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AACP to Honor Pharmacy Institution for Outstanding Community Service

The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACCP) has established a new awards program which will honor one college or school of pharmacy for demonstrating a major institutional commitment to addressing unmet community needs through education, practice and research. The inaugural AACCP Institutional Award for Outstanding Community Service will be selected by the AACCP Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the AACCP Argus Commission.

To be given annually, the award highlights community service as an important element of the academic mission and singles out institutions that can serve as examples of social responsiveness on the part of the academic medical community. Their commitment to community service is demonstrated through the development of exceptional programs that go well beyond the traditional service role of academic pharmacy.

“Our faculty and students, individually and collectively, provide an amazing amount of service to diverse publics with the impact felt in improved health status and enhanced access to quality health services,” said Lucinda L. Maine, Ph.D., AACCP executive vice president and CEO. “We hope this recognition program illuminates these efforts well beyond the communities served.”

The winning college or school of pharmacy will be honored at the 2009 AACCP Interim Meeting in Arlington, Va., and will receive a commemorative prize and financial stipend of \$5,000 to be distributed to community partners to support the continuation or expansion of their collaboration. Up to three individuals from the institution will also receive travel support to attend the meeting.

For more information about the inaugural AACCP Institutional Award for Outstanding Community Service, visit the AACCP Web site at www.aacp.org and access the For Students and Applicants section or the For Faculty section.

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About AACCP

The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy is a national organization whose mission is to serve its member colleges, schools and their faculties by acting as their advocate on a national level. Comprising all 105 U.S. colleges and schools of pharmacy including more than 4,300 faculty, 48,500 students enrolled in professional programs and 3,600 individuals pursuing graduate study, AACCP is committed to excellence in pharmacy education.