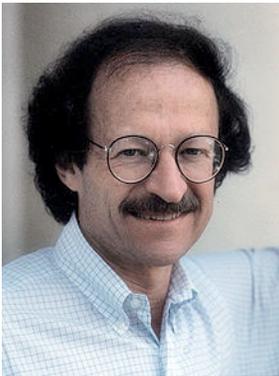


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Nobel Prize Winner and Director of the National Cancer Institute Dr. Harold Varmus Speaks at Macaulay Honors College 2014 Commencement

Friday, June 6, 2014 at 3:00p.m.
Avery Fisher Hall, Lincoln Center



New York, NY (April 9, 2014)--Macaulay Honors College of The City University of New York has announced that Dr. Harold Varmus, Director of the National Cancer Institute, will address graduates and guests at its annual commencement exercises. Macaulay Honors College University Dean Ann Kirschner will lead the ceremony, which will take place in New York City at Avery Fisher Hall, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Broadway at 65th Street, on Friday, June 6, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

“Macaulay Honors College has earned a reputation for educating bold, intellectually adventurous students who are exceptionally well prepared to participate on the frontier of knowledge, including research in medicine and science,” said Varmus, the Nobel Prize-winning virologist. “I am pleased to be part of this celebration, and to welcome them as a new generation of leaders.”

“Our new graduates represent the drive and intelligence that have characterized Macaulay Honors College scholars from the outset,” noted University Dean Ann Kirschner. “These young people are self-directed, highly motivated global citizens who are deeply engaged with the issues of the day. I am tremendously proud of our students, and I anticipate major professional achievements ahead.”

Dr. Harold Varmus, M.D. a co-recipient of the Nobel Prize for studies of the genetic basis of cancer, became Director of the National Cancer Institute on July 12, 2010, after 10 years as President of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and six years as Director of the National Institutes of Health. He is a member of

the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Medicine and is involved in several initiatives to promote science and health in developing countries. The author of over 350 scientific papers and five books, including a recent memoir titled *The Art and Politics of Science*, he was a co-chair of President Obama's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology, was a co-founder and Chairman of the Board of the Public Library of Science, and chaired the Scientific Board of the Gates Foundation Grand Challenges in Global Health.

About Macaulay Honors College

Macaulay Honors College at The City University of New York offers exceptional students a uniquely personalized education with access to the vast resources of the nation's largest urban university and New York City itself. Selected for their top high school records and leadership potential, Macaulay students receive a full-tuition scholarship, a laptop and technology support, and a generous Opportunities Fund to pursue global learning and service opportunities. Macaulay students enroll in one of eight CUNY senior colleges (Baruch, Brooklyn, City, Hunter, John Jay, Lehman, Queens and Staten Island). For more information, see macaulay.cuny.edu.

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