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FISK PRESIDENT HONORED AS “LIVING LEGEND”

Nashville, Tenn., November 17, 2014 - On November 15, 2014, Fisk University President, Dr. H. James Williams, was honored with a “Living Legend” award in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The Annual Living Legends Awards Dinner, sponsored by HBCU Promotions, is a statewide event that honors outstanding alumni of the eleven Historically Black Colleges and Universities in North Carolina. Dr. Williams earned his baccalaureate degree in accounting at North Carolina Central University and is a native of Winston-Salem.

President Williams delivered the keynote address at this year’s event. He focused on the national importance of Historically Black Colleges and Universities and their sustainability. Among his key points were that “as institutions, we must live within our means, develop new revenue streams, and provide programming to address the needs of our 21st century students and their prospective employers.”

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.