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Ross University School of Medicine Holds Inaugural Convocation Ceremony to Celebrate Faculty and Staff

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Convocation Address by AAMC 2018 Nickens Award Recipient, Dr. Griffin P. Rodgers, Director of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Hundreds of Ross University School of Medicine (RUSM) faculty, students, colleagues, alumni, and distinguished guests gathered October 20 in Knoxville, Tenn., for the medical school's inaugural convocation ceremony.

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Dr. Griffin P. Rodgers, director of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, delivered the keynote address for the Ross University School of Medicine Convocation on October 22, 2018. (Photo: Business Wire)

The ceremony provided a forum to recognize faculty and staff for driving RUSM's extraordinary past successes and future opportunities. During the convocation, members of RUSM's leadership team and representatives from the RUSM Board of Trustees addressed the audience.

"Our students' academic achievements are our greatest success," said William F. Owen Jr., MD, FACP. "An instrumental component of their success is our faculty and staff. They take pride in developing the skilled doctors who graduate from RUSM."

To recognize and honor some of the most esteemed faculty at RUSM, the inaugural Class of RUSM Master Educators was installed during the convocation ceremony. The goal of the RUSM Master Educators Guild is to recognize those faculty members who, by their actions and behaviors, advance RUSM's commitment to excellence in medical education. The honorees are Dr. Enrique Fernandez, professor and chair Family Medicine; Dr. Laura Welke, assistant dean, Medical Sciences Faculty Affairs & Development, professor, Anatomy & Neurobiology, Department of Medical Foundations; and Dr. Nancy Selfridge, professor and chair, Clinical Foundations.

Additionally, renowned Dr. Griffin P. Rodgers, director of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, delivered the keynote address for the Convocation. As a research investigator, Dr. Rodgers is widely recognized for his contributions to the development of the first effective and now FDA-approved treatment for sickle cell anemia. Dr. Rodgers is a recipient of the recently announced Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) 2018 Herbert W. Nickens Award, given to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to promoting justice in medical education and health care equity in the U.S.

RUSM medical students relocated temporarily to Knoxville to continue their program of study on the campus of Lincoln Memorial University (LMU) after Hurricane Maria damaged the medical school's campus in September 2017. RUSM has continued to use its own medical sciences curriculum and faculty while making use of the LMU teaching and office facilities. RUSM will permanently relocate to its new Barbados campus in January 2019. RUSM plans to make the convocation ceremony an annual event each fall.

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