



Mr. Joel Gordon Inducted into the Tennessee Health Care Hall of Fame

Gordon, among five others, named as one of Tennessee's greatest health and health care pioneers



NASHVILLE, October 18, 2017 – With a mission to honor those who have made significant and lasting contributions to the health and health care industries, the Tennessee Health Care Hall of Fame inducted Joel Gordon, and five other health care professionals, at a luncheon and ceremony held in Belmont University's Curb Event Center yesterday. Hosted by Senior Counsel at Finn Partners John Seigenthaler, the Hall of Fame's Ceremony recognizes and honors the pioneers and current leaders who have formed Tennessee's health and health care community and encourage future generations of health care professionals.

Created by Belmont University and Belmont's McWhorter Society with the support of the Nashville Health Care Council, a Founding Partner, the Hall of Fame's 2017 class includes:

- Dr. Dorothy Lavinia Brown: First African American female surgeon in the south, TN House of Representative and General Assembly Member, longtime educator and Chief of Surgery at Riverside Hospital, Clinical Professor of Surgery at Meharry, advocate for women's health, rights and education
- Dr. William H. Frist: Former U.S. Senator and Majority Leader, Vanderbilt Transplant Center founder, first heart and lung transplant surgeon at Vanderbilt, Founder of Hope Through Healing Hands and NashvilleHealth, Senior Fellow at the Bipartisan Policy Center
- Joel C. Gordon: 47-year health care veteran who introduced physician ownership/joint ventures as a business structure, Founder of GeneralCare and Surgical Care Affiliates, Co-Founder of HealthWise of America, Owner of Gordon Group Investment Management
- Dr. Harry R. Jacobson: Physician, entrepreneur and investor who founded/co-founded eight companies, Past Chair of the Nashville Health Care Council Board of Directors, Executive-in-Residence at Belmont University's Jack C. Massey College of Business, Past Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs at Vanderbilt University and former CEO of Vanderbilt University Medical Center
- Dr. Stanford Moore: Received the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1972 for his work with proteins and their composition which led to the first understanding of the complete chemical structure of protein and ultimately informed decades of scientific work surrounding disease and drug discovery; graduate of the University School of Nashville and Vanderbilt University
- Dr. Donald P. Pinkel: First Director and CEO of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; received the Lasker Award for Medical Research, Kettering Prize for Cancer Research and Pollin Prize for Pediatric Research; led the development of the first treatment for childhood acute lymphoblastic leukemia, increasing the cure rate from 4 to 50%

This year's Hall of Fame inductees join an impressive list of health care legends honored in the last two years. These include Jack O. Bovender, Jr., Stanley Cohen, Dr. Henry W. Foster, Dr. Thomas Frist, Jr., Dr. Thomas Frist Sr., Dr. Ernest William Goodpasture, Frank S. Groner, Jack C. Massey, Clayton McWhorter, Dr. David Satcher, Dr. Mildred Stahlman, Dr. Paul Stanton, Danny Thomas and Dr. Colleen Conway Welch.

For more information on the Hall of Fame, visit <http://tnhealthcarehall.com/>



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