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Lanita White, Pharm.D., Named to Diversity Task Force of American Society of Health-System Pharmacists

LITTLE ROCK — Lanita White, Pharm.D., recently was selected by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) to serve on its ASHP Task Force on Racial Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. White is an assistant dean for student affairs in the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) College of Pharmacy.

Starting this month, the 18-member task force will assess the society's efforts in the areas of racial diversity, equity and inclusion as they relate to issues facing Black Americans, and make related recommendations on new or enhanced efforts in governance, education, research, advocacy and communications.

White earned her doctorate in pharmacy in 2006 from Xavier University of Louisiana College of Pharmacy in New Orleans and completed a residency in pharmacy practice in 2007 followed by a second residency in ambulatory care in 2009 at the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System.

She was the founding director of the UAMS 12th Street Center Health & Wellness Center and built relationships between the center and university and community groups. Under her leadership starting in 2012, the center provided a venue for no-cost, student-led interprofessional care for the surrounding medically underserved community.

UAMS is the state's only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; hospital; a main campus in Little Rock; a Northwest Arkansas regional campus in Fayetteville; a statewide network of regional campuses; and seven institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Psychiatric Research Institute, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging, Translational Research Institute and Institute for Digital Health & Innovation. UAMS includes UAMS Health, a statewide health system that encompasses all of UAMS' clinical enterprise including its hospital, regional clinics and clinics it operates or staffs in cooperation with other providers. UAMS is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. *U.S. News & World Report* named UAMS Medical Center the state's Best Hospital; ranked its ear, nose and throat program among the top 50 nationwide; and named six areas as high performing — cancer, colon cancer surgery,

heart failure, hip replacement, knee replacement and lung cancer surgery. UAMS has 2,727 students, 870 medical residents and five dental residents. It is the state's largest public employer with more than 10,000 employees, including 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS, its regional campuses, Arkansas Children's Hospital, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health. Visit www.uams.edu or www.uamshealth.com. Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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