



ASPPH Announces Dr. Cynthia M. Harris as Incoming Board Chair-Elect

Washington, DC – “I am thrilled to announce the results of our ASPPH Board Chair-Elect election. Our incoming Chair-Elect is Dr. Cynthia Harris from Florida A&M University Public Health Program (FAMU).



Dr. Harris is a long-time leader in academic public health and a dedicated advocate for health equity and community engagement. She also makes history as our first Program Director to hold this position, symbolizing an exciting milestone for our community. Her deep experience and commitment to advancing public health education will be tremendous assets to ASPPH and our members.

"Please join me in congratulating our new Chair-Elect, Dr. Cynthia M. Harris! I'm delighted to work with Cynthia in this new role and confident that she will continue to provide outstanding leadership and guidance for our association. Cynthia also makes history as our **first Program Director** to hold this position—an exciting milestone for our community. **Congratulations**, Cynthia!" observed **Laura Magaña, PhD, MS President & CEO | Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH)**.

"I am very honored and certainly recognize the “wind beneath my wings” – Our College and University!!! There is much work to be done in these challenging times, and I hope to make you all proud! Love you! 😊 Cynthia.”

Her term as Chair-Elect will begin following the 2026 Annual Meeting, after which she will serve a one-year term as Chair and a one-year term as Immediate Past Chair. Thank you to all the excellent nominees and to our entire membership for your participation and support.

And since we do ***BRAGG DIFFERENT***, from the **Provost & VP for Academic Affairs | Allyson L. Watson, Ph.D.** "This is outstanding Dr. Harris! We are all so proud of you, this is well deserved, and your leadership will be spotlighted nationally."

"**Congratulations** on this outstanding and historic achievement! Your election as Chair-Elect of the ASPPH Board of Directors is both a personal triumph and a proud moment for FAMU and all HBCUs. Your leadership continues to elevate our visibility and demonstrate the excellence that defines our programs in public health and the health sciences. We celebrate this milestone with immense pride and gratitude for your dedication, vision, and service. Thank you for representing FAMU with such distinction—this truly is us!" **Seth Y Ablordeppey, PhD | Interim Dean and Professor, FAMU CoPPS, IPH.**