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FISK SOCIETY OF PHILANTHROPISTS PRESENTS FIRST LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD TO TRUSTEE EMERITA LEATRICE B. McKISSACK

Nashville, Tenn., October 30, 2014 - On October 29, 2014, the Fisk Society of Philanthropists held its third annual awards luncheon in the Appleton Room of Historic Jubilee Hall. Trustee Emerita Leatrice B. McKissack was presented the first Lifetime Achievement Award for her philanthropy on behalf of Fisk University. Trustee Emerita McKissack is credited with more than $7 million in gifts to the University.

New inductees into the Society, which includes individuals and organizations who donated $50,000 or more in the previous fiscal year, included two donors who wish to remain anonymous, the Estate of Coley R. Cannon, Johnson & Johnson, Joan Thompson Mobley, M.D. ’66 and Stacey Mobley, Regions Bank, and Thompson Hospitality Services.

Other members of the Society recognized for their $50,000 or more gifts in Fiscal Year 2014 include Kelley & Lee A. Beaman and the Alvin and Sally Beaman Foundation, the Brewer Family Foundation, Board of Trustee Chair Barbara Landers Bowles ’68 and the Landers Bowles Family Foundation, Trustee Emeritus Mike Curb and the Mike Curb Family Foundation, the Kresge Foundation, Board of Trustee Vice Chair Patricia C. Meadows and The James R. Meadows, Jr. Foundation, Dr. Henry A. Moses, Trustee Emeritus Robert W. Norton & Janice G.

About Fisk University:

Founded in 1866, Fisk University is Nashville's first institution of higher education and currently ranks in the top 20% of all liberal arts institutions in the nation according to The Washington Monthly. According to the American Physical Society, Fisk is the #1 producer of underrepresented minority Master's in Physics degrees. Fisk is ranked in the top 15 institutions for awarding the Master's in Physics degree for all students, and tied for fourth place for Master's degrees awarded to women. Fisk is the fourth highest ranked institution in Tennessee and the highest ranked Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in Forbes magazine's 2014 edition of “America's Top Colleges.” Fisk has ranked in Princeton Review’s “Best Southeastern Colleges” publication for 22 consecutive years. U.S. News & World Report ranks Fisk #146 in the elite Tier One liberal arts institutions. Only four HBCUs rank in Tier One. Fisk has earned four R&D 100 Awards for work in the creation of radiation detectors developed in collaboration with several national laboratories and corporations. No other HBCU has ever earned an R&D 100 Award. According to the National Science Foundation, Fisk produces more African-Americans who earn doctoral degrees in the natural sciences than any school in the nation. For more information on Fisk University, please visit www.fisk.edu.