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\*\*\*\*AIDS researcher to speak  
at UT Southwestern graduation

DALLAS -- In the face of technological advances more rapid than ever in history, some things in science and medicine remain unchanged, an internationally recognized immunologist and AIDS researcher will tell graduates at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. Commencement ceremonies for 198 medical students and 40 biomedical graduate students will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 1, on McDermott Plaza on the UT Southwestern Campus.

"The interaction of the physician and patient--the personal attention and care and respect--those are immutable," said Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the National Institutes of Health Office of AIDS Research. "So is the fundamental integrity of the scientific process."

Fauci's commencement address is titled "Science and Medicine: Tradition and Evolution."

Fauci is a world-recognized AIDS researcher. His work clarified the mechanisms by which the AIDS virus destroys the body's normal immunologic defenses and leaves it susceptible to opportunistic infections.

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On the morning of graduation day, Fauci also will speak at a symposium on "The Responsibility to Treat: AIDS as a Paradigm." The symposium, in Gooch Auditorium on the UT Southwestern campus, is free and open to the public. It is the second in a series of alumni reunion and commencement weekend symposia on various aspects of "The Physician's Role in Society."

Fauci joined the NIH as a clinical associate in 1968. In 1980 he was appointed chief of the NIAID's Laboratory of Immunoregulation, a position he still holds. He became director of the NIAID in 1984.

In addition to his duties as director of NIH's Office of AIDS Research, Fauci continues to devote much of his time to research aimed at identifying the immunopathogenic mechanisms of HIV infection and developing effective AIDS therapies.

A native New Yorker, Fauci is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., and Cornell University Medical College in New York City. He did his internship and residency at Cornell University Medical Center's New York Hospital, where he also served as chief medical resident.

Fauci is a member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation, the Association of American Physicians, the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. The author, co-author or editor of more than 725 scientific publications, he was the eighth most cited scientist in the world from 1981 to 1988.

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NOTE: The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas comprises Southwestern Medical School, Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School.