The Inauguration of
David J. Cole, MD, FACS
Seventh President of the
Medical University
of South Carolina

Thursday, October 9, 2014
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Welcome
Donald R. Johnson II, MD

Presentation of the Colors
MUSC Color Guard

Invocation
Reverend Gary L. R. Bullard, Sr.
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Opening Remarks
Donald R. Johnson II, MD

Greetings
Tom G. Smith, PhD, President, Faculty Senate
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Introduction of David J. Cole, MD, FACS
Fred A. Crawford, Jr., MD
Distinguished University Professor

Charge to the President and Presentation of Presidential Medallion
Donald R. Johnson II, MD
Mrs. Kathryn Cole

Presidential Response
David J. Cole, MD, FACS
President, Medical University of South Carolina

Closing Remarks
Donald R. Johnson II, MD

Benediction
Reverend Gary L. R. Bullard, Sr.

Recessional
The Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) opened in Charleston, South Carolina in 1824 as a small private college for the training of physicians. It is one of the oldest continually operating schools of medicine in the United States and the oldest in the Deep South. Since its founding, the Medical University of South Carolina has grown into one of the nation's preeminent academic health science centers with a nationally recognized clinical enterprise, six colleges, and cutting-edge biomedical research and clinical innovation which place MUSC at the forefront of the latest advances in healthcare.

MUSC’s mission is to preserve and optimize health in South Carolina and beyond. As a national leader in interprofessional education, MUSC teaches students that mutual respect, inclusive knowledge, and expectations of high quality are key to effective healthcare teams and excellent patient care. Students learn the skills they need to become life-long learners who apply their knowledge with integrity now and in the future, responding to the needs of the community and the changing healthcare environment. The integration of education, research, and clinical activities is continually strengthened to ensure optimal learning and professional development of its students, residents, fellows, and faculty.

A diverse group of more than 2,700 students is currently enrolled in the University's six colleges – Dental Medicine, Graduate Studies, Health Professions, Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy. More than 750 interns, residents, and fellows are receiving training in specialty areas. Students leave the Medical University with outstanding academic preparation and a commitment to be compassionate healers, researchers, and administrators who are dedicated to the overall well-being of patients.

MUSC Health represents the clinical enterprise, serving nearly one million patients annually throughout the state, nation, and world. MUSC Health is at the forefront of the latest advances in medicine, with world-class physicians, groundbreaking research, and technology that is often among the first of its kind in the world. Patients benefit from an interprofessional team approach to care that involves the close collaboration of specialists from many different areas. U.S. News & World Report has recognized MUSC Health as “One of America’s Best Hospitals” with six specialty areas ranked in the top 50 in the nation. Similarly, MUSC Health received an “A” score in Hospital Safety from the Leapfrog Group. Other milestones include National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation for the MUSC Hollings Cancer Center and the completion of the Ashley River Tower, a state-of-the-art hospital dedicated to the treatment of cardiovascular and digestive diseases.

With a strong sense of commitment, MUSC research teams push the frontiers of basic, clinical, and applied research. Research leads to new cures, new standards of care, and a better understanding of the basic science that drives biomedical discovery. The array of multidisciplinary approaches, the breadth of intellectual and technical skills, and advanced technologies to support research set MUSC apart from other institutions. MUSC is home to a range of programs including cancer drug discovery, neuroscience, regenerative medicine, biomedical imaging, and chemical and structural biology programs. The Clyburn Research Center provides a collaborative research environment, drawing investigators from MUSC, Clemson, and the University of South Carolina. Within the walls of the Clyburn Center the state’s best mathematical, scientific, engineering, industrial, and medical minds coordinate their work and dramatically accelerate the rate of discovery, development, and application.

MUSC is changing what’s possible…
David J. Cole, MD, FACS, became the seventh President of the Medical University of South Carolina on July 1, 2014.

Dr. Cole came to the Medical University in 1994 as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery, Division of General Surgery. He quickly rose through the ranks and was promoted to Professor in 2002. At the same time, Dr. Cole assumed the positions of Vice Chairman for the Department of Surgery and Chief of the Division of General Surgery, which then included Surgical Oncology; Gastrointestinal and Laparoscopic Surgery; and Trauma, Vascular, and Acute Care Surgery. In 2003 Dr. Cole was named the A. McKoy Rose, Jr., MD Endowed Chair in Surgical Oncology and selected as Chairman for the Department of Surgery in September of 2007. From 2011 to 2013 Dr. Cole served as Secretary for MUSC Physicians (known at the time as University Medical Associates) and was elected President of MUSC Physicians in 2013.

Dr. Cole is Board Certified through the American Board of Surgery with primary clinical fields of interest in breast cancer and gastro-intestinal malignancies. For the past seven years, US News and World Report has recognized Dr. Cole as one of the top surgeons in the nation.

In addition to his clinical expertise, Dr. Cole brings a strong research background with more than 17 years of continuous funding by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). He recently stepped down after seven years as the Medical Director for the Center for Cellular Therapy in order to concentrate on the needs surrounding his newest role. His research at the Center focused on novel cancer vaccine development and molecular diagnostics. As a thought-leader and innovator, Dr. Cole served as principal investigator for numerous clinical trials through the years and has secured multiple patents. He served on numerous National Cancer Institute (NCI) review panels and study sections, and authored more than 110 peer-reviewed publications and chapters.

As a member of numerous professional and scientific societies including the American Association for Cancer Research, American Surgical Society, Southern Surgical Association, AAMC Council of Academic Societies, Society of University Surgeons, Halsted Society, and International Society of Surgery, Dr. Cole has held many leadership positions including his current role as president-elect for the Southeastern Surgical Congress, the largest regional organization for general surgeons in the United States.

A New Mexico native, Dr. Cole received his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces where he graduated with highest honors and was a Rhodes Scholarship finalist. He received his medical degree from Cornell University Medical College in New York and was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. He interned and completed his residency at Emory University Affiliated Hospitals in Atlanta and his fellowship in Surgical Oncology at the NIH/NCI Surgery Branch in Bethesda.

Dr. Cole and his wife, Kathy, live in Mt. Pleasant with their son, Bryan, currently a senior at Wando High School. Andy, their middle child, is completing his third year at Clemson University. The Coles’ oldest child and only daughter, Paige, graduated from Clemson and is a high school English teacher in Greenville.
A History of Leadership

From the school’s founding in 1824 until 1949, the top administrative officer in the University was the Dean of the College of Medicine. In 1949, Kenneth M. Lynch became the first person to hold the title of President. Those names marked with an asterisk (*) served multiple terms of office.

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MUSC Presidential Medallion

Symbolizing the authority of the President as the chief executive of the University, the MUSC Presidential Medallion is worn at all academic ceremonial events. The first MUSC Presidential Medallion was cast in 1983 for the installation of James B. Edwards, DMD.

The front face of the medallion is the facade of the original Medical College of South Carolina building once located on the corner of Franklin and Queen Streets in downtown Charleston. A banner above the facade indicates the University’s founding date, 1824.

The back face of the medallion features a kneeling figure kindling a torch from a flame on an altar, on which is inscribed “Deo Salutifero, to the health-bringing god.”

The inscription reads “Auget Largiendo” which freely translated means “She (the university) enriches by giving generously.”

Directly above the main medallion is a banner inscribed with the President’s name. The smaller medallions on one side of the necklace are inscribed with the names of the colleges which make up the Medical University of South Carolina: the College of Dental Medicine, the College of Graduate Studies, the College of Health Professions, the College of Medicine, the College of Nursing, and the South Carolina College of Pharmacy.

The medallions on the opposite side of the medallion display the names of MUSC’s former presidents and their years of tenure.
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