

Dr. Anthony K. Wutoh

Visionary and Leadership Annual Scholarship

Introduction

"Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, and sorry I could not travel both. And be one traveler, long I stood, And looked down one as far as I could. To where it bent in the undergrowth...I shall be telling this with a sigh, Somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I- I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference." (Robert Frost). Leadership is a commitment to self and others to accomplish an objective or often more importantly strengthen and inspire a cohort of participants. "Leaders" are not born but are made and confirmed by their constituents. Often leaders possess a unique set of skills and attributes that attracts others to entrust responsibilities. During life we are blessed with people that cross our paths, that introduce concepts, lasting practices, and motivate us to care for others as we would members of our immediate family. We coin this practice in theory as moral excellence. Persons that embody these characteristics rise as leaders in crisis situations, but more importantly have vision that far exceeds their lifetime. Dr. Anthony Wutoh a trained biochemist, pharmacist, and researcher saw two paths in life. Guided by faith he took the road less glamorous, appealing, recognized and compensated. As Robert Frost speaks about so eloquently, our friend, professor, primary investigator, mentor, Dean, and colleague, Dr. Anthony Wutoh had enough courage to take the road less traveled by, making the difference in the lives of those near to us and those far away. With great and high honor, this 'Visionary and Leadership Annual Scholarship' is named after Dr. Anthony Wutoh to recognize his efforts and vision of paving the way for the next generation of leaders.

Biography

Dr. Anthony Wutoh began his academic career at The University of Maryland-Baltimore County obtaining a degree in biochemistry and then being apart of one of the last classes of the Bachelors in Sciences in Pharmacy. Upon successful completion of the program he began working as pharmacist at the University of Maryland Medical System where soon he received an opportunity to pursue an advanced degree in Pharmacy Administration with a concentration in Pharmacoepidemiology. During his humble beginnings as a researcher and clinician, Dr. Wutoh observed the rise of a public health threat of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus and its fate of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome. Unsatisfied with the claims that HIV/AIDS was a death sentence, government conspiracy, or that millions of children, women, and men across the globe were becoming infected, he decided to study groups that were considered most at risk and to provide strategies to arrest the misconceptions and unproven claims of HIV. Through his selfless efforts of combating stigma and providing hope to millions of people, he has achieved over 20 manuscript publications, international abstracts, posters, positions as grant reviewer, and grants from HRSA, AHRQ, USAID, CDC, and NIH. More importantly, he has contributed significantly to reducing the rates of transmission in Washington DC, increased

HIV/AIDS awareness, and inspired students to become apart of the fight. Currently Dr. Wutoh has serviced Howard University in many capacities as professor, mentor, advisor for graduate and professional students, director of the Center of Excellence, Director and Senior fellow for the Center for Minority Health Services Research, speaker for student led activities within health sciences, IRB chairman, and currently Dean of the College of Pharmacy. Most noted Dr. Wutoh in the many hats he wears is always there for everyone as a listening ear encouraging us to always try our best and never give up on faith. As a college we have experienced many challenges with accreditation, academics, passing of students, student and faculty illnesses, death among family and friends, and retirement of extraordinary professors and administrators. With many challenges, we have also enjoyed much success with our greatest achievement being Dr. Anthony K. Wutoh. To the wife, children, family, and friends thank you for sharing your beloved Dr. Wutoh with us to cross our paths and inspire us to take the path less traveled making our relationships stronger and vision even greater.

Purpose

- To inspire and instill a culture within Howard University College of Pharmacy to pursue a life long journey of leadership.
- To facilitate improved peer relationships
- To uphold integrity and high ethical standards within the University
- To recognize the dedication and support of all staff and professors
- To initiate collaborate working relationships with other disciplines and health sciences
- To produce morally sound and excellent healthcare leaders
- To encourage broadening the scope of practice of pharmacy to include care of populations versus individual patients (quantitative/qualitative research opportunities)

Eligibility

- Enrolled in the College of Pharmacy Doctor of Pharmacy Program
- Successful completion of the first academic year
- In good standing with academic progress
- Active membership in HUSPOT
- Pursuit to achieve membership in Phi Lambda Sigma
- Interest in HIV/AIDS research and practice

Selection

Student must obtain peer and faculty nominations (peer recommendations waived this year)

<u>Awards</u>

- \$300 Financial Incentive (Each year the financial incentive will increase)
- Leadership Luncheon with Dean's Office and Department Chairs
- Leadership assistantship (help plan and support leadership symposium and week sponsored by Phi Lambda Sigma)

Nomination

- Students cannot nominate themselves for the award
- Students that are in there fourth academic year are ineligible for the scholarship

Application

- Successful completion of paper application
- Brief essay on the HUCOP experience and how alumni distinguish themselves from graduates of other programs