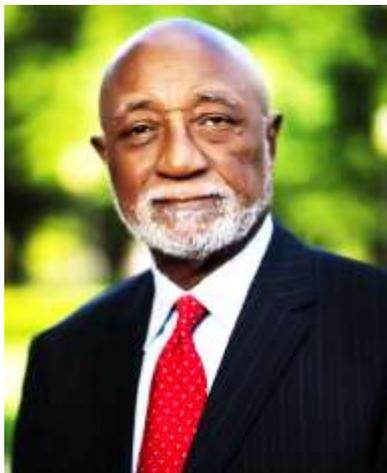


Greetings from the Provost & Vice - President of Academic Affairs

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I am very delighted to extend warm greetings to all participants of the *Fourteenth International Symposium on Recent Advances in Environmental Health Research*. Welcome to Jackson State University (JSU) and the beautiful city of Jackson.

Scientific discovery and innovation are providing global solutions to current and future societal challenges including water and food safety, climate change, environmental sustainability, energy supply, and quality health care. The symposium serves as a forum for interdisciplinary communication among environmental scientists, health professionals and policy makers interested in advancing the scientific basis of environmental and human health issues. It aims to provide participants great opportunities to gain new knowledge of

local, regional and global environmental issues as they relate to quality of life and human health.

This symposium is built upon the overwhelming success of previous conferences that were hosted by JSU and other international institutions of higher learning. I thank the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the National Library of Medicine (NLM) at NIH, RCMI-Center for Environmental Health, and the U.S. Department of Education Title III Graduate Education Program, for their support of this important event.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all the symposium sponsors and to the College of Science, Engineering and Technology for the hard work in organizing the *International Symposium on Recent Advances in Environmental Health Research* for the fourteenth time.

The scientific program includes platform presentations and distinguished lectures by internationally-known experts, as well as poster presentations on recent developments in relevant areas of environmental research, biomedical science and public health. I encourage you to take advantage of this premier event in all the benefits that it has to offer. Again, welcome to Jackson State University and very best wishes for a productive conference.

Sincerely,

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