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Little Rock Pharmacist Nicki Hilliard Honored for Outstanding Community Service

Washington, DC – The Arkansas Pharmacists Association (APA) has selected Dr. Nicki Hilliard as the recipient of the 2015 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Hilliard was presented with the award at the 133rd Annual APA Convention on Thursday, June 11. 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.

Hilliard is an employee of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), where she earned her pharmacy degree. She has served at the forefront of the nuclear pharmacy field in Arkansas through her role in operating a nuclear pharmacy and starting the nuclear pharmacy program at UAMS.

At the state level, Hilliard is involved with the Arkansas Pharmacists Association as chair of the Provider Status Task Force and member of the Governmental Affairs Committee. She is also involved in several national organizations including the American Pharmacists Association (APhA), Society of Nuclear Medicine, and American Society of Nuclear Cardiology. Within APhA, she serves as a member of the Board of Trustees and Strategic Directions Committee (2013-2015) and president of the APhA Academy of Pharmacy Practice and Management (2013-2015), within which she is also a member of the Nuclear Special Interest Group and the Awards, Education, and Communications Committees.

In addition to her pharmacy work, Hilliard is actively involved in serving her community through her children's schools, her church, and her mother's memorial foundation. She is a former Little Rock School District Volunteer of the Year (2000) and served as chair of the St. James Golf Classic from 2008-2013.

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. 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 (NCSPAEE). For more information, please visit the NASPA Web site www.naspa.us.