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### **Washington, DC, Pharmacist Daneka Lucas Honored for Outstanding Community Service**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – The Washington, DC, Pharmacy Association (WDCPhA) has selected Daneka Lucas, PharmD, as the recipient of the 2017 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Lucas was presented the award at the WDCPhA 2017 Pharmacy Impact Recognition and Awards Program on Saturday, October 7. 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.

Lucas has contributed to her community since graduating from the Howard University School of Pharmacy and currently practices at Medstar Georgetown Hospital. She has an outstanding record of community service with Health Topic presentations for the underserved community in HIV Management, including Homes for Hope. She volunteers for Howard University as a facilitator; raises money for breast cancer and Alzheimer's awareness; and serves as a Board member for Growing On and as an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Lucas' state pharmacy associations include membership in the Washington Metropolitan Society of Health System Pharmacists and chair of the 2016 WDCPhA annual meeting and awards reception committee. Her affiliations with industry and pharmacy organizations include the American Pharmaceutical Association, Academy of Students of Pharmacy, American Society of Health System Pharmacists, Washington Metropolitan Society of Health System Pharmacists, and the Washington DC Pharmacy Association.

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 an active role 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 (NCSPA). For more information, please visit the NASPA website [www.naspa.us](http://www.naspa.us).