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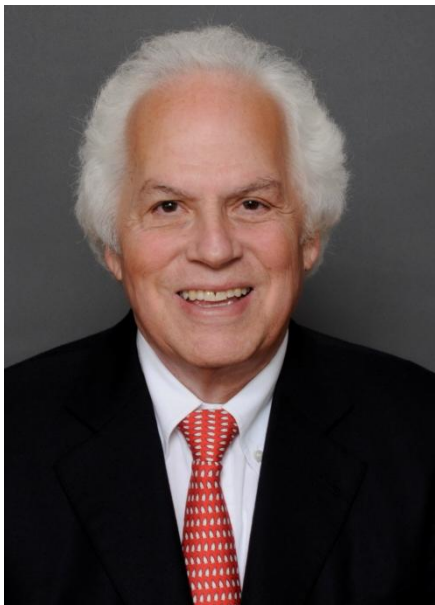
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Life in Discovery

For Immediate Release:

Nobel Laureate Stanley Prusiner, MD, is the 2010 Rosalind Franklin University Commencement Speaker. Dr. Prusiner and Scholl College Dean Terence Albright, DPM, will also receive Honorary Degrees.

All-Time Record of 590 Candidates Eligible for Graduation.



Stanley B. Prusiner, MD



Terence B. Albright, DPM

NORTH CHICAGO, IL — The 2010 graduating class of Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science (RFUMS) will be addressed by commencement speaker Stanley B. Prusiner, MD, Director of the Institute for Neurodegenerative Diseases and Professor of Neurology at the University of California, San Francisco.

Dr. Prusiner is the 1997 Nobel Prize Laureate in Physiology or Medicine for his discovery of the prion.

The Rosalind Franklin University graduation, comprising the Chicago Medical School, College of Health Professions, the Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine and the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, will be held at the Chicago Civic Opera House Friday, June 4 at 10:00 a.m.

An all-time record of 590 graduate students are candidates to receive advanced health sciences degrees, including master of science (MS), doctor of philosophy (PhD), doctor of physical therapy (DPT), doctor of podiatric medicine (DPM) and doctor of medicine (MD).

Dr. Prusiner is an internationally recognized researcher who announced in 1982 the discovery of an unprecedented class of pathogens called prions which are infectious proteins that cause neurodegenerative diseases in humans and animals. The more common neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's have been suggested over the past two decades to be like the prion diseases, disorders of protein processing. He is the editor of 12 books and author of over 450 research articles.

To recognize Dr. Prusiner's outstanding achievements and contributions to medicine and health sciences, Rosalind Franklin University will also bestow upon him an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.

Dr. Prusiner is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Medicine, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, and he is a foreign member of the Royal Society, London.

He is the recipient of numerous prizes, including the Potamkin Prize for Alzheimer's Disease Research from the American Academy of Neurology (1991); the Richard Lounsberry Award for Extraordinary Scientific Research in Biology and Medicine from the National Academy of Sciences (1993); the Gairdner Foundation International Award (1993); the Albert Lasker Award for Basic Medical Research (1994); the Paul Ehrlich Prize from the Federal Republic of Germany (1995); the Wolf Prize in Medicine from the State of Israel (1996); the Keio International Award for Medical Science (1996); the Louisa Gross Horwitz Prize from Columbia University (1997).

"I'm very proud that Dr. Prusiner will be addressing the Class of 2010," said Dr. K. Michael Welch, MB, ChB, FRCP, President and CEO of Rosalind Franklin University. "His discovery of prions is a seminal achievement in 20th century medical research."

Honorary Degree Recipient Terence B. Albright, DPM

Since 2001, Terence B. Albright, DPM, has served Rosalind Franklin University as Dean of the Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine and now embarks upon his retirement.

To recognize his excellence in institutional and professional leadership, Rosalind Franklin University bestows upon him an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

Dr. Albright is known nationally as a distinguished leader in podiatric medicine. He served on the Board of Directors of the American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine (AAACPM) and was its Chairman from 2002-2004. Previously, he was also President of the American Podiatric Association (APMA) from 1998-1999 and served on the APMA Board of Trustees from 1988-1995.

He also served as President of the Maine Podiatric Medical Association from 1985-1987.

He is a Fellow in the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, a Fellow in the American College of Foot and Ankle Orthopedics and Medicine and a Fellow of the American College of Podopediatrics (President 1982-1984).

He is the recipient of the APMA Distinguished Service Citation, Honorary Doctor of Law Degree at Barry University, Honorary Doctor of Law Degree at the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine, Distinguished Practitioner, National Academy of Practice and Professor of Excellence at the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine.

He is also a board-certified podiatric surgeon.

“Dr. Albright has made enormous contributions to both Scholl College and Rosalind Franklin University,” said Dr. K. Michael Welch, MB, ChB, FRCP, RFUMS President and CEO.

“With his administrative and visionary acumen as the former President of Scholl College, he initiated its merger with the Rosalind Franklin University in 2000.”

Dr. Albright then assumed the role of dean in the institutional transition.

“Dr. Albright returned Scholl College to a preeminent position among colleges of podiatric medicine in the United States,” said Dr. Welch. “For the first time he introduced a research agenda for the college, embraced interprofessional education, transitioned to a four-year allopathic curriculum and ensured that the college was an integral part of the growing success of Rosalind Franklin University.”

Dr. Welch also stated that under Dr. Albright’s leadership, Scholl College enrollment increased and its academic credentials returned to their previous high standard, including continuing full accreditation.

“His outstanding leadership will be greatly missed,” said Dr. Welch.

About Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science

Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science is a national leader in interprofessional medical and healthcare education, comprising the Chicago Medical School, College of Health Professions, Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine and School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

There are more than 16,000 RFUMS degreed graduates in the United States and worldwide.