



## **SULLIVAN ALLIANCE AWARD RECIPIENTS HONORED AT AAHCI GLOBAL INNOVATION FORUM**

*Sullivan Lecturers Receive Distinctive Medallion and Praise for Their Health Equity Leadership*

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The Alliance of Academic Health Centers International (AAHCI) has recognized three Sullivan Alliance awardees at the 2023 AAHCI Global Innovation Forum (GIF), held April 12-13 in Washington, DC, for their dedication and significant contributions to increasing diversity and equity in the healthcare professions to improve community and population health.

The Sullivan Alliance aims to strengthen the capacity and quality of the nation's health workforce by increasing the numbers of ethnic and racial minorities in every area of healthcare and across all aspects of academic health centers. Awardees delivered the Annual Sullivan Lecture. Recipients honored at the GIF are:

- 2020 Lecturer  
[Louis W. Sullivan, MD](#), Former Secretary, US Department of Health & Human Services (1989-1993), President Emeritus, Morehouse School of Medicine
- 2021 Lecturer  
[Wayne J. Riley, MD, MPH, MBA, MACP](#), President, SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University
- 2022 Lecturer  
[John W. Bluford, III, MBA, FACHE](#), Founder and President of the Bluford Healthcare Leadership Institute

“AAHCI, the Alliance of Academic Health Centers, and their members are committed to pursuing innovative approaches that increase health care access and equity for all. It is, indeed, an honor to recognize the efforts of these remarkable individuals who have tirelessly dedicated their work and leadership to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion in the health care workforce,” said AAHCI Executive Director Steven L. Kanter, MD.

The Sullivan Alliance to Transform the Health Professions was formed in 2005 to develop and promote programs to increase racial, ethnic, and gender diversity in the health professions. “We were pleased to join efforts with the Association of Academic Health Centers (AAHC) in 2020 to expand their activities,” said The Sullivan Alliance Chairman Louis W. Sullivan, MD. “And, in 2022, we were excited when AAHC merged into the AAMC (Association of American Medical Colleges), providing further momentum to The Sullivan Alliance. I congratulate the recipients of the Sullivan Alliance Award and I thank them for their contributions to diversifying our nation's health professions.”

Established in 2020 by the Association of Academic Health Centers and the Sullivan Alliance, the award has been renamed an [AAMC \(Association of American Medical Colleges\) presidential award](#) beginning in 2023.

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