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PRESS RELEASE
Dr. Latasha Weeks Receives
NPhA Young Pharmacist Award

Chicago, IL – Dr. Latasha Weeks was awarded the National Pharmaceutical Association (NPhA) Young Pharmacist Award at the 62nd NPhA Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting was held in Chicago, IL, July 17th – July 20th, 2009, at the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile.

The NPhA Young Pharmacist Award recognizes individuals with eager and effective participation in the affairs of the Association and contributions to the profession. Recipients of this award must be a licensed pharmacist practitioner who has been in the profession for a minimum of five (5) years and has been an active NPhA member.

Dr. Weeks is currently a Clinical Account Manager with First Health Services Corporation where she provides clinical and managed care services to the District of Columbia and Montana Medicaid Programs. Dr. Weeks is also a Clinical Assistant Professor and Pharmacist Coordinator for an Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience (IPPE) course at the University of Maryland, School of Pharmacy.

After obtaining a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and a Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology from the University of Maryland, College Park, she received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy.

Dr. Weeks has received a number of honors and awards, including the 2008 Terrence Burroughs Pharmacy Leadership Award. Dr. Weeks has held a number of professional leadership positions including Secretary for the Maryland Pharmaceutical Society (MPhS), National Secretary for the Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA), and Chapter President of SNPhA at the University of Maryland.

At the present time, she is the Vice-President for MPhS. Most recently, Dr. Weeks was elected as a member of the Board of Directors for the Association of Black Health-System Pharmacists (ABHP) as well as the Board Liaison for the ABHP Council on Professional Affairs. In addition to her involvement with MPhS, NPhA, and ABHP, Dr. Weeks also belongs to a number of other professional pharmacy organizations including Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy, American Society of Consultant Pharmacists, and the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists.

The National Pharmaceutical Association, founded in 1947, is the oldest and largest professional society representing the views and ideals of minority pharmacists on critical issues affecting health care and pharmacy. NPhA is a leader in the pharmaceutical care arena that addresses socio-economic issues affecting the individual patient and advances the standards of care in all practice settings.

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