Michael V. Drake, MD Chancellor and Distinguished Professor University of California, Irvine

Michael V. Drake, MD, was appointed the 15th president of The Ohio State University on January 30, 2014. President-Designate Drake will assume responsibilities as president of the university on June 30.

At present, Dr. Drake serves as chancellor of the University of California, Irvine, a position to which he was appointed in July 2005. He also serves as Distinguished Professor of Ophthalmology (School of Medicine) and Education (School of Education).

During his tenure at UC Irvine, the number of applicants for undergraduate admissions increased by more than 90 percent; in the 2013 admission cycle, 82,450 applications were received for just 6,000 openings. The university's four-year graduation rate has increased by more than 19 percent. Dr. Drake also has been a steadfast champion of inclusion and diversity. The number of undergraduate students from underrepresented minorities has risen by 59.1 percent in the past five years. Sixty percent of the entering freshmen in the Class of 2017 were the first in their families to attend a four-year college, and 40 percent came from low-income families; both percentages are among the highest in the nation.

Dr. Drake has further ensured that the promulgation of values is a hallmark of the UC Irvine experience. The seven campus values that he suggested at the time of his appointment – respect, intellectual curiosity, integrity, commitment, empathy, appreciation and fun – have become essential parts of fostering the creative process, building stronger bonds between people and inspiring a shared sense of purpose among faculty, staff and students. Each spring the "Living Our Values" awards are presented to members of the UC Irvine community who have demonstrated values-based decision-making in particularly challenging or difficult circumstances.

In 2006, Dr. Drake oversaw the creation of the first new public law school in California in more than 40 years. More recently, the UC Irvine School of Education was established under his leadership in July 2012. Dr. Drake also has helped launch new programs in public health, pharmaceutical sciences and nursing science, which are already providing highly trained health care professionals to meet the critical needs of the community.

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In Dr. Drake's time as chancellor, UC Irvine has added more than 5 million square feet of new space, including the 500,000-square-foot UC Irvine Douglas Hospital and the 275,000-square-foot Student Center, two of the more than 30 major construction projects delivered on time and under budget. The campus's built environment has received nationwide acclaim for its environmental sustainability and is among the nation's leaders with 11 buildings that have earned LEED Platinum status, the highest possible ranking.

Prior to Dr. Drake's arrival at UC Irvine, he served for five years as vice president for health affairs for the University of California system, overseeing academic program policy at the system's 15 health sciences schools, located on seven campuses. He directed the special research programs in tobacco, breast cancer and HIV/AIDS; co-chaired the California/Mexico Health Initiative; launched the PRIME (Program In Medical Education) initiative to train physicians to care for underserved populations statewide; and founded the California Health Benefits Review Program.

Before that, he spent more than two decades on the faculty of the UC San Francisco School of Medicine, ultimately becoming the Steven P. Shearing Professor of Ophthalmology and senior associate dean. He has served as an administrative leader, teacher and physician-scientist, conducting clinical research on glaucoma and maintaining an active referral practice. He has written scores of scholarly articles and chapters, and his fifth textbook was published in 2009.

An alumnus of Stanford University (BA) and UC San Francisco (MD), Dr. Drake is a member of both the Institute of Medicine (National Academies) and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He has received numerous honors and awards for teaching, public service and research, including the Burbridge Award for Public Service, the Asbury Award (clinical science), the Michael J. Hogan Award (laboratory science), the UCSF School of Medicine Clinical Teaching Award, the S.J. Kimura Teaching Award, the UCSF School of Medicine Alumnus of the Year Award and the Gold-Headed Cane Society Speaker's Cane.

In addition, he received the Association of American Medical Colleges' Herbert W. Nickens Award for promoting social justice and the California Wellness Foundation's Champion of Diversity Award and was the recipient of the inaugural Binational Health Pioneer Award at the 18th International HIV/AIDS Conference. In 2009, Dr. Drake was inducted into Stanford University's Multicultural Hall of Fame.

Dr. Drake has served as trustee and president of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society and as chair of the board of trustees of the Association of Academic Health Centers. He currently serves on the executive committee and the Division I Board of the National Collegiate Athletic Association and on the executive and membership committees of the Association of American Universities.

Dr. Drake and his wife, Brenda, have two grown sons and two grandchildren.