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**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON NAMED RECIPIENT OF THE  
2022 AWARD FOR  
ENGAGEMENT WITH AUPHA – NEW MEMBER PROGRAM**

WASHINGTON, DC, February 3, 2022 – The Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA) is pleased to announce the University of North Carolina Wilmington as the recipient of the 2022 Engagement with AUPHA – New Member Program Award. The Award recognizes a program based on their overall contributions to the organization throughout the previous year, including committee service, meeting attendance and participation, authorship, and leadership. Programs must have been members of AUPHA for a period of five years or less to be eligible.

“It’s always so exciting when new university programs join AUPHA. The University of North Carolina Wilmington has come on strong during its first few years as a new AUPHA member. The UNCW faculty have quickly become highly engaged in volunteering, presenting at meetings and in webinars, serving on AUPHA committees, and volunteering to implement the 2020-2023 AUPHA Strategic Plan,” said Dan Gentry, PhD, MHA, President and CEO of AUPHA.

“This award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the MHA faculty,” said Eric Richardson, PhD, MHA, MBA, program coordinator for the MHA program. “We’re proud to

participate in our professional communities and engage in research and scholarship with our peers. This designation underscores our commitment to the program's vision of being recognized as a leader in the field of online graduate education in healthcare administration within the State of North Carolina and beyond."

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