

In the Spotlight

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Dr. Jane Henney To Present Kenneth L. Waters Lecture

Athens, GA. – Jane Henney, M.D., a professor at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and a former commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, will present the 2008 Kenneth L. Waters Lecture for the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy on Tuesday, October 7, at four o'clock in the UGA Chapel. Her lecture, "Challenges in Health – An Agenda for All," is free and open to the public.



The Kenneth L. Waters Lecture Series was started in 1982 to honor the late Dean Emeritus Kenneth L. Waters, who was dean of the College from 1948 until his retirement in 1977. Their purpose was two-fold: to bring nationally and internationally known leaders in pharmacy to the UGA campus and to recognize Waters' outstanding accomplishments and contributions as dean.

Prior to her current position, Henney had served for five years as UC's Senior Vice President and Provost for Health Affairs. In that capacity, she oversaw the operations of the academic and research enterprise of the UC Academic Health Center, including the colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Allied Health Sciences, Hoxworth Blood Center, Academic Information Technologies and Library, and Institute for the Study of Health.

She has served as a senior health policy leader in the public sector for nearly three decades. Beginning in 1980 she served as Deputy Director of the National Cancer Institute for five years, followed by Vice Chancellor of Health Programs at the University of Kansas Medical Center, and acting Interim Dean of the School of Medicine. She next served as Deputy Commissioner for Operations of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and as First Vice President for Health Sciences at the University of New Mexico.

In 1998 she was nominated by President Bill Clinton and confirmed by the U.S. Senate as Commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. After leaving the FDA in 2001, she was appointed Senior Scholar in Residence at the Association of Academic Health Centers.

Henney has served on several Boards of Directors in Cincinnati, including UC Foundation, Hoxworth Blood Center, UC Physicians, University Hospital, Health Alliance of Greater Cincinnati, BioStart and BioOHIO. She is currently on the boards of The Commonwealth Fund in New York City, the China Medical Board in Boston, AmerisourceBergen Corporation and Cigna Corporation in Philadelphia, and AstraZeneca PLC in London.

Her honors and awards include election to the National Academy of Science Institute of Medicine and the Society of Medical Administrators and honorary membership in the American College of Health Care Executives. She is a recipient of the Excellence in Women's Health Award from the Jacobs Institute, the Public Health Leadership Award from the National Organization of Rare Disorders, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary's Recognition Award, and, on two occasions, the U.S. Public Health Service Commendation Medal. She has honorary degrees from North Carolina State University, Manchester College and the University of Rochester.

A native of Indiana, Henney received her undergraduate degree from Manchester College, her medical degree from Indiana University, and subspecialty training in medical oncology at the M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute and the National Cancer Institute.