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St. Louis, Missouri Campus

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Press Statement by the President & CEO of Ponce Health Sciences University, St. Louis, Mo

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As the president of Ponce Health Sciences University, we are proud of the medical professionals and physicians who have chosen the path less traveled. We provide a high-quality graduate and undergraduate medical education for diverse, underrepresented future physicians. We value the life experiences and unique perspectives of the students who choose to serve in communities that need them most.

We knew of Dr. Annessa Blackmun's legal background when she was hired. We also know she is a talented physician and professor who has been given a second chance to train tomorrow's most dedicated physicians. She has learned from a mistake that happened early in her career. She has acknowledged the mistake, taken responsibility, and is moving forward. That is the kind of character that motivated us to open Ponce Health Sciences University. She took responsibility, which is a great lesson for our students. We stood by her when she was hired and continue to do so now.

The Chicago-based healthcare firm where she was employed was shuttered in 2017, and the issue is closed. We look forward to her continued successful academic career here at Ponce Health Sciences University.

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