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Hatillo Pharmacist Blanca E. Delgado-Rodriguez Honored for Outstanding Community Service

Washington, DC – The Colegio de Farmacéuticos de Puerto Rico has selected Blanca E. Delgado-Rodriguez, RPh, as the recipient of the 2014 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Delgado-Rodriguez was presented with the award on October 12, 2014. 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.

Delgado-Rodriguez has been employed as a professor of pharmacy at the University of Puerto Rico, with the city government hospital of Arecibo, and as a government employee with the Corporation of the State Insurance Fund. She has owned and managed Lechuga Pharmacy (Farmacia Lechuga) for more than 30 years.

She was a member of the Puerto Rico Board of Pharmacy, member and president of the Commission of Public Relationship, member of the Association of Community Pharmacies of Puerto Rico, and member of Allied Pharmacies (Farmacias Aliadas). She has also collaborated on the Christmas activity of Colegio de Farmacéuticos de Puerto Rico. She has received the Award for Outstanding Business Women of Centro Unidos de Detallista and the Award of Distinguished Pharmacy of Colegio de Farmacéuticos de Puerto Rico.

Delgado-Rodriguez is also an active member and Bible school teacher at the First Baptist Church in the city of Arecibo.

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

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