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Charlene Drew-Jarvis, Ph.D.,

Charlene Drew-Jarvis, Ph.D., To Be Keynote Speaker For 22nd Commencement Ceremonies

As part of this year's commencement ceremonies and in celebration of Drew University's 40th anniversary, Charlene Drew-Jarvis, Ph.D. will deliver the keynote address to this year's class of graduates.

A native Washingtonian, Dr. Drew-Jarvis carries on the legacy of her late father Charles R. Drew, M.D., through perseverance and integrity. A Trailblazer in her own right, she is a university president, a former elected official and a former scientist.

In July 1996, Dr. Jarvis was appointed the ninth President of Southeastern University located in Washington, DC and is the first woman to hold this position. Educating Technology, Business and Government Leaders for the Region and the World is the theme for her administration.

Earning her Bachelor of Arts degree from Oberlin College in 1962, her Master of Science degree from Howard University in 1964 and her Doctor of Philosophy degree in Neuropsychology from the University of Maryland in 1971, Dr. Jarvis was a member of the City Council of the District of Columbia. Her diligence and commitment to the community have earned her more than 100 awards for her professional and civic accomplishments and her outstanding leadership, including an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree from Amherst College in 1994. In the January 2000 issue of The Washingtonian, she was named one of the "Nineteen Ninety Nine Washingtonians of the Year". On October 15, 2000, the

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Charles R. Drew University Receives Continued Accreditation After ACGME Favorable Review

Since January of 2004, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) has made several planned visits to review the Residency Training Programs at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, which resulted in full accreditation for the 12 programs reviewed to date.

The most recent favorable review was based on evaluations of all of the University's 15 residency training programs and interviews with staff members and residents. With this critical goal attained, the university must now focus on preparing for scheduled site visits for its remaining three training programs Psychiatry, Emergency Medicine and Otolaryngology, which are yet to be reviewed.

"This positive decision was an extremely vital one for us and the hospital," said Thomas Yoshikawa, M.D., Provost-Chief Operating Officer/Acting President of Charles R. Drew University. "It was important in order to continue to provide quality patient care and to allow us to train physicians so they can return to serve underserved communities. We are proud that over 50% of the faculty who work at Drew and King/Drew Medical Center (KDMC) trained previously in Drew residency programs."

The role of the ACGME is to ensure the quality of residency education for the next generation of physicians, and to contribute to safe and effective patient care. The ACGME is committed fully to the task of improving the quality of resident education in the United States. The ACGME has identified six general competencies that are important to the practice of medicine: (1) patient care, (2) medical knowledge, (3) interpersonal and communication skills, (4) professionalism, (5) practice-based learning and improvement, and (6) systems-based practice. By applying this set of criteria, the ACGME promotes educational excellence in a changing health care environment through focused educational outcomes.

"The entire faculty and staff have done a wonderful job to meet the competencies set forth by ACGME," states Dr. Yoshikawa. "I must especially thank Dr. Nancy Hanna, who heads our Graduate Medical Education (GME) programs. She and her staff have displayed commitment, tireless effort and unwavering confidence in reaching this goal and ultimately this successful outcome."

In addition to the three pending site visits, the university will be aiding the King/Drew Medical Center as it prepares for its anticipated survey by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) slated to take place sometime in the next quarter.

"Without a successful CMS certification, not only will patient care be in jeopardy, but our residency programs cannot remain at KDMC and may have to be greatly reduced." explains Dr. Yoshikawa.

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National Council of Negro Women presented her with the Bethune Legacy Illuminated Award for her extraordinary leadership and contributions to the District of Columbia for 21 years. She served as the Chairman Pro Tempore of the Council and was Chair of the Committee on Economic Development. She has also served as the Chair of the Board of the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments.

As the eldest daughter of Dr. Charles R. Drew, the noted blood bank pioneer, she has a special perspective as an advocate for science and health education and is a nationally recognized speaker on legislative policy, health science and economic issues. Dr. Jarvis has served on the boards of, or as an advisor to: The National Institute of Mental Health, The Washington Chapter of the American Red Cross, The Breast Cancer Task Force of the Department of Health and Human Services, The Women's Health Initiative of the National Institutes of Health, The National Museum of Health and the National Bone Marrow Program.





Alumni Reunion and Graduation Jazz Brunch

June 4, 2006
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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Don't miss your chance to see old classmates, faculty and friends as you make new acquaintances and share a wonderful afternoon of memories, fine food, and great company at



Join the excitement of CDREWU's 40th Anniversary and enjoy an afternoon of smooth jazz with people whom you share a common bond. . . *The Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science.*

Tickets are \$100 per person (includes the cost of brunch and a \$50 tax deduction) and can be purchased by contacting the office of Development at 323-563-4913. You may also purchase tickets online by visiting the CDREWU website at www.cdrewu.edu

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Drew University Announces New Research Medical Sciences Institute

Institute opens with \$35 million in Endowment Funds with a \$100 million goal by 2012.

Dr. Thomas T. Yoshikawa, Provost-Chief Operating Officer and Acting President of Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science recently announced the official establishment of the Drew Medical Sciences Institute for Research.

“This new organizational structure and endowment foundation is like a shot of adrenaline for the University’s research activities,” said Dr. Yoshikawa. “By 2012, our goal is to raise more than \$100 million in endowed funds for long-term support of research that ultimately improves the health of all underserved and disadvantaged people facing devastating disease and illness.”

The Medical Sciences Institute (MSI) will play a significant role in the future of medical research at Drew. The University currently receives more than \$24 million in National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding annually and another \$11 million from other varied sources to conduct basic and clinical research. Much of this research is targeted for priority healthcare issues that disproportionately affect ethnic minorities and low-income populations.

Keith Norris, M.D., Vice President of Research and director of the MSI, says that he is enthusiastic about the institute’s potential for widespread impact for research not only at Drew, but for the Science of Medicine in general.

“The MSI will provide new pathways to research discoveries at Drew through creating research teams of the future and re-engineering the clinical research enterprise into a highly structured system and accelerating the translation of scientific advances to improve patient outcomes,” said Norris.

“By doing so, we improve the recruitment and retention of junior and senior researchers who pursue NIH funding for desperately needed research that has the greatest potential for impacting care for at risk populations in underserved areas throughout the world.”

Illnesses like diabetes, hypertension, cancer, chronic kidney disease, neuro-psychiatric disorders and HIV/AIDS are top priorities because they claim disproportionately more lives in low-income and minority communities than they do in the general population. During the past twenty years, Drew researchers have pioneered many discoveries related to these health disparity areas.

In the last seven years, Drew increased its NIH funding by more than 300 percent. The \$35 million MSI endowment base is primarily funded by the National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities of the NIH.

“This additional funding from the NIH reaffirms the University’s status as an emerging research intensive institution, especially with a focus on health disparities,” said Bart H. Williams, ESQ., Chair of the Drew Board of Trustees. “The board anticipates that the MSI will serve as a starting point for the next phase in growth for the Drew research enterprise providing researchers with support previously unavailable at Drew.”



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