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Richmond, Virginia Pharmacist, Leo H. Ross, Honored for Outstanding Community Service

Washington, DC – The Virginia Pharmacists Association (VPhA) has selected Leo H. Ross as the recipient of the 2013 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Ross was presented with the award during the VPhA Annual Convention, July 28-31, 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.

Ross is a member and a Board Member of the Richmond Pharmacists Association, served on the Virginia Board of Pharmacy as Chairman and Vice Chairman and served as an Executive Committee member of the Virginia Board of Health, where he received a Certificate of Appreciation. He has served as a member of the Old Dominion Pharmaceutical Association and served as a member of the Convention Moderator. Ross received the Alpha Man of the Year from the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, served as a member of the National Pharmaceutical Association, the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy and the International Pharmaceutical Federation.

Ross received the Compassionate Care Award from Crossover Ministry Free Clinic; UNCF Outstanding Alumni Award, Wilberforce University 2008; National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education Award, Wilberforce University 2004; Certificate of Appreciation from the Henrico County Civic League and a Black Achievers Corporate Award from the North Richmond YMCA.

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