

PRESS RELEASE

**Two USF Health Pharmacy students earn awards at national conference
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Two students from the [USF Health College of Pharmacy](#) recently received Outstanding Achievement awards from the [Association of Black Health-system Pharmacists](#).

Shafaat Pirani received the 2013 ABHP Student Achievement Award for his leadership and community volunteer work.



In addition, Mackanin received the 2013 Honorable Mention of the ABHP Student Achievement Award for her professional leadership, and involvement in community and professional services.



Both Pirani and Mackanin received their awards at the group's annual meeting in conjunction with the American Society of Health-system Pharmacists (ASHP) Midyear Clinical Meeting held in December in Orlando.

ABHP represents Black and minority health-system pharmacists and is dedicated to the growth and development of their pharmacy practice in healthcare facilities. The association provides educational programs on minority health issues to help member pharmacists improve their professional skills and the quality of care they provide. ABHP serves as a liaison and facilitates communication with other pharmacy associations and organizations concerned with health care

<http://hscweb3.hsc.usf.edu/awardsblog/2014/01/17/two-usf-health-pharmacy-students-earn-awards-at-national-conference/>

Pharmacy Student Cedona Watts Recognized by National Organizations

January 14th, 2014

PharmD student Cedona Watts received the ABHP Student Achievement Award and was featured by the ACCP website.

Fourth-year PharmD student Cedona Watts has received acclaim from the Association of Black Health-System Pharmacists (ABHP) and the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) for her excellence in academics, leadership, and community service. Watts was featured by the ACCP on their [Member Spotlight](#) page, and is the recipient of the 2012 ABHP Student Achievement Award in recognition of all that she has achieved both in and out of the classroom.

“I am fortunate to have been selected and grateful that the ABHP acknowledges my leadership potential,” says Watts. “The award is motivation to continue to practice what I have learned at USC, which is to provide excellent and compassionate pharmaceutical care to patients. It is also a motivation to continue to stay active and promote the pharmacy profession.”

Watts has worked in several labs throughout her time as a pharmacy student, gaining invaluable research experience.

“My most memorable research experience was as a Dean’s PharmD Summer Fellow,” says Watts. “I was mentored by Dr. Stan Louie, who introduced me to the concept of an inflammatory pathway being linked to the pathology triple negative breast cancer. The laboratory felt like a second home, and I could easily spend hours there.”

She has presented her research findings over the years in platform presentations and poster presentations. Watts was awarded the \$200 first prize in the National Black Graduate Student Association Conference’s paper competition for her study, “Blockade of CXCL8-CXCR 1/2 Axis as a Strategy for the Treatment of Triple Negative Breast Cancer and Colon Cancer.”

She recently completed her first advanced pharmacy practice experience in ambulatory care, during which she worked managing patients with cardiovascular diseases, diabetes and HIV. Watts was also a 2013 National Cancer Institute Cancer Research Fellow this summer. She is currently an intern pharmacist at City of Hope, a National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center.

Community service has also been a major aspect of Watts’ time at the School of Pharmacy. She has volunteered at health fairs and with a variety of health organizations, working with diverse patient populations to help bring attention to such health issues as healthy eating, vaccinations, heart disease, diabetes, menopause, osteoporosis, and cancer, and providing blood pressure screenings, immunizations and counseling.

“I was the Student National Pharmaceutical Association’s student coordinator for 2012 Annual Health Summit at the Jackie Robinson Community Center in Pasadena,” says Watts of a particularly meaningful community service project she was involved in. “I was able to work with community leaders to help to organize pharmacy services at the event. It was great seeing pharmacy students providing health education on a range of topics.”

In addition to her community service, Watts has demonstrated her commitment to pharmacy through membership in various professional organizations, including the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy, the Student National Pharmaceutical Association, the Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists and the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists. She has a leadership role with the ABHP, serving as co-chair of Student Affairs Council, and has also held leadership positions in the Student National Pharmaceutical Association and the USC School of Pharmacy Diversity Initiative Advisory Group.

In the past, Watts has received a plethora of other recognition, including a National Black Graduate Student Association Conference Fellowship, a William Lawson, Jr. Scholarship, a Walgreens Diversity and Inclusion Excellence Scholarship, the Joyce and Harold Washington Endowed Scholarship, the Dolly Harris Endowed Scholarship and the CVS Pharmacy Scholarship. She is also a member of the Sigma Xi Research Honor Society.

Watts is particularly interested in oncology clinical pharmacy practice, and hopes to eventually pursue a career in academia.

<http://pharmacyschool.usc.edu/news/cedona-watts-recognized-by-national-organizations-for-outstanding-achievements/>

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December 26, 2020

MEDIA ADVISORY

ABHP KEYNOTE SPEAKER ANNOUNCEMENT!



The keynote speaker for this year's Opening Session at the ABHP Minority Health Conference and Annual Meeting is Dr. Sybil M. Richard. Dr. Richard will speak on Saturday, May 21, 2011 at 8:00 am in the Plaza Ballroom in the Renaissance Houston Hotel, Greenway Plaza.

Sybil M. Richard, as Vice President of Professional Affairs has the responsibility for assuring the quality of clinical services that are provided to all our Health & Wellness patients, including Pharmacy and Optical, through regulatory compliance, quality improvement programming, professional development and training and education for Health & Wellness associates in Walmart U.S., Sam's Club. She assumed her role with the company in October 2009.

Prior to joining Walmart, she was the Deputy Secretary for the Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals. She also served as the Deputy Secretary for the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration and Director of Policy and Programs for the National Association of Chain Drug Stores.

Sybil earned a Bachelor of Science in pharmacy from Xavier University in Louisiana. She also has a Juris Doctor and Master of Health Administration, both from Indiana University.

We are hugely excited at the prospect of hearing what Dr. Richard has to share with us in terms of the organization she works for and her involvement with health care issues. I'm sure you'll agree she will be well worth listening to.

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Larry Lucas serves as Vice President, Government Affairs/Diversity Programs for the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of

America (PhRMA) where he works with the U.S. Congress and state legislators on issues impacting patients access to medicines, access to quality health care and the research-based pharmaceutical industry.

At PhRMA, Lucas leads the association's efforts to work with patients, healthcare providers, physicians, legislators and health organizations and educate them on the issues impacting the minority community and their access to quality health care.

Lucas also writes a nationally syndicated monthly column about new developments in the pharmaceutical industry. At PhRMA, he has previously served as Deputy Vice President in the alliance development division where his responsibilities included coalition building and grassroots development, and state government affairs division working with African-American and Latino state legislators through out the country.

Lucas spent 16 years at the Bureau of Census where he initiated a landmark outreach campaign for the 1980 census program that involved 86,000-plus government jurisdictions. This program was replicated in the subsequent 1990 and 2000 censuses. At the Bureau of Census, Lucas' responsibilities varied from serving as liaison to the White House and the U.S. Congress, to coordinating with national leaders and government officials at all levels to promote effectiveness of the Census Bureau's goals.

Lucas was recently appointed to the board of trustees for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and also is actively involved in their contribution fund and health committee. He serves as vice chairman for the National Black Caucus of State Legislators' Corporate Roundtable, The Corporate Advisory Council to the National Hispanic Medical Foundation and The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies Corporate Council. Lucas is also on the boards of directors for the Congressional Black Caucus Political Education and Leadership Institute, Providence Health Foundation Providence Hospital, Yale University's School of Nursing External Advisory Board, and is a founding member of the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators' Business Board of Advisors. Previously, Lucas served as special assistant to the president of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, on the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.'s Board of Directors.

Lucas received his B.S. degree in Education from Jackson State University in Mississippi and served in the United States Air Force.

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2010 Minority Health Conference and ABHP Annual Meeting
An Interdisciplinary Educational Conference on Minority Health Issues
FOR PHYSICIANS, PHARMACISTS, NURSES, AND NURSE PRACTITIONERS

What: Pharmacists, physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, and other health care professionals will convene to discuss conditions that impact minority populations and their associated disparities, cultural differences to consider when developing treatment plans, new and emerging treatments for managing these diseases, and tools and strategies to improve outcomes for those at highest risk for poor health, including racial and ethnic minorities.

Why: The management of both acute and chronic diseases with medication therapy can be become increasingly challenging for healthcare providers, when patients become noncompliant with therapy. In the United States, noncompliance to prescription medication therapy is responsible for 10% of all hospital admissions, causes 125,000 deaths, 20 million lost workdays and costs an estimated \$75.6 billion annually. Minority patients are particularly susceptible to non adherence due to the socioeconomic and cultural barriers that are unique to this subset of patients. Some studies have shown that up to 32% of minority patients report low adherence to medication. This conference will provide all healthcare providers with the tools

The educational agenda will provide an in-depth look at key issues affecting patient care of minorities including:

- disparities in diagnosis and treatment of diabetes in minorities, with a special emphasis on identifying patients at risk
- prevention and treatment of venous thromboembolism (VTE)

- optimizing outcomes in African Americans with advanced colorectal cancer
- overcoming barriers to effective depression treatment in minority populations
- using motivational interviewing strategies to enhance patient compliance to therapy
- management of Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS) pharmaceutical reimbursement and pharmacy patient assistance programs

When: May 21-23, 2010

Where: Renaissance Houston Hotel Greenway Plaza, Houston, TX

Who: More than 250 pharmacists, physicians, nurses and other health professionals will be in attendance.

CONFERENCE DETAILS

This conference is designed to educate health care practitioners about conditions to which ethnic groups may be predisposed, cultural differences that should be considered when developing treatment plans, and tools and information that can help ensure adherence.

The goals of the three-day conference are to:

- Educate health care providers on minority health issues and the associated disparities among minority populations.
- Present new and emerging diagnostic and treatment modalities for managing diseases that impact minority populations.
- Provide opportunities for skill building, information-sharing, and networking.
- Provide a forum for the interdisciplinary exchange of ideas and strategies to address health disparities among minority populations.
- Provide practical tools to improve outcomes for those at highest risk for poor health, including minorities and economically disadvantaged populations.

This conference is planned and conducted by the Association of Black Health-System Pharmacists. Complete conference information is available at <http://myabhp.org/ABHP2009.htm>

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“Disparities in Prostate Cancer Care: Is the burden of Prostate Cancer Underestimated in African Americans?”

**Award-winning researcher and Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Folakemi T. Odedina,
Addresses prostate cancer mortality rates among black males at the
2010 Minority Health Conference and ABHP Annual Meeting
An Interdisciplinary Educational Conference on Minority Health Issues
FOR PHYSICIANS, PHARMACISTS, NURSES, AND NURSE PRACTITIONERS**

What: With five years of clinical experience and over ten years experience as a researcher, Folakemi T. Odedina, PhD, has made a distinguished career in research and academia. Odedina's general research focus is on health promotion and disease prevention in African American men. **Odedina will be sharing her recent findings as a keynote speaker at the Association of Black Health-System Pharmacist's (ABHP) 2010 Minority Health Conference on Saturday, May 22 at 2:30 pm in the Greenway Ballroom of the Renaissance Houston Hotel in Houston, TX.**

Why: Most research studies on prostate cancer health disparities have focused on comparing Black men to other ethnic groups within the US. A research area that has been overlooked and under-studied is the within group differences among Black men relative to prostate cancer burden and risk factors. Compared to native-born Blacks, foreign-born Blacks have been found to have lower cancer mortality and less likely to be obese. African-born immigrants have consistently been found to have the best health status compared to other foreign-born Black immigrants and native-born Blacks in spite of lower health insurance rates and employment. If the burden of prostate cancer is lower among foreign-born Black men, we may be underestimating the burden of prostate cancer in native-born African Americans.

When: May 21-23, 2010

Where: Greenway Ballroom of the Renaissance Houston Hotel in Houston, TX.

Who: *Folakemi T. Odedina, Phd* - Extensive research has been done on health disparity amongst different racial groups, but health disparities within a racial group is still a burgeoning field of study waiting to be discovered.

One woman, however, has been on the forefront of this research.

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Odedina is a professor and Division Director of the Economic, Social and Administrative Pharmacy division at Florida A&M University. She is also the Director of the FAMU Center for Minority Prostate Cancer Training and Research. She is best known for her progressive research of prostate cancer prevention in African American males.

Her progressive research in the disparities amongst black males with prostate cancer has earned her several awards, including the 2006-07 US Fulbright Scholar Award, which was given to her for representing the US in Nigeria to establish open communication and long-term cooperative relationships for cancer research and training.

While most research studies on prostate cancer health disparities have focused on comparing Black men to other ethnic groups within the US, Odedina has focused on an area of research that has been over-looked and under-studied: Differences among native-born Black men and African American men relative to prostate cancer burden and risk factors.

Odedina's research has made remarkable progress in Nigeria and within her own community in Florida. By targeting the barbershops where many black males frequent and creating flyers and pamphlets with research findings in her surrounding community in Seminole, Florida, Odedina has helped educate her community and improve prostate cancer outcomes.

“ You must be in line with your community. By talking to the barbers they can refer black men to community pharmacists who then can refer to black men to a doctor to get proper intervention. There must be intervention with community in order to get results,” Odedina said. “If the community doesn't even know about your research findings, what good is it?”

Odedina is currently focusing her research on a comparative analysis of different populations of black males in the USA, Caribbean and Africa in order to distinguish which population holds the true burden of prostate cancer. By debating the role of genetics and lifestyle factors, Odedina is looking at the risk factors for prostate cancer and hoping to use this information to help all black men improve their health outcome.

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February 11, 2010

The ABHP: It's a Journey, Not a Destination

By: Katie J. Parker

It's Black History Month, but the Association of Black Health Systems Pharmacists (ABHP) isn't doing anything specific to celebrate.

Why?

"It's a year long effort, not just a monthly one," said Earnest Alexander, Pharm.D., FCCM and ABHP President.

The ABHP is a relatively small association with big goals toward changing minority healthcare disparity and healthcare coverage.

“That’s a good idea! I guess we really should do something to honor the month,” Alexander said. “But, no, nothing specifically. Our goals are always to promote the profession, good patient care, and encourage minorities in the profession. But it’s a year round effort, not specific to Black History Month.”

It has been almost 175 years since the first African American physician and pharmacist, James McCune Smith, began his practice in New York City in 1837, and 104 years since the first African American female pharmacist, Harriett B. Marble, began her pharmacy in Yazoo City, Missouri. The ABHP has continued this legacy by promoting the practice of minority pharmacists in the health systems.

The ABHP was formed in 1978 in San Antonio, Texas as an offshoot of the current American Society of Health Systems Pharmacists (ASHP). The association was originally formed to address the special needs and common interests among Black pharmacists, most of whom attended the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meetings. Fittingly the founders named themselves “The Black Pharmacists of ASHP”. In December of 1979, the name of the organization was changed to Association of Black Hospital Pharmacists.

Since then the association has exponentially grown and meets twice a year at both the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and the ABHP Minority Health Conference and Annual Meeting, which will be held May 21-23 in Houston, Texas (See Page 5 for details).

The ABHP has also changed its focus from simply Black Hospital Pharmacists to minority health care issues altogether. In 2007, the ABHP changed its mission statement to include encouraging its members to promote the proper use of medication in black and other minority communities, along with “to foster collaboration, leadership, education, advocacy, and research that protect and improve the health status and quality of life of minority patients and to advance the practice of minority pharmacists in the health systems.”

“Our association was initially developed by black pharmacists,” Alexander said. “But the main goal has always been to address minority communities and the typically underserved. Since we started, many of our members are not black. Our membership includes anyone from Latinos to Asians. Really anyone who is interested in minority issues.”

The association has been forward thinking with its goals to educate health care professionals, policy makers, lawmakers and the public about minority health care disparity, along with encouraging research in the field and health care reform.

“We are all different,” Alexander said. “It’s the same as the difference between males and females. There is consistent research on the differences in health care effects between

males and females, but not on the differences between racial, cultural and different socioeconomic groups. My goal is to make more headway on research on minority related health issues.”

“It’s known that ACE inhibitors influence minority groups differently,” Alexander added. “But there are a ton of disconnects within medicine. Research on minority health care needs to be integrated with all medical information. It really takes a dedicated pharmacist that understands these issues to form a good drug therapy for them. It’s my hope that such a pharmacist would be able to follow them through all the different steps of their healthcare.”

“It boggles my mind when I hear the research presented at our conferences,” Alexander added. “It’s amazing how many areas of drug therapy there are clear differences in the way certain people are being managed and how their outcomes are impacted by the management of their healthcare. My hope is that with our research we can change the disparity in minority health care. There’s not a quick solution and there are several steps involved, but it’s necessary.”

When asked how pharmacy has changed for minorities over the past 10 years and how he would like it to change over the next 10 years, Earnest Alexander’s answer is honest and driven.

“It’s a journey not a destination,” Alexander said. “There’s so much work to do that it might be unrealistic to think we will have it all accomplished. It’s an ongoing struggle. In order for us to go forward we must continue to make steps, but it may not be 10 years, but we hope to accomplish as much as we can in the next 10 years.”

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ABHP MINORITY HEALTH CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL MEETING

May 21-23, 2010 - Renaissance Houston Hotel Greenway
Plaza – Houston, Texas



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business meetings, and social and networking events. The conference will be accredited for continuing education for pharmacists, nurses, nurse practitioners and physicians. All programs and exhibits will be conveniently scheduled at the Renaissance Houston Hotel Greenway Plaza.

We hope you will join us and look forward to seeing you in Houston!

For more information and to register, go to:

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Register Today and Save!

Registration fees are discounted before April 23, 2010. Pre-registration is strongly advised, however, you can register on-site. Full registration includes attendance at all continuing education sessions, course materials, all food functions, refreshment breaks, and professional exhibits. Complete the [Online Registration Form](#) now and save.

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All programs and exhibits will be conveniently scheduled at the Renaissance Houston Hotel Greenway Plaza. The guaranteed single/double room rate is **\$110.00** per night. Complete the [Online Hotel Reservation](#) today, or call the Renaissance Hotel directly at **1-800-468-3571**. Reservations should be made as early as possible. The guaranteed room rate cut off date is 12:01 a.m. on **April 30, 2010**. Reservations made after April 30, 2010 are subject to room rate increases. Major credit cards are accepted and required

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ABHP MINORITY HEALTH CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL MEETING May 21-23, 2010 - Renaissance Houston Hotel Greenway Plaza – Houston, Texas

Conference Overview

Life expectancy and overall health have improved in recent years for most Americans, thanks in part to an increased focus on preventive medicine and dynamic new advances in medical technology. However, not all Americans are benefiting equally. For too many racial and ethnic minorities in the United States, good health is elusive, since appropriate care is often associated with an individual's economic status, race, and gender.

Disparities in the burden of illnesses experienced by blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, American Indians and Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders, compared to the U.S. population as a whole demands national attention. Groups currently experiencing poorer health status are expected to grow as a proportion of the total U.S. population; therefore, the future health of America as a whole will be influenced substantially by improving the health of these racial and ethnic minorities.

Eliminating health disparities among racial and ethnic minority populations is one of the goals of the *Health People 2010* initiative. One cornerstone of efforts to improve health care and quality of life in minority populations is education of health care providers. While therapeutic goals and interventions for managing various diseases states are consistent among minority and non-minority patients, health care providers need an understanding of the cultural differences in the patient populations and specific strategies that can lead to improved patient outcomes. This conference is designed to educate health care practitioners about conditions ethnic groups may be predisposed to, understanding cultural differences when developing treatment plans, and providing the tools and information to ensure compliance and adherence.

About ABHP

The ABHP is dedicated to addressing the issues associated with minority patient healthcare and the role of minority pharmacists in the health systems. The association provides up-to-date information and educational programs to help members improve their professional skills and improve the quality of pharmacy practice. The ABHP facilitates communication with other pharmaceutical associations and organizations concerned with health care. For additional information, go to: www.myabhp.org.

Conference Goals

- Educate health care providers on critical issues regarding minority health and the associated disparities in special patient populations.
- Present new and emerging diagnostic and treatment modalities for managing diseases that impact minority populations.
- Provide opportunities for skill building, information-sharing and networking.
- Present research and statistics related to the current status of racial and ethnic health disparities and recommendations of solutions.
- Provide a forum for the interdisciplinary exchange of ideas and strategies to address health disparities among minority populations.
- Provide attendees with the practical tools to improve outcomes for those at highest risk for poor health, including racial and ethnic minorities, and economically disadvantaged populations.

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ABHP News

Date: December 30, 2009

International Attendees

ABHP would like to welcome all of our international attendees to the 4th ABHP Minority Health Conference and Annual Meeting in Houston, Texas. Here you will find links to all the information you need to maximize your experience at the 4th ABHP Minority Health Conference and Annual Meeting. Enjoy!

VIP and International Registrants Reception

Plaza I & II – 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Please join our President, Dr. Earnest Alexander and the ABHP Board of Directors at a special reception for our VIP and International Registrants. The reception is an opportunity to network with your friends/colleagues from around the US and the world. It is also our modest way of saying thank you for your support and participation. Light refreshments will be served.

Visa Information

Clicking on the link below will take you to the website of the U.S. Department of State, the official United States visa information source. Travelers are advised to apply for visas well in advance of intended travel dates. The website contains information about visa requirements, the locations of U.S. embassies and consulates worldwide, and wait times for visa interview appointments and processing.

- http://travel.state.gov/visa/visa_1750.html

Letter of Invitation

ABHP will provide an Official Letter of Invitation for Meeting Attendees to attend the Minority Health Conference and Annual Meeting. Click [here](#) to download an Official Letter of Invitation Request form. Please return it via fax to 850-512-1821 or email to abhp@myabhp.org.

International Poster Presenters

To encourage international participation in the ABHP Minority Health Conference, the ABHP will accept all international poster submission that follows the Guidelines for Poster Submission. Abstracts must be submitted in Microsoft Word format only. To submit an abstract, click on the online Abstract Submission Form or email your abstract to: abhp@myabhp.org. For questions regarding submissions and Abstract guidelines, send an email to abhp@myabhp.org or download the Guidelines for Poster Submission and Abstracts. You may pick up your Certificate of Poster Presentation at the ABHP Registration Desk at the meeting.

Certificates of Attendance

Certificates of Attendance are available at the main Registration Desk.

Cancellation policy for the 4th ABHP Minority Health Conference and Annual Meeting

To receive a full-meeting refund, confirmed registrations must be cancelled in writing on or before May 7 (postmark or fax date). Written cancellations postmarked or faxed May 8- through May 20 will be subject to a \$50 handling charge. Refunds will be issued only for cancellations postmarked or faxed before May 21.

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(ASHP News – Release)

ODEDINA RECEIVES FIRST ASHP-ABHP LEADERSHIP AWARD

Fulbright Scholar Conducted Extensive Research on Impact of Prostate Cancer

12/7/2009

Folakemi T. Odedina, Ph.D., professor and director of research at the Florida A&M University (FAMU) School of Allied Health Sciences in Tallahassee, is the recipient of the inaugural American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) and Association of Black Health-System Pharmacists (ABHP) Leadership Award. The award was presented today during the annual ABHP luncheon at ASHP's 44th Midyear Clinical Meeting in Las Vegas.

Dr. Odedina has conducted extensive research on economic and behavioral aspects of the medication-use process involving patient care, pharmacy practice and pharmaceutical economics. She has made noteworthy contributions in the area of prostate cancer prevention in African-American males, factors influencing minority participation in clinical trials, and pharmacy-based childhood immunization. She has also been active in programs designed to cultivate and recruit minority students and researchers.

“Dr. Odedina is a fitting honoree for our first leadership award,” said ABHP President Earnest Alexander, Pharm.D., FCCM. “We commend her for her groundbreaking work to close the gaps in care that exist for far too many patients.”

A 2006-2007 Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Odedina conducted Nigeria's first-ever national research assessing how Nigerians report cancer data. She also developed the National Drug Information Center, created a free newsletter for the country's pharmacists, and introduced National Cancer Awareness Month.

“We are so pleased to partner with ABHP to recognize Dr. Odedina,” said ASHP President Lynnae M. Mahaney, M.B.A., FASHP. “Her exceptional work will have a significant impact on lives around the world.”

Dr. Odedina received a B.S. degree in pharmacy from the University of Ife in Nigeria and a Ph.D. in pharmaceutical sciences from the University of Florida. She is currently a visiting professor in Health Outcomes and Behaviors at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute in Tampa, Fla.

The ASHP - ABHP Leadership Award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional leadership in efforts to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in health care. Award recipients will have a record of demonstrating leadership in the reduction of racial and ethnic disparities in health care.

ABOUT

ASHP

For more than 60 years, ASHP has helped pharmacists who practice in hospitals and health systems improve medication use and enhance patient safety. The Society's 35,000 members include pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who practice in inpatient, outpatient, home-care, and long-term-care settings, as well as pharmacy students. For more information about the wide array of ASHP activities and the many ways in which pharmacists help people make the best use of medicines, visit ASHP's Web site, www.ashp.org, or its consumer Web site, www.SafeMedication.com.

ABOUT

ABHP

ABHP strives to represent Black and minority health-system pharmacists and is dedicated to the growth and development of their pharmacy practice in health care facilities. The association provides up-to-date educational programs on minority health issues to help members improve their professional skills and the quality of care that they provide in their area of pharmacy practice. ABHP serves as a liaison and facilitates communication with other pharmacy associations and organizations concerned with health care.

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Ashley Scott is the 2009 ABHP Student Achievement Award Recipient



Ashley is a graduate of Mercer University with a B.S. degree in Biomedical Engineering. She is currently a PharmD candidate at Texas Southern University (TSU) College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. She is President of the Student Society of Health-system Pharmacists, TSU Chapter. She is a student member of the Executive Committees of the Gulf Coast Society of Health-system Pharmacists and the Texas Society of Health-system Pharmacists (TSHP). As a licensed Texas pharmacy intern, she is gaining very valuable practice experience at Walgreens Pharmacy and the Harris County Hospital District.

It's not uncommon for her to be routinely involved with counseling patients and writing notes on therapies ranging from anticoagulation, dyslipidemia, hypertension, to HIV. Ashley has distinguished herself as a hardworking, creative, and adaptive student. As a Research Assistant she has demonstrated her ability to identify current practice issues;



collect and analyze data around those issues; and present the results in front of her peers. In the process, she has been able to learn and tutor herself on how to use electronic and statistical tools to analyze and present her data. She has presented her data to engineering professors and students, as well as, to her pharmacy colleagues. She has also been honored with the Cardinal Health Leadership Scholarship and the Robinson-Vallejo Scholarship.

Although Ashley was the unanimous winner, there are a number of other individuals who were recognized for their distinguished service:

Shannon Proctor – PharmD candidate, Mercer University, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

Natalie Osagie - – PharmD candidate, Texas Southern University, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

Victoria Enwere – PharmD candidate, the University of Texas, College of Pharmacy at Austin.

Benita Bamgabade – PharmD candidate, the University of Texas, College of Pharmacy at Austin.

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MICKEY LELAND TO BE HONORED BY ABHP



The Association of Black Health-system Pharmacists (ABHP) will honor the noted Senator and pharmacist from Texas, George “Mickey” Leland, by changing the name of its Legislative Achievement Award to the **Mickey Leland Political Achievement Award**. The Mickey Leland Political Achievement Award will recognize an individual, a team of individuals, or an organization that has performed special service in state or national political and legislative affairs that strengthen, improve, and further the interests of the ABHP and pharmacists in general. This award will be given to those individuals who best personify the spirit of

Mickey Leland and whose work will have a significant impact on the community at large. Mickey Leland graduated from Texas Southern University (TSU) School of Pharmacy in 1970. While attending TSU, Leland became a vocal leader of the civil rights movement and continued to be a champion for the poor and the disempowered through out his brilliant political career. He strongly believed that the poor, the hungry, and the less

fortunate should have equal access to health care and fought strongly for legislative change long before it was called health care reform. In a communication with his wife, Mrs. Alison Leland, she stated, “Mickey was very proud of being a pharmacist and healthcare was his passion. It is an honor to have this award named for him.”

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PRESS RELEASES

(CSHP News – Release)

2008 Minority Health Conference and ABHP Annual Meeting

An Educational Conference for Health Care Professionals

Interested in Multicultural Health Issues

May 16-18, 2008, Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Atlanta, Georgia

Register Now to take advantage of discounted rates! Rates Increase after April 16. This conference is designed to educate health care practitioners about conditions that impact minority populations and their associated disparities, cultural differences to consider when developing treatment plans, new and emerging treatments for managing these diseases, and tools and strategies to improve outcomes for those at highest risk for poor health, including racial and ethnic minorities. Programs will be accredited for continuing education for pharmacists, physicians, and nurses. Attendees can receive up to 12 hours of CE credit for participation.

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PRESS RELEASES

(AACP News Magazine – Release)

ABHP Hosts Minority Health Conference and Annual Meeting

The Association of Black Health-System Pharmacists (ABHP) is hosting a Minority Health Conference in conjunction with the ABHP Annual Meeting. This convention includes a unique opportunity to participate in a multidisciplinary conference focused on improving the lives of those at highest risk for poor health. This conference will include timely educational programming on improving outcomes in special patient populations, contributed poster presentations, business meetings and social and networking events. The conference will be accredited for continuing education for pharmacists, nurses, nurse practitioners and physicians. All programs and exhibits will be conveniently scheduled at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel in Atlanta, Ga. For more information and to register, go to www.ashpadvantage.com/ABHP2008.

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ABHP MINORITY HEALTH CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL MEETING

May 16-18, 2008 - Atlanta Marquis Hotel - Atlanta, Georgia



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scheduled at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis.

We hope you will join us and look forward to seeing you in Atlanta!

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ABHP ANNUAL MEETING AND MINORITY HEALTH CONFERENCE

ABHP is working collaboratively with ASHP Advantage in planning the ABHP Annual Meeting and Minority Health Conference. The conference will be held in Spring 2008. Attendees will have an opportunity to attend stimulating educational presentations, meet dynamic speakers, visit vendors exhibits, and still have plenty time for social interaction. Programs are being designed for pharmacists, nurses, physicians, students, and any other health professionals interested in updating their knowledge on minority health issues. The conference will include programs related to health care disparities, cultural competence, men's health issues, health literacy, and a variety of other programs dealing with minority health. Stay tuned for more information.

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ABHP ANNUAL MEETING & MINORITY HEALTH CONFERENCE: SAVE THE DATE

What is the ABHP Minority Health Conference?

The Association of Black Health-system Pharmacists (ABHP) Annual Meeting & Minority Health Conference will convene, May 16-18, 2008 in Atlanta, Georgia. ABHP is organizing the event in collaboration with the ASHP Advantage and other partnering organizations concerned with minority health care. ASHP Advantage is a business arm of the American Society of Health-system Pharmacists (ASHP). The goals of the conference are:

- To educate healthcare providers on the critical issues behind minority health
- To provide a forum to discuss barriers facing providers and patients in minority communities.
- To increase recognition and awareness of the critical minority health issues that affect diverse populations of various communities.

- To serve as an important educational experience for healthcare providers, highlighting multicultural health concerns that affect both minority and non-minority populations.

What Does This Conference Hope to Accomplish?

The conference will educate health care providers and students on minority health care issues, policies, and practices. The conference will also serve as an ideal forum to communicate and network with other like-minded professionals, consultants and advisors. The organizers also hope to promote coalition building and develop solidarity amongst the different minority organizations, which often work on similar goals.

Who is Organizing the Event?

The primary host organization is the Association of Black Health-system Pharmacists. Supporting host organizations include the ASHP Advantage and several minority and health care organizations.

Who is Expected to Attend?

The programs are designed for pharmacists, nurses, physicians, social workers, psychologists, students and any other health professionals interested in minority health and health disparity issues and in updating their knowledge of recent advances in the management and treatment of diseases affecting minority patients. Several hundred people are expected to attend. The conference is being publicized nationally through the ABHP membership and website, local radio, national and local healthcare organizations and institutions, and universities across the nation.

What is the Cost of Attending the Conference?

The registration for the conference is \$200 for ABHP members, \$225 for non-members, \$80 for nurses and other allied health professionals, and \$35 for students. The registration fee includes attendance at all continuing education sessions, social functions, course materials, all food functions, refreshment breaks, and professional exhibits.

What Accommodations Have Been Made for Lodging and Travel?

All sessions and lodging will be in the Atlanta Marriott Marquis, 265 Peachtree Center Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. The guaranteed single/double room rate is **\$159.00** per night. To make reservation, call the Atlanta Marriott Marquis directly at **1-888-855-5701**. For individuals to receive the established group rate, please mention that you are part of the Association of Black Health-system Pharmacists (ABHP) conference. Reservation should be made as early as possible.

Will Continuing Education Contact Hours be Offered?

The program provides pharmacist attendees with the opportunity to earn at least 15 hours of continuing education credit approved by American Society of Health-system Pharmacists (ASHP). ASHP is an ACPE-approved provider of continuing education for pharmacists. Application is being made for continuing education credits for nurses.

Is This Conference Only for Minorities?

Absolutely not! It should be emphasized that the conference is open to all health care professionals, students and any one interested in the minority health and health disparities topics being presented.

Who is Sponsoring the Conference?

Major sponsors of the conference include numerous pharmaceutical companies, healthcare care organizations and institutions. A complete list of sponsors can be found in the sponsor's page of the program brochure and the website.

Who is Speaking at the Conference?

ABHP Minority Health Conference will highlight a broad range of topics affecting minority health, from cultural competence, minority health activism, to new treatment and modalities in managing disease prevalent in minority communities. The conference will feature a number of national and regional pharmacists, physicians, politicians, and nurse speakers, speaking on parallel perspectives on minority health and health disparities.

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(FAMU Alumni News – Release)

FAMU Pharmacy Alumnus Elected President of the Association of Black Health-System Pharmacists (archive)

Tallahassee, FL – Retired Lieutenant Colonel Jasper W. Watkins III, a 1982 graduate from Florida A&M University (FAMU) College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (COPPS) with a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy was recently elected president of the Association of Black Health-System Pharmacists (ABHP). Watkins, a native of Jacksonville, Florida, also received a masters of science in health services administration from Central Michigan University.

Watkins serves as Chief, Bureau for Statewide Pharmaceutical Services, Florida Department of Health (DOH). In his role, he manages a budget in excess of \$100 million and the provision of pharmaceutical services to all Florida Department of Health facilities. He oversees the States' Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, Florida Formulary system, assists in expansion of the States' Pharmaceutical Stockpile Program, provides technical support for all areas of pharmaceutical services related to preparedness, and coordinates with the pharmacy managers of County Health Departments and DOH during times of disaster.

His 25 years as an Army pharmacist encompassed a unique blend of administrative, operational and specialty pharmacy. While in office, Watkins made history becoming the

first African-American in the State of Florida and the Armed Forces to have completed the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Nuclear Pharmacy Residency Program and hold certification and licensure in nuclear pharmacy and a Fellowship in Medication-Use Safety.

“The nation's health care system has a "long way to go" in reducing health care disparities,” said COL Watkins. “The Association of Black Health System Pharmacist is committed not only to addressing the issues of health care disparities; but cultural competence, women’s and men’s minority health issues, better access to care for all children, and health literacy. I view our nation’s health care disparities as a personal call to action and I am honored to be selected as president and energized by the opportunity to further these and other efforts of ABHP. My goals are to first and foremost be able to elucidate the role that all pharmacist play in reducing health care disparities. Additionally, at this summers Annual Meeting and Minority Health Conference to be held at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Atlanta, Georgia on May 16 – 18, 2008, I hope to unveil ABHP’s, Minority Health Disparities Strategic Plan and establish our organization as a clearinghouse for minority health information and resources. Moreover, we look to address policies and practices related to community and public activism as it relates to awareness, planning, and action. To this end, I am and ABHP is committed.”

“COL Watkins’ long standing career as a healthcare practitioner and soldier speaks volume to his commitment to his country and to alleviating healthcare disparities among underrepresented communities,” said Henry Lewis III, dean and professor of the FAMU College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. “We congratulate him for the contributions he has made as a leader in the healthcare professions in the armed forces.”

The ABHP is a national organization of health-systems pharmacists whose mission is to promote advocacy, leadership, education, and collaboration that improve the health status and quality of life of black patients and to advance the practice of black pharmacists and serve as their collective voice on issues in the health systems.

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ABHP 2005 ANNUAL MEETING

The ABHP held it's first Annual Meeting May 20-22, 2005 in Coral Gables, Florida. *Identifying and Addressing Unique Opportunities for Patient Care* was the conference theme. A variety of stimulating presentations were given. The topics included, among others, health care disparities, cultural competence and health literacy. Participants were able to interact with noted speakers such as Evelyn Lewis, David Nganele, Jann Kennan, Angela Massey, Patricia Ayuk-Egbe, Manny Nunez, Ishmael Sharpe, Mark Woods, Lourdes Cuellar, Vincent Idemyor, Josephine Jean, and others. Visit the ABHP website at www.myabhp.org for program information and general details of the meeting.

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PREVIEW: ABHP 2005 ANNUAL MEETING

The ABHP Annual Meeting will take place May 20-22, 2005 in Miami, Florida. The City of Miami, known as the "Magic City," is recognized worldwide as an international hub. It is a world class destination known for its diverse culture and ethnicities. Whether you are a resident, or visitor, the City of Miami welcomes you to the Shiny City under the Sun.

A variety of stimulating presentations have been put together that encourages interaction and a sharing of experience between speakers and amongst participants. The program will include such topics as health care disparities, cultural competence and health literacy that will allow you to freely and actively contribute to the learning process. As a participant you will have the opportunity to meet with colleagues from all over nation to discuss the theme of the Conference: **Identifying and Addressing Unique Opportunities for Patient Care.**

Contact jclark@um-jmh.org or visit the ABHP website at www.abhponline.com for program information and general details of the meeting. We look forward to seeing you in Miami in May.

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