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**Birmingham, Alabama Pharmacist, Charles D. Sands III, Honored for Outstanding Community Service**

**Washington, DC** – The Alabama Pharmacy Association (APA) has selected Dr. Charles D. Sands III as the recipient of the 2013 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Sands was presented with the award during the APA Annual Convention, June 9-12, 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.

Sands volunteers with the Perry County Department of Health and with Sowing Seeds of Hope. He is on the Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and is a member of Dawson Memorial Church. Dawson serves with the Baptist Medical Dental Fellowship, Christian Pharmacy Fellowship International and the American Heart Association. Sands is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Anticoagulation Clinic, Kirklin Medical Clinic. Previously, at Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital in Pusan, Korea, Sands served as the Director of the Department of Pharmaceutical Services, Director of the Clinical Research Institute and Professor of Clinical Pharmacy and Clinical Research. Sands also served as Chair, Department of Pharmacy Practice, McWhorter School of Pharmacy, Samford University.

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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.naspa.us).