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**MOREHOUSE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE WILL HONOR FOUNDER
DR. LOUIS W. SULLIVAN DURING 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

*Historic Medical School Celebrates Four Decades of Service in the
Advancement of Health Equity*

ATLANTA – April 15, 2015 – Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) will begin a year of celebration with the school's Annual [Hugh M. Gloster Society Donor Celebration](#) on Thursday, April 16, 2015. [Dr. Louis W. Sullivan](#), MSM's founding dean and president and now president emeritus, will be awarded the Louis C. Brown Vanguard Award for his leadership and impact on health disparity. Throughout the year, the institution will celebrate 40 years of excellence during many special events. MSM will honor the past, present and future and celebrate the leaders, researchers, students and medical professionals who have made an indelible impact on the institution.

"A good health interchange requires a well-trained professional who has the appropriate knowledge base and is culturally competent to work effectively with his/her patients," said Dr. Sullivan. "We depend upon institutions like Morehouse School of Medicine to produce all kinds of health personnel to serve our society. I am honored that MSM has presented this award to me."

An Atlanta native, Sullivan currently serves as chairman of the National Health Museum and chairman of the Sullivan Alliance to Transform the Health Professions. He has served as chair of the President's Commission on Historically Black Colleges and Universities and was co-chair of the President's Commission on HIV and AIDS. He served as U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services from 1989-1993.

"As we prepare for the next 40 years, MSM will continue to engage in meaningful work that makes a difference in the lives of others and that translates and transforms into communities. Our programs and services extend the vision of our founders, today creating and advancing health equity to the global community," said [President and Dean Valerie Montgomery Rice](#).

Starting as a two-year basic science program and growing to a four-year degree institution, MSM continues to diversify and educate health professionals, as well as serve and empower communities across the globe. MSM is home to world-renowned centers and institutes that are



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recognized for community, basic and clinical research. To learn more about MSM's history and join the year's celebration visit www.msm40.com.

About Morehouse School of Medicine

Founded in 1975, Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) is among the nation's leading educators of primary care physicians and was recognized by Annals of Internal Medicine in 2011 as the top institution in the first study of U.S. medical schools for our social mission based on our production of primary care physicians, training of underrepresented minority doctors and placement of doctors practicing in underserved communities. MSM faculty and alumni are noted for excellence in teaching, research and public policy, as well as exceptional patient care.

Morehouse School of Medicine is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award doctoral and master's degrees. For more information, please visit www.msm.edu.

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