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## GIVING

Please continue to support the College of Pharmacy. Our funding priorities for the coming year include increased scholarship support for students, support of academic programs, and planning for a new building.

Please visit our website for additional information. <https://PHARMACY.HOWARD.EDU>  
Thank you!

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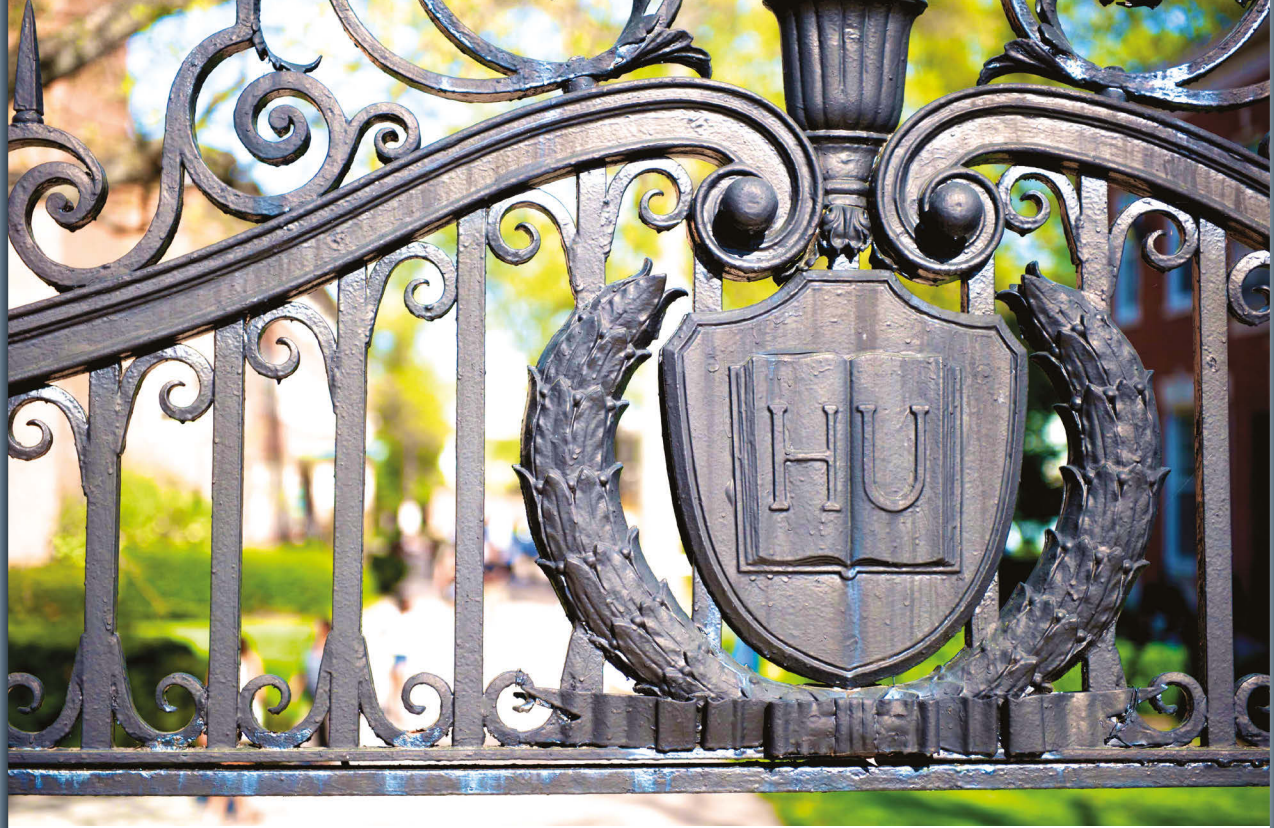
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## VISION

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Howard University College of Pharmacy strives to be a premier University in teaching, learning, research, leadership and service locally and globally.

## OUR MISSION

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The mission of Howard University College of Pharmacy is to provide pharmacy education of excellent quality to students possessing high academic, scholarship, and leadership potential, with particular emphasis upon the recruitment, retention, and graduation of promising African American and other ethnically diverse minority students.

The College fosters the creation of new knowledge through innovative research and scholarship, commitment to community service, continuous professional development, and dedication to superior pharmacy practice locally and globally.

## OUR VALUES

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**We are  
L.E.A.D.E.R.S.**

**L**eadership  
**E**xcellence  
**A**ccountability  
**D**iversity  
**E**ngagement  
**R**elationship  
**S**ervice







# ANNUAL REPORT

## DEAN'S ADDRESS

Toyin Tofade, MS, PharmD, BCPS, CPCC, FFIP  
Dean and Professor

The year has gone by quickly and I am so proud of the great work and resilience of our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends. During the past year, we conducted a virtual graduation for our students due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and remote learning environment. Despite the crisis, many faculties stepped up by serving the communities in need, participated in COVID Testing and provided consultation on COVID related matters.

I was excited to learn that 50% of participating students in the residency pool matched to a program of their choice and several secured fellowships. Many others have jobs now. Many thanks to our Career Coordinators Dr. Jacqueline Unonu and Dr. Estella Lajthia for the post graduate preparatory sessions, and Dr. Earl B. Ettienne, Director of Graduate Programs and Industry Partnerships for the fellowship preparation. We now have 17 sites in 15 countries on 5 continents for international student rotation exchanges/partnerships. Many thanks to Dr. Miranda Law, our International Rotations Coordinator for her hard work growing the international rotations program.

It has been quite a busy year. The Office of Student Affairs under the leadership of Dr. Akiyode pivoted quickly to interview prospective students to ensure we completed our admissions process. Additionally, our Non-Traditional Doctor of Pharmacy (NTDP) Program under the leadership of Dr. Karodeh is in to the second year of in-housing the curriculum. We truly appreciate the hard work of their respective teams to ensure quality processes are implemented for our students.

Our faculty, staff have been very productive this year with 35 publications, 12 presentations, and 16 grants and contracts. Our Office of Continuing Pharmacy Education received a renewal of the Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies (REMS) Grant and expanded its service to other partners. Many thanks to Prof. Bisrat Hailemeskel, Vice Chair of the Clinical and Administrative Sciences department and Ms. Anthea Francis, Continuing Education Coordinator for their great work and vision. Also, our College had a jump in ranking from #98 in 2016 to #75 in 2020. We are delighted that the great work and leadership of all our faculty, staff and students is reflecting around the nation.

We continue to engage alumni and friends through HUCOP annual receptions at the American Society for

Health System Pharmacists (ASHP) and the American Pharmacists Association (APhA). Many thanks to those who came, who joined the Dean's circle, provided general feedback on the College and sponsored students on scholarships. We are particularly grateful to our alumni who have donated time and several thousand dollars in support of the College. Our alumni giving has increased by 72% since 2016. We look forward to continuing our engagement with the strategic plan and in working with the Alumni Executives under the leadership of Dr. Ettienne, the new Alumni Association President. Thank you for all you do in your respective careers to make us proud. Please keep the support and feedback coming.

Lastly, looking ahead, I invite you to give back to the College by being a mentor or preceptor, becoming a benefactor, sharing some of your time, talent, resources and sphere of influence to help your College with the following ventures:

- Diversify the workforce with Howard alumni
- Build a \$100 million state-of-the art building for student learning, research and practice opportunities
- Increase scholarship opportunities for our students
- Create internship/employment pipeline opportunities for our talented students
- Create endowed professorships for merit
- Create faculty support resources to enable conferences and research

Join us in making these aspirations a reality or contact **Cassandra.lahey@howard.edu** to schedule a time to discuss other ways you would like to partner.

We invite you to review our website and this unique edition which highlights the ongoing work and productivity of our faculty, staff and students. It demonstrates that we are all here to lead, we are here to serve, and we are here to learn. I am very honored to be your Dean. God bless.

Yours in Service,

**We are L.E.A.D.E.R.S.**

Leadership | Excellence | Accountability | Diversity | Engagement | Relationship | Service



**“ ... in US News and World Report our College had a jump in ranking from #98 in 2016 to #75 in 2020. We are delighted that the great work and leadership of all our faculty staff and students is reflecting around the nation. ”**

— Toyin Tofade, MS, PharmD, BCPS, CPCC, FFIP  
Dean and Professor

## HUCOP HIGHLIGHTS

### Highlights



Hands-on, Tech Based, Student Focused Advising

Cutting Edge, Transformational, Interdisciplinary, Regulatory Affairs & Policy Programs



First College of Pharmacy to be Awarded the “Opioid Analgesic: Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS)” Grant: Awarded 2019 to the Office of CPE

Conducting HIV/AIDS/TB Care and Capacity Building in Sub-Saharan Africa Since 2000



Unfettered Access to Thought Leaders with Regional, National & International Influence

Capacity for 50-100% of each class to rotate Internationally



Our Mostly Online PharmD Program Re-equips Today's Practicing Pharmacists For Tomorrow's Challenges

Transformational Pre-Professional Pipeline Programs Serving Undergraduate, High, Middle & Elementary School Students from Across the Nation Since 2000



Innovative and Unique Learner Centered Diversity & Leadership Program

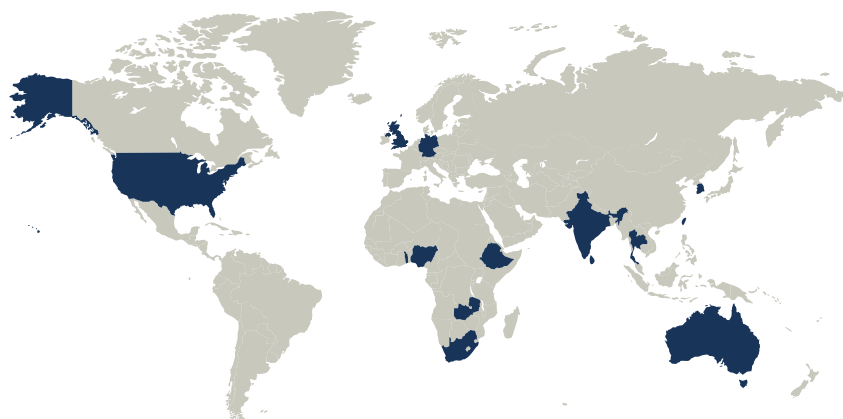
Capitol City Pharmacy Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Uniquely Established in 2013, for & by Pharmacy Professionals to Improve Public Health Preparedness.



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2019-2024



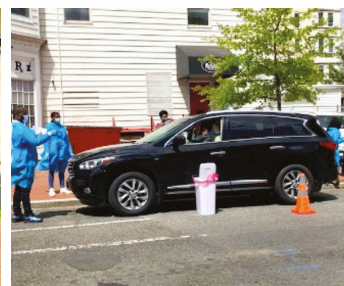
Want to Learn More? Visit Our Newly Redesigned HUCOP Website at: <https://Pharmacy.Howard.edu>

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# COVID-19 CORNER



Michael Kim, Pharm.D., RPh.,  
Owner and President of Grubbs  
Pharmacy in the District



Dr. Michael Kim, '98 Alumnus, President of Grubb's Pharmacy and Morgan Care Pharmacy collaborated with HUCOP students in partnership with HHS which offered free COVID 19 testing collections sites throughout the Washington DC area this past May 2020.

The three community pharmacies have partnered with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to provide testing to the public free of charge to help address the COVID-19 crisis. Pharmacy staff and students will provide extra support to patients during COVID-19 recovery efforts with drive-up testing.



Grubbs's Care Pharmacy offers self-administering COVID-19 Testing



Capitol City Pharmacy Medical Reserve Corps (CCPMRC), based at Howard University College of Pharmacy, partnered with the Washington, DC, Department of Human Services and Unity Healthcare to establish an emergency medication management service for the homeless. Eight pharmacy students under the leadership of Dr. Tamara McCants served about 250 homeless participants.

*Dr. Tamara McCants has dedicated her career to increasing the capacity of pharmacists to be a major contributor in the achievement of favorable health outcomes, especially for the underserved population. She is very passionate about the community, coordinating outreach programs to address HIV/AIDS, Diabetes, Immunizations and Heart Disease.*

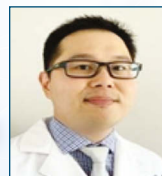
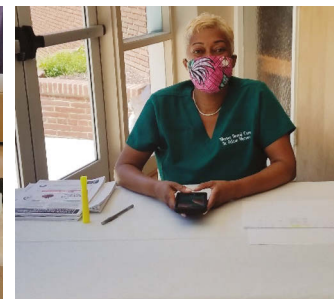
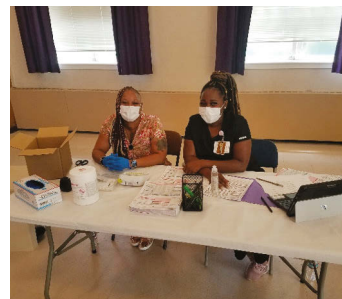
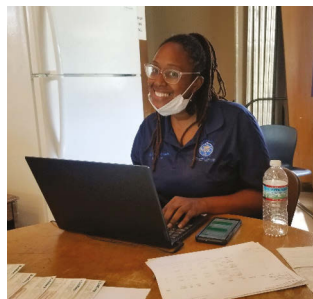




**HU at Numa Adam Building, East of the River Clinic and Pennsylvania Baptist Church**



HUCOP has been running COVID Testing Clinics in collaboration with the Faculty Practice Plan, College of Nursing and Allied Health and College of Dentistry on Tuesday's and Thursday's in the basement of the Pennsylvania Baptist Church in Southeast, DC for the months of June and July. It's Howard's 2nd site and we have tested almost 400 people in two months. Student pharmacists participated in the exercise led by Dr. Tamara McCants for the pharmacy team.



*Dhakrit (Jesse)  
Rungkitwattanukul,  
Assistant Professor  
of Pharmacy*

Dr. Rungkitwattanukul presented at the 2020 Virtual Washington Metropolitan Health System Pharmacist Continuing Education Conference. His topic focused on Medication Safety and Issues during COVID-19 Treatment.





Global panelists delivering webinar to global audience

Dr. Miranda Law led a group of colleagues from around the world to present a virtual webinar titled: **Challenging the Narrative on Leadership in Gender Equity during the COVID-19 Pandemic**. In addition, several faculty (Dr. Karodeh, Dr. Jorden, Dr. Wingate, Dr. Pather and Dr. Turner) participated in webinars to an international audience focusing on handling the impact of COVID-19 on education. Topics included:

- **Remote & Online Education in Trying Times: Sharing and Learning from Each Other: Part 1 and 2 and**
- **Remote Pharmacy Lab Courses.**

Lastly, Dr. Hailemeskel responded to requests for information by news outlets during the pandemic.

### TV INTERVIEW

**Drug Therapy Updates on COVID-19: EBS TV, Helen Show. April 21, 2020**

1. Hailemeskel B. Live RADIO interview on update in drug therapy for COVID-19. Voice of America. [www.voanews.com/radio](http://www.voanews.com/radio). March 18, 2020.
2. Hailemeskel B. Live Face Book Interview on Covid-19: Current medication updates. Posted on: <https://www.facebook.com/kidst/videos/10158220490823426/>. April 2, 2020.
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4. Hailemeskel B. Ethiopian Pharmacists and Pharmaceutical Scientists Association in Diaspora (EPPAD) and Ethiopian Pharmacy Association (EPA) Joint live Panel Discussion on Covid-19. Posted on: [https://www.facebook.com/watchparty/235914467480771/?entry\\_source=FEED](https://www.facebook.com/watchparty/235914467480771/?entry_source=FEED). May 8, 2020.



# STUDENT LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE EVENTS

## PRESENTING THE 2020-2021 – STUDENT CPSC BOARD MEMBERS ELECT

*Congratulations to*

Nadia Ahmed, our third year PharmD student on being elected CPSC Board Member President for 2020-2021 and all CPSC elected student leaders on your success and achievements.

### College of Pharmacy Student Committee Board Members 2020-2021



**Nadia Ahmed**  
*President*



**Jennifer Duru**  
*Vice President*



**Lorraine Aboagye**  
*Secretary*



**Jessica Nwabuoku**  
*Treasurer*



**Emmanuel Oppong**  
*Election Liaison*



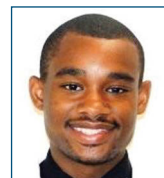
**Okunade Olateru-Olagbegi**  
*HUSA Senate Representative*



**Michelle Boateng**  
*HUSA Senate Representative*



**Andrea Bush**  
*GSA Representative*



**Willis Marsh**  
*GSA Representative*

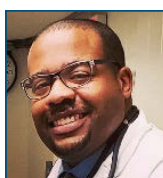
### Class Presidents for 2020-2023



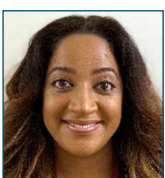
**Amber Perrier**  
*2021 President*



**Samuel Saryee**  
*2022 President*



**Brian Hurdle**  
*2023 President*



**Secret Wagner**  
*2024 President*







## HUCOP Celebrates International Night with Students, Faculty & Staff

### INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATION

On International Night, students and faculty cooked dishes from their countries for a relaxing study break. They socialized, dressed the part and immersed their palates with foods from around the world. This event was an opportunity for student entrepreneurs to showcase their business and sell their products during International Night.



*Everyone enjoyed the different foods and cultures that were represented.*

Students, faculty & staff enjoyed International Night!



## Student Engagement with Dean and Staff



### Superbowl with the Dean

#### **HUCOP Students shared Pizza and conversations with the Dean**

at our "Pizza with the Dean Super Bowl Madness Event", held January 2020. During the celebrations, Faculty, staff, and students participated with HUCOP trivia and were awarded prizes on their knowledge of HUCOP







HU Script Your Future with students and faculty



## HU Script Your Future Chapter Receives Rookie Award

HUCOP participated in the 2020 Medication Adherence Team Challenge hosted at the NBC 4 Health & Fitness Expo. The Team Challenge is a two-month long inter-collegiate competition among health profession student teams and faculty to raise awareness about the consequences of medication nonadherence.

The Medication Adherence Team Challenge is an integral part of Script Your Future (SYF), a campaign launched by the National Consumers League and its partners in 2011, to combat the problem of poor medication adherence in the United States, where nearly three out of four patients do not take their medication as directed. Non-adherence puts patients, especially those with chronic conditions, such as diabetes or asthma, at risk for serious complications.

HUCOP Script Your Future team kicked off the challenge by hosting their first major outreach event at the NBC 4 Health and Fitness Expo 2020. Several students and faculty participated at the expo by offering free blood pressure, blood glucose, and blood cholesterol screenings. In addition, our "Ask your Pharmacist" booth lead by faculty and pharmacy residents provided education on medication adherence for all participants. This was a collaboration with Howard University Hospital, College of Medicine and College of Dentistry. Our pharmacy students had the opportunity to work side by side with other health

professional students. Additionally, Script Your Future - Howard University (SYF-HU) Team in collaboration with the School of Social work visited the Adam's Place Drop-In Center for the Homeless in early February 2020. The shelter regularly provides services for the homeless populations in the district including anything from showers to career counseling. Our students along with Dr. Tamara McCants added these services by providing adherence counseling and support to groups of participants.

HUCOP Script Your Future (SYF) received the **Rookie award** for their efforts all thanks to the faculty, students and staff that worked hard to make it possible.



To get all the latest updates on **HUCOP SYF** (ScriptYourFutureHoward) please follow us on:



@syfhoward and on



@SYFHoward

<https://www.scriptyourfuture.org/>

# EDUCATION INNOVATION USING VR AT HUCOP



**(L to R) Dr. Simon Wang; Dr. Salome Weaver;  
Dr. Yolanda McKoy-Beach**



Dr. Simon Wang, Dr. Salome Weaver and Dr. Yolanda McKoy-Beach are using Virtual reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) to transform the way education is delivered at HUCOP. Dr. Wang started by creating an elective course to allow students to better understand the intricacies of VR and AR. He has also presented roundtables and posters at the AACP national meeting that has garnered lots of interest. Recently he led a collaboration with faculty from Virginia Commonwealth University to offer a webinar on "Make It V-Real: Incorporating

Virtual and Augmented Reality Technologies into PharmD Curriculum to Improve Content Delivery and Student Performance" VR and AR are innovative technologies enabling the overlay of digital information over a simulated VR or real world AR. At Howard, faculty are using VR and AR in the evolution of 21st-century education. Faculty are using VR and AR in their curricula to improve content delivery and enhance student performance. The office of student affairs also introduced the VR-based program to the candidates at our prospective student interviews.

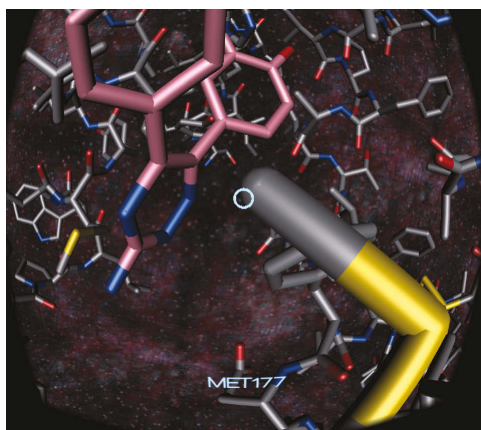




VR and AR are the evolution of 21st-century education. Faculty are using VR and AR in their curricula to improve content delivery and enhance student performance.



VR\_Chemical Safety Training



VR\_a2ar\_Ligand



Views by students in classroom for PharmD



# *Honoring* DR. OLU OLUSANYA

## FOR OVER 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE

*Thank you for your service!*

**// My decision to become a Pharmacist was not by accident, it was rather a determination to complete a profession which my father embarked on but could not complete due to some unprecedented circumstances.**

After completing my Higher School Certificate and two years advanced courses in science post regular High School education in Nigeria, I was admitted to Howard University in Fall 1967 and enrolled in the College of Pharmacy. Howard University offered me the best I could wish for. Tuition was only \$250.00 per semester and for the five-year program, my incurred educational expenses was less than \$5000.00. For this, I am eternally grateful to HU for considering that I was a private self-supporting student. That year, there were thirty-two students in my freshman class and in fact that was the largest class that ever enrolled in Pharmacy at that time. Orientation was conducted by Dean Chauncey Cooper, the first Dean of College of Pharmacy, a stern, no nonsense father figure caring person. After his pleasantry welcoming statement, his next statement was, and I quote "look right look left some of you may not be back next semester" a statement an educator will dare not utter today. He was right. Three students did not show up for the spring semester.

The College was blessed with a small number of dedicated and caring faculty most of blessed memories: Dr. Ken Scott, Dr. Leonard Rice, Dr. Roy C. Darlington, Mr. Narendra Shah, Dr. Govind Kapadia, Mr. Floyd White, Mr. James Tyson, Dr. Manoha Sethi and Dr. James Coleman. I'm grateful for their contributions to my pharmacy education.

Fast forward, I obtained my Bachelor of Pharmacy (BS. Pharmacy) in May 1972 and got admitted into the University of Minnesota PharmD program and my class of nine students was the second cohort of the clinical program in the College of Pharmacy. In the early 70s, clinical programs were at its infancy and only few schools offered it as an add on program. I completed the program in May 1974 and joined HU College of Pharmacy on July 1st. 1974 and 2020 will be my 46th year on the faculty at HU. I was one of three clinical faculty hired to develop and implement the clinical program in the college and



that was not an easy task. Didactic clinical courses and rotation sites were developed and just imagine/visualize three clinical faculty members providing clinical rotations for over 50 students, it was a daunting task. Years later, we were able to recruit additional clinical faculty members and since then, I have served in different roles/capacities in the college. Name it, I have done it. The most challenging role was the Department Chairman position which I was appointed to in 1987 by Dean Wendell Hill (blessed memories) and completed in January 2017. The beginning was rough for me for many reasons, which are best not to enumerate at this time, and I would like to thank Dr. Beverly Mims for her unflinching support during that period. The biggest challenge I had was to attract and recruit erudite faculty members to name a few -Dr. Anthony Wutoh who is now the University Provost and Chief Academic Officer of the University, Dr. Daphne Bernard who is now Assistant Provost for Assessment and Accreditation, Dr. Joseph Ofosu the founding Dean of St. Joseph University College of Pharmacy in Connecticut and Dr. Fred Lombardo who holds the highest number of Pharmacy Board Certifications in the US. My other accomplishments were the cooperative service agreement with Washington Hospital Center Department of Pharmacy to provide didactic clinical instructions as well as clinical rotations for our students. We embedded Clinical Faculty members at Children's hospital, VA Medical Center in Washington DC, Providence Hospital, Greater South East Community Hospital, DC General Hospital and Kaiser Permanente. These arrangements expanded our clinical rotations offerings for our students. For me, serving the faculty in my department and the College was my number one priority and I thank all the Deans that I have served in the capacity as Department Chairman for 29 years for their cooperation.

— Thank you,  
Olu Olusanya





# COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP

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**U.S. News**  
& WORLD REPORT

**GRAD SCHOOL HEALTH RANKINGS**



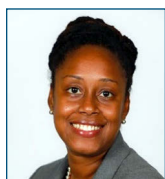
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**The College of Pharmacy Ranked #75 in U.S. News Grad School Health Rankings** in March of 2020.

This was up from a ranking of #98 in 2016. This reflects the hard work and collective leadership endeavors of faculty students and staff at the college.

*There are 146 colleges and schools of Pharmacy in the US. Each school's score reflects its average rating on a scale from 1 (marginal) to 5 (outstanding), based on a survey of academics at peer institutions.*

For more information on the Best Grad Schools please visit: [www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com)



Howard University College of Pharmacy Tamara McCants, PharmD, has been selected by Mayor Muriel Bowser as the chairwoman of the District of Columbia Board of Pharmacy, the third woman in a row from the College of Pharmacy to hold the position.

For full story, please visit: <https://pharmacy.howard.edu/>

## Dean Tofade Speaks to the Ministry of Higher Education of Angola

Representatives from the Ministry of Higher Education of Angola as well as representatives from a few Angolan universities visited HU Bunche Center (Center for African Studies) last Nov. Their trip was coordinated primarily by an HU alum who is posted to the US Embassy there and who organized a college fair of which HU was the only institution to send representatives. They also met with various universities and explored possible areas of collaboration. Members of the Angolan delegation were in DC participating in the Assn. of Int'l. Education Administrators (AIEA) annual conference and they requested a visit to HU to continue exploring ways to partner before moving on to Philadelphia and Houston to meet with universities in those cities. They specifically requested to be connected with Dean Tofade who spoke to the representatives the same day.



## Walmart 2020 Mentor and Scholar recipient from HUCOP



**Adam Hussain, PharmD** (left)



**Salome Bwayo Weaver, PharmD, BCGP** (right)

AACP and Walmart are committed to helping colleges and schools of pharmacy ensure there is an adequate number of well-prepared individuals who aspire to join the faculty at our institutions across the country. The goal of the scholarship

program is to strengthen the recipient's skills and commitment to a career in academic pharmacy through their participation at the AACP Annual Meeting.



### Dean Tofade was named the 2020 recipient of the A. Richard Bliss Jr. Grand Council Citation of Appreciation Award, given by Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Inc.

*The Bliss Award*, usually given during the APhA Annual meeting, is Kappa Psi's highest award presented as recognition for extraordinary contributions to the Profession. Dean Tofade's achievements at Howard University and work with international pharmacy organizations inspired the students to nominate her for this award.



### Dr. Monika Daftary Awarded The Richard Parrish Lecture Award

On February 8, 2020, the Annual Winter Business Meeting was held at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Maryland. Dr. Monika Daftary was awarded the The Richard Parrish Lecture Award for her exemplary leadership. The annual Richard Parrish Lecture Award is DC-CCP's highest distinction. It is awarded to an individual who exemplifies leadership in clinical pharmacy, by providing significant and sustained contributions in or for clinical pharmacy at the regional or national level. This award was presented by Memar Ayalew, PharmD, President, DC-CCP 2019- 2020, Infectious Diseases Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Antimicrobial Stewardship Program Lead Pharmacist, Walter Reed National Military Medical.







## 2020 – 2021 Cohort 17 American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Academic Leadership Fellowship Program

Dr. Oluwaranti Akiyode has been selected to participate in the 2020 – 2021 Cohort 17 American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Academic Leadership Fellowship Program. This is a yearlong highly selective program reserved for individuals with particular interest in a career in academic administration.

## HUCOP CPE Office Wins Opioid Analgesic REMS Grant for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Time



**Dr. Bisrat Hailemeskel** (left)



**Ms. Anthea Francis** (right)

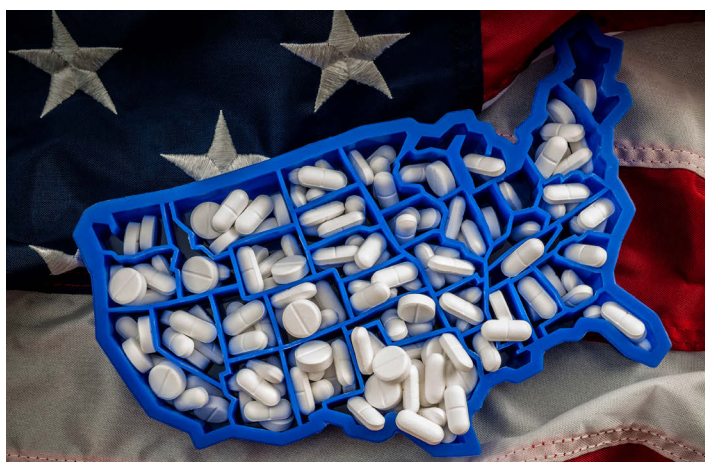
Congratulations to Dr. Bisrat Hailemeskel, Ms. Anthea Francis, and several Howard faculty members who participated along with other local pharmacy associations:

- Ethiopian Pharmacists and Pharmaceutical Scientists Association in the Diaspora (EPPAD)
- Washington DC Pharmacy Association (WDCPhA)
- Global Rph (GRAPH)
- American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP)

HUCOP Office of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) is awarded a 2<sup>nd</sup> year of funding for the Opioid Analgesic REMS Grant.

FDA/RPC - The Opioid Analgesic REMS Program Companies (RPC) has approved funding for a total amount of \$117,781.00 for an Educational grant for: Program Title: Howard University Second Opioid Symposium and Naloxone Administration Training for Pharmacy Professionals. The goal of the grant is to hold education symposium and training programs for pharmacy professionals and other healthcare colleagues regarding pain management and proper use of long acting opioids.

The Opioid Analgesic Risk Evaluation Mitigation Strategies (REMS) was designed to ensure that the benefits of opioid analgesics used in the

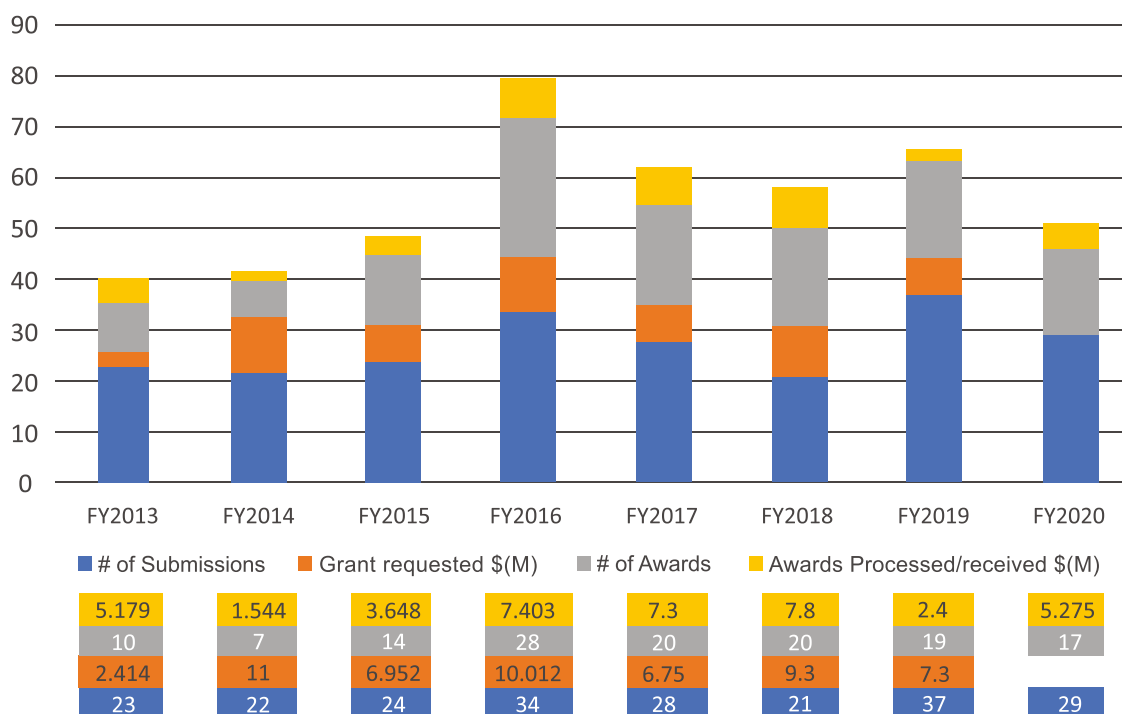


outpatient setting outweigh the risks (in patients whose clinicians have determined opioid analgesics to be an appropriate treatment option). The FDA has required manufacturers of opioid analgesics to make education available for providers of these medications. These manufacturers have developed and are implementing this REMS through a consortium known as the REMS Program Companies (RPC). RPC-supported REMS education is provided through accredited continuing education (CE) activities supported by independent educational grants from the RPC. The FDA has developed an Opioid Analgesic REMS Education Blueprint for Health Care Providers Involved in the Treatment and Monitoring of Patients with Pain ("FDA Blueprint") on which the content of these accredited CE activities is based. For more information please visit: <https://ce.opioidanalgesicrems.com/RpcCEUI/continuingEducationProviders.u>

# RESEARCH ACTIVITY (GRANTS & CONTRACTS)

## GRANT PRODUCTIVITY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

### Grant Awards Received at HUCOP (2013-2020)



## Grant Awards

1. Daftary MN. Co-Principal Investigator (Principal Investigator: Linda Frank, PhD – University of Pittsburgh) MidAtlantic AIDS Education and Training Center- Howard University Regional Partner Site - subcontract from University of Pittsburgh. Year: 7/1/2019 – 6/30/2020. Amount: \$263,000.
2. Daftary MN. Co-Principal Investigator (Principal Investigator: Linda Frank, PhD – University of Pittsburgh) MidAtlantic AIDS Education and Training Center- Howard University Regional Partner Site - subcontract from University of Pittsburgh. FY 2019-2020 Ending the HIV Epidemic (EtHE) Initiative Year: 7/1/2019 – 6/30/2020. Amount: \$38,000.
3. Daftary MN. Co-Principal Investigator (Principal Investigator: Linda Frank, PhD – University of Pittsburgh) MidAtlantic AIDS Education and Training Center - Howard University Regional Partner Site - subcontract from University of Pittsburgh. FY 2020 – 2021 COVID-19 and HIV. Year: 4/1/2020 – 3/31/2021. Amount: \$40,000.
4. Drame I. Role: Co-Investigator. DC Department of Health Care Transformation Grant. Improving Outcomes for Young Women in Primary Care. Year: 2019-2021. Amount: \$350,000.





- 5.** Ettienne E. Role: Principal Investigator. FDA, Fellowship in Regulatory Affairs and Policy Grant, 2020 Amount: \$20,000.
- 6.** Ettienne E. Role: Principal Investigator. GSK Funded, Howard/Glaxo/FDA Regulatory Affairs & Policy Fellowship Grant July 2018-June 2020 Amount: nondisclosed.
- 7.** Ettienne E. Role: Principal Investigator. COPI, Lilly, Making Medicines: The Process of Drug Development Courseware Grant July 2017 – 2020 Amount: \$50,000.
- 8.** Ettienne, E. Role: Principal Investigator. Pfizer, Howard University/ Pfizer Pharmaceuticals Regulatory Affairs/Policy Fellowship Grant July 2015 – June 2020 Amount: \$240,000.
- 9.** Hailemeskel B. Role: Principal Investigator. Food & Drug Administration (FDA)/RPC: The Opioid Analgesic REMS Program Companies: 2nd Cycle. Grant ID: EG-000373 Year: 2020 – 2021. Amount: \$117,781.00
- 10.** Karla PK. (Center Director and Collaborator), Southerland W. Role: Principal Investigator – Howard University Research Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities (2U54MD007597-31) –Howard University RCMI Grant- June 2014 – Mar. 2023 (\$ 2225 support received in Nov, Dec 2019).
- 11.** Karla PK. Role: Principal Investigator. SBIR / STTR RCMI Research Grant Award for Business Partnerships - Method of Treating an Ocular Disease and Compositions Effective for Treating an Ocular Disease – July 2018 – Nov. 2019 (\$ 2,000)
- 12.** McCants T. Role: Principal Investigator. Implementation of A Community Pharmacy Residency Program funded by Walgreens. Year: July 2019 – June 2020. Amount: \$50,000
- 13.** McCants T. Role: Principal Investigator (Co-Investigators: La'Marcus Wingate, Miranda Law). Managed Care Pharmacy PGY1 Residency Program funded by Trusted Health Plan. Year: July 2019 – June 2020. Amount: \$150,000
- 14.** McCants T. Role Principal Investigator (Co-Investigator: Malaika Turner). HU Pharmacy Initiative Outreach \$39,838 proposal funded by DC Health, Community Health Administration. Year: March 2020 – September 2020. Amount: \$39,838.
- 15.** Tofade, T. Role: Principal Investigator. Co-director Dr. Mary Maneno Director Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Centers Of Excellence grant (COE) D34HP16042-09-00 Award amount \$664,327/700,000 annually for 5 years.
- 16.** Tofade, T. Role: Principal Investigator. Co-director Dr. Mary Maneno Director Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Centers Of Excellence grant (COE) COVID Grant 1 T1NHP391640100 Award amount \$150,000 June 2020.

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9. Leo Eyombo, Bisrat Hailemeskel, Rupa Misra, Roberta Hollander, Andrea Bush, Raad Khan, Renee Murray Bachman. The Challenges surrounding the Collections of Copayment. Poster presentation. RCMI 2019 National Conference. Bethesda, MD Dec 15-17. Abstract #38.01.002
10. Lisa Nissen and Toyin Tofade. Leadership Styles and understanding personalities. 2nd Young Pharmacists Group Leadership Development Training. 79th FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences 2019, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
11. Tofade T. Creating a workforce 'fit' for future needs. Innovative use of technology in pharmacy education to provide solutions to HR needs. 3rd National Pharmacy Conference, Sun City, North West, South Africa. October 2019
12. Toyin Tofade and Lisa Nissen. Know Yourself, Know Your People – Engaging Teams Effectively. AACP 2019 Pharmacy Education Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL



# STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS



## Congratulations to Dr. McCants, Students, Faculty, and Staff for Finalizing Partnership with CPESN to Have a Chapter Here at the HU College of Pharmacy

CPESN is a clinically integrated network of community pharmacies that coordinates patient care with broader care teams to provide medication optimization activities and enhanced services for high-risk patients. We look forward to serving together.

HU COP is excited to share in partnership with **Washington DC Pharmacy Association (WDCPhA)**. This relationship is part of our strategic engagement of building organization specific relationships. Through this alignment, we



have an opportunity to impact profession related legislation as a Pharmily.



## Our Partnership with GSK and the FDA in Hosting a Fellowship in Regulatory Affairs and Policy Has Been Successful.

We are beginning the 3rd year of the fellowship and congratulate Dr. Adaobi Anyiwo for setting the standard while successfully completing her 2-year fellowship. Additionally, we would like to thank all of our collaborators at GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) and the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) for taking the time to train these fellows. PharmD students graduating from HUCOP with a strong interest in regulatory affairs and policy are eligible to apply by sending an interest note to Dr. Earl Ettienne at [earl.ettienne@howard.edu](mailto:earl.ettienne@howard.edu)



GSK fellows and mentors

## HUCOP Has Committed to Global Health and Health Disparities to Pursue International Research in Ghana and Ethiopia

Dr. Ettienne has led groups of student research trainees in projects aimed at using pharmacogenomic testing to improve clinical decision support in comorbid depression, diabetes, asthma management, and the use of traditional medicine. His work resulted in him being sought to present at major conferences and he is leading an effort to build and maintain a genomic-guided registry at Howard University with the support of the District of Columbia Government. He is also passionate about regulatory affairs and is leading efforts to advance Regulatory Affairs and Policy Education in Partnership with Pfizer Pharmaceutical companies.



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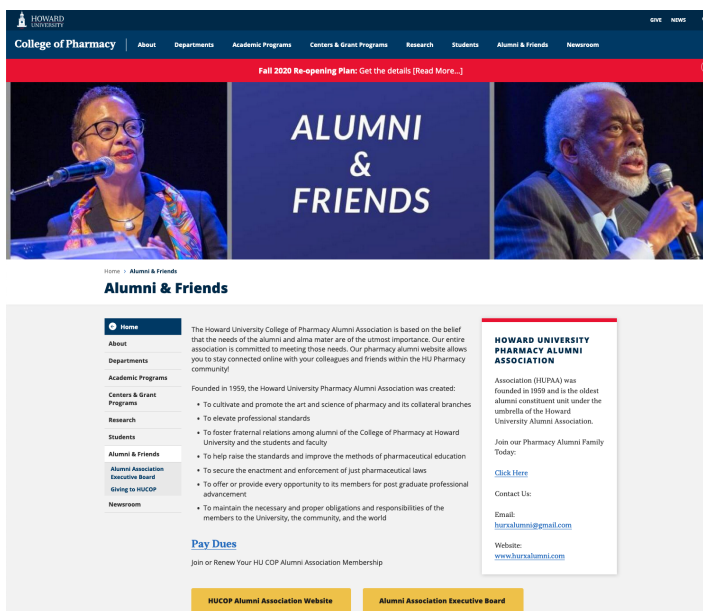
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Dr. Ettienne was elected to be the new HU Alumni Association President, December 2019. He is a licensed pharmacist, pharmacy and healthcare executive, researcher and Associate Professor. He holds:

- Pharmacy degree from Howard University College of Pharmacy,
- Residency Certificate in Clinical and Administrative Pharmacy from The Mt. Sinai Medical Center, New York,
- Master's in Business Administration from Loyola University, Maryland and
- Doctorate in Law and Policy from Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts.

His doctoral work included using econometric analyses to make policy decisions at the country level. He is currently the Director of Graduate Programs and Industry Partnerships and an Associate Professor in Clinical and Administrative Pharmacy Sciences at the Howard University

College of Pharmacy, serves on the University's Institutional Review Board, is published, and is currently developing innovative programs at the graduate level in pharmacy surrounding genomics, policy and regulatory affairs.



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# ALUMNUS ACHIEVEMENTS



## We Congratulate Dr. Andrew Gentles HUCOP 2007 Alumni On His Appointment to the APhA's Board of Trustee

LCDR Andrew Gentles is a United States Public Health Service (USPHS) Officer currently stationed at the Food and Drug Administration as a Regulatory Project Manager in the Division of Antiviral Products. In this current role, he provides regulatory guidance for an active research portfolio of drug products focused on the treatment and prevention of viral infectious diseases such as:

- HIV,
- Hepatitis and
- Influenza.

LCDR Gentles holds a degree in Biological Sciences from Florida International University and graduated from the Howard University College of Pharmacy with a Doctor of Pharmacy in 2008. With over 10 years of practice experience, he successfully completed an ASHP Pharmacy Practice Residency at Emory St. Joseph's Hospital in Atlanta, GA and is a Board-Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist with emphasis in viral infectious diseases.

A resident of the District of Columbia and advocate, LCDR Gentles played a pivotal role in the passage of regulations for the Collaborative Care Expansion Amendment Act that was signed into law in 2012 by the Mayor of the District of Columbia and 112th Congress of the United States. This historic legislative victory in 2018 now advances the profession of pharmacy for over 2,000 licensed pharmacists and increases access to care for the 600,000 residents in the District. LCDR Gentles also became the first PHS officer to serve as the President of the Washington DC Pharmacy Association (WDCPhA) from 2017-2018, a state pharmacy association which promotes, enhances and advocates on behalf of the pharmacy community. Upon completion of his term, LCDR Gentles was awarded the 2018 National Community Pharmacist Association (NCPA) Leadership Award in recognition of the success surrounding advocacy for underserved communities and impact on issues that will further advance the entire pharmacy community in the District of Columbia.

For more information please visit:

[https://www.news-line.com/PH\\_news30362\\_APhA-Announces-Results-of-2020-Board-Elections](https://www.news-line.com/PH_news30362_APhA-Announces-Results-of-2020-Board-Elections)



## Wanda Hill Featured as the HUPAA Alumni Spotlight

Wanda Hill is Vice President, US Regulatory Affairs within GSK's global regulatory affairs organization. Her organization is accountable for regulatory operations that include advertising and promotion, advocacy and policy development, and labeling for GSK's mature product portfolio in support of the US, the major commercial market for GSK.

a member of Kappa Epsilon Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Editor of The Black Apothecary and a member of the Academy of Students of Pharmacy. In addition, Wanda received the HUCOPPS Annual Faculty Award; The Bristol Award; APhA-ASP Award; Burroughs-Wellcome Company Scholarship and was recognized as an Outstanding Young Women of America.

Wanda is a 1990 graduate of the Howard University College of Pharmacy. She was a Rho Chi and Golden Key Honor Society inductee,

For more if information please visit:

<https://www.hurxalumni.com/alumni-spotlight/>



Grubb's Pharmacy SE in Anacostia hosted The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) where Deputy Surgeon General Rear Admiral Erica G. Schwartz was in attendance to learn about how community pharmacy is helping to support the Ending of HIV Epidemic initiative.

Dr. Michael Kim is an entrepreneurial pharmacist and currently owns multiple pharmacies in the District of Columbia and Maryland. Dr. Kim has been the recipient of several awards since graduation including the:

- Bowl of Hygieia award,
- Distinguished Young Pharmacist award,
- Howard University College of Pharmacy Alumnus of the Year award, and the
- Washington DC Pharmacy Association Pharmacist of the Year.

He has been featured in multiple pharmacy publications and has been interviewed by many news media such as CNN, NBC, ABC and NPR. Dr. Kim is the current Chairman of the Care Pharmacies Board of Directors, Vice President of NCPA and sits on many other Boards and committees.

Dr. Kim received his Pharm.D. from Howard University in 1998 and was part of the first ever entry-level Pharm.D. class to graduate from the College of Pharmacy.



*Dr. Michael Kim & Deputy Surgeon General Rear Admiral Erica G. Schwartz pose for selfie at Grubbs Pharmacy*

*Learn more:*

**<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/03/03/health-mart-independent-pharmacies-donate-their-dispensing-services-to-hhs-to-support-the-ending-the-hiv-epidemic-initiative.html>**



### Deputy Surgeon General

HHS Office of the Secretary — As Deputy Surgeon General, Rear Admiral (RADM) Erica G. Schwartz advises and supports the Surgeon General regarding operations of the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) Commissioned Corps and in communicating the best available scientific information to advance the health of the nation.

*Deputy Surgeon General Rear Admiral Erica G. Schwartz*

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