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**Dr. William B. DeLauder** was appointed as Executive Director to the Commission on the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program on December 6, 2004. The seventeen-member bipartisan commission, appointed by Congressional Leadership and President Bush; is charged with establishing a program to increase the number of U.S. college students who study abroad, especially in developing countries.

On July 1, 2003, Dr. DeLauder retired after serving 16 years as President of Delaware State University. During his tenure on the Dover campus, Dr. DeLauder centered his efforts on quality academic programs and enhancement of the institution's growth and development.

Before his appointment at Delaware State University, Dr. DeLauder was Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, N.C. Prior to his appointment as Dean in 1981, he served as professor and chair of the Department of Chemistry at Greensboro. Dr. DeLauder served as Captain in the U.S. Army for 4 1/2 years.

Dr. DeLauder is a member of the Board for International Food and Agriculture Development (BIFAD), the Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa, the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce Senior Council, the Grand Opera House Executive Committee, the United Way of Delaware Board of Directors, and numerous civic and social organizations.

Dr. DeLauder has served on the North Carolina Board of Science and Technology, the MARC Review Committee and the National Advisory Council of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences of NIH, the Board on Agriculture of the National Research Council, the Board of Directors of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC), the Board of Directors of the Council on Higher Education Accreditation. He was a member of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges and served 2 years as chair. He also served for several years as chair of the USDA/1890 Task Force, and has been a member of numerous committees or commissions of higher education associations.

In March 1994, Dr. DeLauder was the recipient of the Thurgood Marshall Award for outstanding contributions to the higher education of African Americans. The editors of Jet and Ebony magazines presented this award at a nationally televised Black Achievement Award Program. In 1995, the Delaware Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews honored him. In 1999, he was awarded the Educational Leadership Award of the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund. Governor Ruth Ann Minner (State of Delaware) presented Dr. DeLauder with the Order of the First State Award on November 22, 2002. He was awarded the Wesley Medal by Wesley College in Dover in May 2005. He has honorary doctorate degrees from Kent State University and the University of Delaware, and numerous other awards and honors.

Dr. DeLauder earned his BS degree in chemistry from Morgan State College (now University) and his Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Wayne State University. He did post-doctorate research in physical biochemistry at Centre de Biophysique Moleculaire du C.N.R.S. in Orleans-La Source, France.

He is married to the former Vermell Faulk and has two children, Ellen and William Jr., and three granddaughters.