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Groundbreaking Researcher, Advisor and Leader Dr. Anthony S. Fauci to Receive Lifelong Learning Award from WHYY, Feb. 3

PHILADELPHIA, September 21, 2020 —WHYY will honor groundbreaking researcher and advisor Dr. Anthony S. Fauci with its Lifelong Learning Award during a special virtual engagement on Wednesday, February 3. The event will take place live online and feature an interview of Dr. Fauci by Terry Gross, host and executive producer of *Fresh Air with Terry Gross*, one of public radio's most popular programs which reaches 5 million listeners each week through NPR and an additional 4 million podcast downloads. The interview will be broadcast nationally as well as locally on WHYY-FM as part of a Fresh Air program.

Proceeds from the event benefit WHYY's educational programs and services.

"It's an honor to recognize a visionary leader who has been a steady scientific hand, providing honest assessments and detailed evaluations to statesmen and the public alike during some of the most critical moments in our history," said William J. Marrazzo, President & CEO of WHYY Inc.

WHYY's Lifelong Learning Award has been given out for nearing two decades. Previous recipients have included historian and filmmaker Dr. Henry Louis Gates Jr., former U.S. Vice President Joseph Biden, former Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, news anchors Jim Lehrer and Robert MacNeil, broadcaster Cokie Roberts, Philadelphia's legendary Kenny Gamble, and Jack Bogle, founder of The Vanguard Group.

"Dr. Fauci has garnered near-universal praise for his leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic, despite the challenges of responding to an unknown virus in the public spotlight. We have watched him over the years bringing every available resource to bear to ensure the strengthening of our republic and nations all over the world," said John Salvesson, Chairman of WHYY's Board of Directors.

Dr. Fauci has served as director of the National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) since 1984. In this role, he oversees an extensive research portfolio of basic and

applied research to prevent, diagnose, and treat established infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS, respiratory infections, diarrheal diseases, tuberculosis and malaria as well as emerging diseases such as Ebola and Zika. NIAID also supports research on transplantation and immune-related illnesses, including autoimmune disorders, asthma and allergies.

Dr. Fauci has made seminal contributions to the understanding of how HIV destroys the body's defenses leading to its susceptibility to deadly infections. Further, he has been instrumental in developing treatments that enable people with HIV to live long and active lives. He continues to devote much of his research to the immunopathogenic mechanisms of HIV infection and the scope of the body's immune responses to HIV.

Dr. Fauci has advised six Presidents on HIV/AIDS and many other domestic and global health issues. He was one of the principal architects of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), a program that has saved millions of lives throughout the developing world. Dr. Fauci also is the longtime chief of the Laboratory of Immunoregulation where he has made many contributions to basic and clinical research on the pathogenesis and treatment of immune-mediated and infectious diseases.

Most recently, as a member of the federal Coronavirus Task Force, Dr. Fauci has gone above and beyond to provide accurate and balanced information to the public about the COVID-19 pandemic.

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