Speaker Biographies

**Claire Pomeroy**

Dr. Claire Pomeroy is chief executive officer of UC Davis Health System, vice chancellor for human health sciences, and dean of the UC Davis School of Medicine. She leads the academic, research and clinical programs at the School of Medicine and the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing, as well as the physician practice group and the teaching hospital, UC Davis Medical Center. She is chair of the American Association of Medical Colleges Council of Deans, chair of the Association of Academic Health Centers and serves on the board of directors of the Independent Citizens Oversight Commission that governs the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, the National Institute of Health Office of Research on Women's Health, and others. In 2011, Dr. Pomeroy was inducted into the Institute of Medicine and elected as a member-at-large of the medical sciences section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

**Ann Madden Rice**

Ann Madden Rice is chief executive officer of UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento. She is a nationally recognized expert in the management of health-care institutions. As CEO, Ms. Rice oversees more than 6,500 employees at the medical center, an acute-care teaching hospital with 631 licensed beds, an annual budget of more than $1 billion and medical clinics in 10 California communities. The medical center serves 6 million residents in 33 counties encompassing 65,000 square miles of Northern and Central California. Several independent, national organizations rank the medical center among the country's best in safety, quality and patient satisfaction. It offers nationally regarded expertise in areas such as telemedicine, rural medicine, trauma and emergency care, primary care and cancer. It is the sole provider of a number of services for inland Northern California, including a level I adult and pediatric trauma center, a full-service children’s hospital and a National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center.

**Ralph deVere White**

Dr. Ralph W. deVere White is director of the UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center, where he oversees the multi-disciplinary cancer research programs of nearly 200 scientists. During his tenure as director, the cancer center’s research funding has more than doubled, now totaling more than $108 million annually. A distinguished professor of urology and associate dean for cancer programs at the UC Davis School of Medicine and Medical Center, he is an internationally renowned expert in prostate and bladder cancer and serves as president of the Society of Urologic Oncology, the leading organization dedicated to developing new treatment strategies for urologic cancers. Dr. deVere White investigates the genetic mistakes that give rise to prostate cancer, the biomolecular mechanisms that make some prostate cancers more virulent than others, and new methods of diagnosing and treating prostate cancer. He also has authored 295 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. A practicing urological oncologist, Dr. deVere White has been named multiple times as one of “The Best Doctors in America.”

**Doris Matsui**

Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui represents the heart of the Sacramento region in the U.S. House of Representatives. As a member of the powerful Energy and Commerce Committee, Representative Matsui is an influential advocate for the Sacramento region. She is playing a key role in crafting legislation to address the most critical challenges facing hard-working Americans today, ranging from job creation, health care and clean energy, to expanding access to broadband and important consumer safety issues. A veteran of the Clinton Administration, she succeeded her late husband, Robert T. Matsui, in office. As a recognized leader in the Sacramento community and in Congress, Representative Matsui has secured federal resources
and sought federal policy changes to improve the lives of her constituents. Since taking office, Representative Matsui has made increased flood protection and access to affordable and quality health care key focuses of her work in Congress. She has worked closely with the UC Davis Health System and School of Medicine in planning the institution’s growth and securing more than $13 million in federal funding for the cancer center and the burn center for their groundbreaking research.

Mayor Kevin Johnson
Sacramento native Kevin Johnson was elected as the 55th mayor of the City of Sacramento in November 2008. He is the first native Sacramentan, and the first African American to be elected to the office. His vision is for Sacramento to become “a city that works for everyone.” Mayor Johnson has embarked on an ambitious plan to reshape how city government serves the citizens of Sacramento. His top priorities include public safety, economic development, education, green and good government. Within City Hall, the mayor has established new standards for accessibility and accountability through community office hours, town hall meetings and securing an external audit of city finances. Mayor Johnson has also launched initiatives to reduce homelessness, increase volunteerism, promote the arts and create a greener economy. He is most passionate about his initiative designed to ensure all Sacramento third graders are reading at grade level.

Francesca Arnaudo
Francesca Arnaudo is a sophomore at Ripon High School. The 15-year-old is an honors student with a full slate of advanced placement classes. She is active in many extra-curricular activities, including Future Farmers of America, for which she has attended two national conferences. Francesca is also a three-time cancer survivor. By the time she was 10, Francesca had been diagnosed and treated for osteosarcoma, a bone cancer, and acute myeloid leukemia, a white blood cell malignancy, enduring surgeries and months of chemotherapy and radiation. In 2007, she was the California representative in the Champions Across America tour, an awareness campaign for Children’s Miracle Network. Two years later, she was diagnosed with a fairly rare lung cancer, which required removal of a portion of her lung. Not long afterward, she needed surgery to repair the prosthesis in her upper arm. Francesca is now in remission. Her busy schedule also includes several dance classes, as well as preparation for her role in the upcoming National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine, a 10-day conference to be held in Boston. Francesca hopes to combine her superb academic skills and determination with her own cancer journey to one day become a cancer researcher.

Rollie Swingle
Mr. Swingle, of Elk Grove, Calif., has been a cancer patient at UC Davis since January 2004 after being diagnosed with metastatic (stage 4) prostate cancer. Since his diagnosis, he has been on various treatment regimens and participated in two clinical trials of new therapies. Originally from Hartford, Wis., Mr. Swingle is retired from a long career in food sales and production, most recently as a business partner at Emkay Food Sales, a Northern California meat brokerage. Mr. Swingle is also active in the community, having served on the Tracy Planning Commission from 1987 to 2002 and currently serving on the Landscape, Architectural and Design Review Committee at Heritage-Lakeside. A Green Bay Packer’s fan, Mr. Swingle also enjoys playing golf, poker and pool. He and his wife, Barbara, enjoy spending time with their son, Bradley, and daughter-in-law, Heather, dining together and exploring Northern California with trips to Napa, Carmel and Santa Barbara, to name a few.