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AACP's Senior Director of Academic Affairs Chosen for Prestigious ASAE Diversity Leadership Program

The [American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy](#) is proud to announce the selection of Senior Director of Academic Affairs Cecilia M. Plaza, Pharm.D., Ph.D., as an [ASAE Diversity Executive Leadership Program](#) (DELP) Scholar for 2017-2019. Plaza is the first pharmacist to participate in the program.

DELP is a two-year program that supports 12 individuals from under-represented identity groups to advance into the ranks of leadership in the association management profession. DELP scholars participate in an accelerated leadership program of education, mentoring and volunteer service in the association community. Plaza was selected from nearly 70 applicants.

"I am honored and humbled to be selected as a 2017-2019 ASAE DELP Scholar, which focuses on increasing the representation of under-represented groups, such as LGBT and/or disabled individuals," said Plaza. "This program will give me a broader perspective in association management and improve my skills as a leader within AACP. I want to use DELP program content to better equip myself to help our members in areas of diversity."

Plaza also serves as the director for the Center for the Advancement of Pharmacy Education (CAPE). Her activities in the area of academic affairs focus on curricular and institutional quality improvement, institutional research, assessment and accreditation and the *American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education*. Plaza has given numerous presentations on various educational topics such as curricular mapping, the role of pharmacists in LGBTQ health, student reflective portfolios, and the CAPE educational outcomes. She currently serves on the ASAE Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

"Cecilia has emerged as a leader during her 11 years at AACP. Her contributions to pharmacy education and the profession, including CAPE Competency revisions and our Entrustable Professional Activities, will serve the profession and the public for years to come," said Lucinda L. Maine, R.Ph., Ph.D., AACP executive vice president and CEO. "Recently, she has invested more of her time identifying colleagues in and out of pharmacy committed to working for health equity and to better inform health professionals and educators to enhance their ability to meet the needs of these diverse populations. Her experience in DELP will help AACP organizationally to deepen our commitment to act upon inclusivity as one of our core values."

For the past 17 years, DELP has been sponsored by the Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau (DMCVB).

About AACP

Founded in 1900, AACP is the national organization representing the interests of pharmacy education. AACP is comprised of 140 accredited colleges and schools with pharmacy degree programs, including more than 6,600 faculty, 64,300 students enrolled in professional programs and 6,000 individuals pursuing graduate study. To learn more about AACP, visit www.aacp.org.