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Chicago State University’s Dr. Miriam Mobley Smith Appointed to the Illinois Board of Pharmacy

(CHICAGO) - Dr. Miriam Mobley Smith, Chicago State University’s (CSU) interim dean of the College of Pharmacy, was recently appointed to the Illinois Board of Pharmacy (ISBP) by Gov. Quinn for a term of four years. There are a total of nine members on the Board, and is currently the only African American female on the Board. Dr. Smith has received well deserved numerous awards over the years for her dedication in the field of pharmacy and has been working for the state of Illinois since 1995.

“There continues to be an increasing demand for graduate pharmacists in traditional as well as new and emerging professional career paths,” said Dr. Smith. “Pharmacists, as some of the most highly respected members of the health care profession, have evolved from dispensers of medications to providers of health care services. The pharmacist’s ability to provide care for patients is professionally rewarding and provides an opportunity to improve the health of individuals as well as the community at large,” she added.

Dr. Smith’s priority in her career is to provide service to a global community and making sure that people in need benefit from medical contributions to the field of pharmacy. Some of her defining principles are to make sure that there are sound practices in the state of Illinois and that the citizens of Illinois are protected. Dr. Smith is a native of Detroit and obtained her B.S. in Pharmacy from the University of Michigan.

Preparing pharmacists from diverse backgrounds to provide care for a global community is her current mission at CSU and is the core value of the CSU College of Pharmacy. As the interim dean of pharmacy at CSU, Dr. Smith strives to make sure that the College of Pharmacy is recognized for its outstanding curricular excellence and its high quality of work. The CSU College of Pharmacy has received Candidate accreditation status from the Accreditation Council
for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). Over 175 students are currently enrolled in the College of Pharmacy program, the first program in Illinois launched two years ago.

When asked about her presence at CSU, she responded, “This is where I belong!” Her impact can already be felt throughout the University. She describes being in pharmacy as a “journey”, and felt inspired to work with older adults, as the interim dean of College of Pharmacy, after her great aunt died from a lethal overdose of Ibuprofen, a common over-the-counter drug.

Her persistence in pharmacy led her to the University of Illinois at Chicago where she obtained a master’s degree, and later became the clinical assistant professor and coordinator of the academic program in the Department of Pharmacy. As a young girl, Smith still remembers her parents instilling the importance of achievement in her life.

Dr. Smith loves being active in the pharmacy field, helping with marketing and advertising, and working with high school students interested in the pharmacy industry as a career option. She remarks, “It’s all about the students, patients, and populations that we serve.” Dr. Smith’s dedication will help uplift the College of Pharmacy at CSU, the University itself, and the patients of Illinois.