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2013 JOSEPH W. ST. GEME, JR. LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT ANNOUNCED
Renee R. Jenkins, MD, FAAP

McLean, VA - The Federation of Pediatric Organizations is delighted to announce Renee R. Jenkins, MD, FAAP, as the recipient of the 2013 Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr. Leadership Award. Dr. Jenkins will receive this award on Saturday, May 4th, 2013 during the Opening Session of the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting in Washington, DC. A biography and photograph are attached.

On February 11, 2013, the Board of Directors of the Federation of Pediatric Organizations selected Renee R. Jenkins, MD, FAAP, as the 2013 Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr. Leadership Awardee. This award was created in honor of Dr. St. Geme to recognize an individual who is a leader in the field of pediatrics, a role model, and one who has contributed broadly to the field. Most importantly, the award recognizes those individuals who have "created a future." The award will be bestowed officially at the Opening Session of the 2013 Pediatric Academic Societies Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, where Dr. Jenkins has spent nearly her entire professional life. Throughout her career as an adolescent medicine specialist, Dr. Jenkins focused her research interests on health disparities, teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and high-risk behaviors. She is a leading spokesperson on the many issues facing teenagers and young adults. As President of the American Academy of Pediatrics from 2006 to 2007, she was a charismatic role model for women. A caring clinician, an eloquent speaker and teacher, a talented researcher, and an inspiring leader in American pediatrics, Renee R. Jenkins, MD, FAAP, embodies the spirit of the Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr. Leadership Award and is deserving of this recognition for her broad contributions to pediatrics and child health.

The Federation of Pediatric Organizations (FOPO) is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to promote high standards of health care for infants, children, adolescents, and young adults.

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Renee R. Jenkins, MD, FAAP

Dr. Jenkins was born in Philadelphia. She did her undergraduate studies and graduated from medical school in 1971 at Wayne State University. She was a pediatric resident at Jacobi Hospital and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York from 1971 to 1974 and stayed at Einstein and Montefiore Medical Center for her Adolescent Medicine Fellowship from 1974 to 1975. In 1975, she joined the faculty at Howard University College of Medicine as an Instructor and rose to Professor in 1993. During that period of time, she was the Director of Adolescent Services of Howard University Hospital. She is a graduate of Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine for Women at the former Medical College of Pennsylvania at Hahnemann University, now Drexel University College of Medicine. She was Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics and Child Health at Howard University College of Medicine from 1994 to 2007. As Chair Emeritus, she directs the Office of Faculty Development since 2010.

Dr. Jenkins has channeled her interest in promoting adolescent health by her involvement in several prominent national organizations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine (SAHM), the Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs, the National Medical Association, the Association of American Medical Colleges, and the American Pediatric Society. Renee is a featured physician in the “Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America’s Women Physicians”, Exhibit at the National Library of Medicine. She served in major leadership roles as President of the SAHM (1989-1990) and President of the AAP (2007-2008). Her effectiveness as a leader and her outstanding communication style is evident by her numerous interviews on local and national radio and television programs and quotes in newspapers and national magazines.

Dr. Jenkins’ interest in child health disparities and equity is a major focus of her scholarly activities. As Principal Investigator, she is on the third cycle of funding for the DC-Baltimore Research Center on Child Health Disparities, funded by the National Institute for Minority Health and Health Disparities through 2017. The total amount of the award is \$6,670,269. Included in her impressive curriculum vitae are 253 presentations, 64 articles, and 17 book chapters and monographs.

Her expertise in adolescent health and her commitment to her community has made her an ideal member of community boards, blue ribbon panels, and advisory committees within the District of

Columbia and the greater Washington DC area. In addition to these local efforts, she provides expertise and advise to national committees and councils: she serves currently as a Member of the Advisory Committee to Director of the National Institutes of Health, a Member of the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice (ACIP) and as a Member of the National Advisory Child Health and Human Development Council of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

Her distinguished career has enabled her to become the recipient of numerous awards, including the 2007 Grace James Award for Distinguished Service given by the Pediatric Section of the National Medical Association, the 2012 Clifford G. Grulee Award from American Academy of Pediatrics, and the 2008 Outstanding Achievement in Adolescent Medicine, bestowed by the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine. In addition, she was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society in 1991 and the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences in 2002.

Renee R. Jenkins, MD, FAAP is truly a leader in the field of pediatrics and a role model for women and for African Americans in medicine. Her expertise in adolescent health and development has enabled her to make major contributions to the health of children, adolescents, and young adults. Finally, her warm and natural interpersonal skills coupled with her outstanding communication style promote a collaborative atmosphere for the teams, projects, and individuals she leads. These impressive qualities make her an exceptional recipient of this prestigious award. Her contributions to the field of pediatrics and the health of children through her work at Howard University and the DC-Baltimore Research Center on Child Health Disparities as a leader, a researcher, a clinician, a teacher, and an advocate. Throughout her impressive career, Dr. Jenkins has worked and continues to strive to create the very best future for all children and youth; a future in which teenagers make a successful transition to a productive adult life, have optimal health, and no longer suffer the consequences of health disparities.

On a personal note, she is married to Charles Woodard and has a daughter, Kristinza, who is a forensic pathologist living in central Wisconsin with her husband and son.