department of Elder Affairs. He also provided an educational series, “Pharmacological Training Series” to the staff of the Department of Children and Families each quarter for two years. Alvarez currently serves as an appointee to the Florida Board of Pharmacy and chairs the LTC Subcommittee of the Florida Board of Pharmacy.

Alvarez’s professional affiliations include the Florida Board of Pharmacy, FPA, APhA, NCPA, ASCP, AACP, ACCP, ASHP, Florida Pharmacy Council, ICUBA, Inter-American Pharmacists Association, South Florida State Hospital, the Mortar and Pestle Society at Nova Southeastern University, Phi Lambda Sigma Pharmacy Leadership Society, Phi Delta Chi Pharmacy Service, Dade County Pharmacy Association, Broward County Pharmacy Association and Health Department, FSHP, NABP, and NSU SharksRx College of Pharmacy Alumni Society.

Alvarez’s community services activities are comprised of numerous community health fairs and service events, including “Day for Children” community service events, Miami Dade Community College Medical Campus Annual Health Fairs, Florida Pharmacists Legislative Days and Health Fairs, Flu Clinics, Bone Density Screenings, Blood Pressure Screenings, Metabolic Syndrome screenings, South Florida State Hospital Employee Health Fairs, Cholesterol Screenings, Senior Citizens Health & Education Fairs, Diabetes Awareness Day, and Osteoporosis Awareness Day.

Alvarez is an active member of St. David Catholic Church, where he has been involved in fundraising, service events, and activities. He has been involved in the coordination and/or participation in a number of community service outreach opportunities in which services are provided to the indigent or underserved.

Established in 1958, the Bowl of Hygeia Award recognizes pharmacists who possess outstanding records of civic leadership in their communities and encourages pharmacists to take active roles in the affairs of their respective communities. The award is presented annually by participating state pharmacist associations, including those in the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In addition to service through their local, state and national pharmacy associations, award recipients have devoted their time, talent and resources to a wide variety of causes and community service.

The Bowl of Hygeia is the most widely recognized international symbol for the pharmacy profession and is considered one of the profession's most prestigious awards. The Bowl of Hygeia has been associated with the pharmacy profession since as early as 1796 when the symbol was used on a coin minted for the Parisian Society of Pharmacy. The bowl represents a medicinal potion and the snake represents healing. Healing through medicine is precisely why the pharmacy profession has adopted the Bowl of Hygeia symbol.

#### **About the American Pharmacists Association Foundation**

The APhA Foundation, a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C., is a trusted source of research demonstrating how pharmacists can improve health care. The APhA Foundation's mission is to improve people's health through pharmacists' patient care services. The APhA Foundation is affiliated with the American Pharmacists Association, the national professional society of pharmacists in the U.S. For more information, please visit the APhA Foundation website [www.aphafoundation.org](http://www.aphafoundation.org). Follow the APhA Foundation on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for the latest updates.

#### **About the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations**

The National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations (NASPA) promotes leadership, sharing, learning, and policy exchange among pharmacy leaders in all 50 states and Washington, DC, and provides education and advocacy to support pharmacists, patients, and communities working together to improve public health. NASPA was founded in 1927 as the National Council of State Pharmacy Association Executives (NCSPAE). For more information, please visit the NASPA Web site [www.naspa.us](http://www.naspa.us).