



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Tom Grace
Acting Director
Atlanta VA Medical Center
1670 Clairmont Road
Decatur, GA 30033

Dear Mr. Grace:

On behalf of Morehouse School of Medicine, I want to thank you and Atlanta Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VA) for your Organization's leadership in the Atlanta community and your partnership with Morehouse School of Medicine. As a result of your dedication and commitment, the VA has been selected to receive the distinguished **Louis C. Brown Vanguard Award**. This award, named in honor of the late Atlanta internist and one of MSM's esteemed founders, recognizes individuals and organizations whose pioneering spirit and demonstrated leadership have impacted issues of health disparities in Georgia and our nation.

Past recipients of the **Vanguard Award** are: A.D. "Pete" Correll, chairman, Grady Memorial Hospital Corporation and retired chairman of Georgia Pacific Corporation; Michael B. Russell, member of the Board, Grady Memorial Hospital Corporation and CEO, H.J. Russell & Company; the 18th U.S. Surgeon General, Regina M. Benjamin '89, M.D.; M. Delmar Edwards M.D. (Posthumously); Donna Highland, CEO and President, on behalf of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta; and former Judge, Douglas C. Pullen, Superior Courts Chattahoochee Judicial Court.

The award will be presented April 3, 2012, 7 p.m. at the Marriott Marquis Hotel, during Morehouse School of Medicine's fifth annual **Hugh M. Gloster Society Recognition Dinner**. One of the premier events of Morehouse School of Medicine, the Dinner recognizes donors for their extraordinary philanthropy to the Institution.

Additional information regarding the **Hugh M. Gloster Society Recognition Dinner** will be forthcoming. Ms. Kim Washington, Director of Events will contact your office in the coming week to confirm your attendance. Please advise Ms. Washington at (404) 756-6692 or kwashington@msm.edu, whom she will work with in your office to coordinate event details. Again, thank you for your leadership. It is my honor to present you and the VA with this award.

Sincerely,

John E. Maupin, Jr., DDS

cc: Dr. Valerie Montgomery Rice
Dr. Yolanda Wimberly
Sally Davis