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**AUPHA ANNOUNCES ITS TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD
FOR
HEALTH POLICY**

November 4, 2021 – Washington, DC – The Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA) is pleased to announce its third Teaching Excellence Award, the *Teaching Excellence Award for Health Policy*. The award, established by AUPHA and sponsored by the American Hospital Association (AHA), will be presented at AUPHA's 2022 Annual Meeting, scheduled to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, June 7th – 9th. Information on the process for nomination and selection will be forthcoming.

"Since the founding of AUPHA in 1948, the American Hospital Association (AHA) has been a strong and committed supporter of AUPHA. Along with the American College of Healthcare Executives, AHA has been AUPHA's longest and most durable Corporate Partner, said Dan Gentry, PhD, MHA, President and CEO of AUPHA. "I believe it's incredibly appealing for the AHA to be the sponsor of AUPHA's new Teaching Excellence Award for Health Policy given AHA's century long history of championing health policy that improves quality and patient safety, advocates for hospitals' roles in community health, and promotes the health professions workforce."

"Healthcare policy design and development is critical to the creation and implementation of plans to improve patient care delivery and access. Training the next generation of thoughtful leaders who work to champion quality and patient safety initiatives is an important part of this effort," said Michelle Hood, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the American Hospital Association. "As an advocate for health policy that advances healthcare in America, the AHA is excited to sponsor AUPHA's new Teaching Excellence Award in Health Policy."

AUPHA is a global network of colleges, universities, faculty, individuals, and organizations dedicated to the improvement of healthcare delivery through excellence in healthcare management and policy education. Its mission is to foster excellence and innovation in health management and policy education, and scholarship. It is the only non-profit entity of its kind that works to improve the delivery of health services – and thus the health of citizens – throughout the world by educating professional managers at the entry level. AUPHA's membership includes the premier baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral programs in health administration education in the United States, Canada, and around the world. For more information, please visit www.aupha.org.

The American Hospital Association (AHA) is the national organization that represents and serves all types of hospitals, healthcare networks, and their patients and communities. Nearly 5,000 hospitals, healthcare systems, networks, other providers of care and 43,000 individual members come together to form the AHA. Through our representation and advocacy activities, AHA ensures that members' perspectives and needs are heard and addressed in national health policy development, legislative and regulatory debates, and judicial matters. Our advocacy efforts include the legislative and executive branches and include the legislative and regulatory arenas.

Founded in 1898, the AHA provides education for healthcare leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends. For more information, please visit www.aha.org