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Lydia Middleton to Step Down as CEO of AUPHA

ARLINGTON, VA – The Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA) announced today that Lydia Middleton will be stepping down from her role as president & chief executive officer after nine years of service. Middleton has been a strong force in moving the field of healthcare management education forward and expanding opportunities for faculty at all levels and in all settings. Middleton has been at the helm of AUPHA since 2004 when she was promoted from vice president & chief operating officer. Sharon Schweikhart, chair of the AUPHA Board of Directors, says “Lydia Middleton has been an energetic and strategic leader of AUPHA. She has been the force behind AUPHA’s tremendous growth and its innovative programming over the last decade.”

Middleton joined in AUPHA in 1996 as its director of development. Since that time she has played a major role in transforming AUPHA into a global collaboration of faculty and program leaders engaged in preparing the best and brightest talent for the field of healthcare management.

Since taking over the leadership role in 2004, Middleton and her staff have grown AUPHA membership as well as revenues by more than 50%. Under her leadership the Association has launched several cutting edge initiatives such as a centralized application service (HAMPCAS), a program benchmarking platform (BEHM), and an online network of more than 2000 faculty and program leaders sharing ideas and tools to improve healthcare management education.

Says Middleton, “I will be leaving AUPHA at a time when it is on an upward trajectory with tremendous potential for continued impact and influence in the field. I have every confidence that AUPHA will continue to grow and thrive under new leadership.”

Middleton intends to remain in her role until a successor is named.

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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 drive innovation in healthcare management and policy education, and promote the value of university-based management education for leadership roles in the health sector. AUPHA’s membership includes the premier baccalaureate, master’s, executive and doctoral degree programs in Health Administration Education in the United States, Canada, and around the world. The AUPHA faculty and individual members represent more than 400 colleges and universities.

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