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CDC Director Tom Frieden to Deliver 2015 Packard Award Lecture

Bethesda, MD – Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, will present “Ebola: Past, Present and Future” when he delivers the 2015 David Packard Award Lecture at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU), Wednesday, Mar. 11, 2015.

Frieden became director of the CDC in June 2009. A physician with training in internal medicine, infectious diseases, public health and epidemiology, he is especially known for expertise in tuberculosis control. As Commissioner of the New York City Health Department from 2002-2009, he directed the city's efforts to reduce smoking, cut transfats from restaurant menus and establish electronic health records. Frieden received both his medical degree and master's in public health from Columbia University.

The annual lecture was established by the University's faculty senate in honor of Hewlett-Packard co-founder David Packard, who served as Deputy Secretary of Defense and USU's second president in the 1970s. Previous Packard Award Lecturers include Nobel Laureate Dr. Stanley Prusiner and NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins, among many other distinguished scholars and scientists.

Media interested in covering the lecture should contact Sharon Holland, Deputy Vice President for External Affairs, USU, at (301) 295-3578 or Sharon.holland@usuhs.edu.

About USU

The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, founded by an act of Congress in 1972, is the nation's federal health sciences university and the academic heart of the Military Health System. USU students are primarily active duty uniformed officers in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Public Health Service who receive specialized education in tropical and infectious diseases, TBI and PTSD, disaster response and humanitarian assistance, global health, and acute trauma care. A large percentage of the university's more than 5,000 physician and 1,000 advanced practice nursing alumni are supporting operations around the world, offering their leadership and expertise. USU also has graduate programs in biomedical sciences and public health committed to excellence in research, and in oral biology. The University's research program covers a wide range of clinical and other topics important to both the military and public health. For more information about USU and its programs, visit www.usuhs.edu.

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