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Fairbanks, Alaska Pharmacist, Martie Lamont Honored for Outstanding Community Service

Washington, DC – The Alaska Pharmacists Association (AkPhA) has selected Martie Lamont as the recipient of the 2013 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Lamont was presented with the award during the AkPhA Annual Convention on February, 15-17, 2013. The Bowl of Hygeia is sponsored by the American Pharmacists Association Foundation and the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations with support from Boehringer Ingelheim.

Lamont began her pharmacy career in the Fairbanks community 38 years ago as a pharmacist for Co-op Drugs, began working part-time at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital in 1987 and in 1999 became a consultant pharmacist for Denali Center Long Term Care Facility in conjunction with the inpatient pharmacist position. As a Denali center consulting pharmacist, Lamont developed monthly long term care consultations, which are considered the best in the state. Lamont is involved with Denali's long term care plans team, P&T Committee, care coordination councils, medication administration team and BIT/PIT team. She was recognized as the Denali Center Employee of the Year for the dedication and desire to make the Denali Center a wonderful place for all residents. Lamont is active in the Alaska Pharmacists Association and the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists.

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.

Information regarding contributing to the Bowl of Hygeia future is available by contacting the APhA Foundation at 202-429-7565 or info@aphafoundation.org.

About the American Pharmacists Association Foundation

The APhA Foundation is affiliated with the American Pharmacists Association, the national professional society of pharmacists in the U.S. The APhA Foundation, a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C., is a national leader in designing programs to help patients with chronic healthcare conditions by optimizing medication use through coordination with pharmacists, the medication experts. The APhA Foundation's mission is to improve people's health through pharmacists' patient care services. For more information, please visit the APhA Foundation website www.aphafoundation.org.

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.