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### **Fayetteville Pharmacist Hewitt “Ted” W. Matthews Honored for Outstanding Community Service**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – The Georgia Pharmacy Association (GPhA) has selected Hewitt “Ted” W. Matthews, PhD, as the recipient of the 2017 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Matthews was presented the award at the 2017 Georgia Pharmacy Convention on Friday, June 16. 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.

Matthews has contributed to his community since graduating from the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy in 1973. He serves as dean of the College of Pharmacy and Vice President for the Health Sciences at Mercer University. He has served on the GPhA Board of Directors as ex-officio representative of Mercer University. In addition to his work with GPhA, Matthews chaired the work group that rewrote Georgia’s pharmacy practice act and advocated for its passage, and has represented pharmacy on countless boards and commissions. Matthews has been an extraordinary mentor to numerous Mercer pharmacy students, many of whom have attained leadership positions in the pharmacy profession.

Matthews is a past recipient of GPhA’s Meritorious Service Award, and received the 2012 American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists Outstanding Award, the Outstanding Teacher Award from Mercer University, the V. Carlton Henderson Award from the College's Alumni Association, the Dean's Award from the American College of Apothecaries for outstanding service to community pharmacy, and the Wendell T. Hill Award from the Association of Black Health-Systems 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 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).