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### **2018 Dr. John Hope Franklin Award Winners Announced**

FAIRFAX, Va. — *Diverse: Issues In Higher Education* is pleased to announce the recipients of this year's *Dr. John Hope Franklin Award*.

**Dr. James J. Duderstadt**, president emeritus and professor of science and engineering at the University of Michigan served as its president from 1988 until July of 1996. During that time, he demonstrated unwavering commitment to increasing the number of underrepresented students and faculty, and he is widely hailed for setting the diversity precedent among predominantly White universities within the U.S. He currently holds a university-wide faculty position, co-chairs the university's program in science, technology and public policy and directs the Millennium Project, a research center exploring the impact of technologies on society.

**Dr. William R. Harvey** has served with distinction as the president of Hampton University since 1978. He has created a monumental legacy during his 40-year tenure, one of the longest of any sitting college or university president in the U.S. His innovative leadership is reflected in the growth and quality of Hampton's student population, academic programs, physical facilities and financial base. During Dr. Harvey's tenure, student enrollment has almost tripled and 76 new academic programs have been implemented, to boot. Nationally lauded for his leadership ability, Dr. Harvey has served on a myriad of boards, including those of six U.S. presidents. *Diverse* magazine recognized Dr. Harvey as a top newsmaker of 2017.

**Dr. Darlene Clark Hine**, a leading historian of the African-American experience who helped found the field of black women's history, is currently the John A. Hannah Distinguished Professor of History at Michigan State University. In 2017, after 13 years of service, she retired as Northwestern University's Board of Trustees Emeritus Professor of African American Studies and Professor of History. A prolific researcher, Hine is the author of several books and articles, including *Black Women in White*. In 2014, President Barack Obama presented her with the National Humanities Medal for outstanding achievement in history. In 2010, the Organization of American Historians created the Darlene Clark Hine Award to recognize the best book in African American women's and gender history.

About this Award:

The *Dr. John Hope Franklin Award* was created in 2004 to pay tribute to Dr. Franklin, historian, writer, educator and humanitarian who made significant contributions to shaping the perspective of American history in the 20th century.

With the late Dr. Franklin's permission, *Diverse* created the award to institutionalize and celebrate his scholarly contributions to the nation on an ongoing basis. The individuals and organizations chosen are those whose contributions to higher education are consistent with the highest standards of excellence.

Past recipients have included Dr. Clifton Wharton, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Dr. Maya Angelou, the late Dr. William Friday and Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole, just to name a few.

**The awards presentation will take place on Monday, March 12, 2018, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. during the 100th centennial meeting of the American Council on Education (ACE) at the Marriott Marquis in Washington, D.C.**

The **March 8, 2018 edition** of *Diverse* will include a tribute to each of this year's award recipients.

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