Diversity Lecture Series

Presents

John C. Baldwin, M.D. | Tuesday, February 17, 2009 | Noon | Room ACB 110

“Is There a Right to Health Care?”

Prior to his appointment as the seventh president of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Dr. John C. Baldwin, M.D., was most recently professor of surgery at Harvard University and president of the Immune Disease Institute, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School. Baldwin is a scientist, university administrator, and physician, with substantial and diverse business experience in biotechnology and bioengineering, intellectual property, technology transfer, pharmaceutical and device company start-up, health insurance, banking and nonprofit organizations.

Baldwin earned his bachelor’s degree from Harvard University where he was one of 12 students to be elected to the Phi Beta Kappa honorary society as a junior. After graduating summa cum laude, Baldwin was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship and studied physiology at Oxford. Returning from England, he received his medical degree from Stanford University School of Medicine and completed his internship and residency at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Dr. Baldwin was invited to join the faculty of Stanford University upon completion of his surgical training in 1984 and was later appointed head of the heart/lung transplantation program and director of the cardiovascular surgery research laboratories at Stanford. Baldwin succeeded Dr. Michael DeBakey as head of surgical programs at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston in 1994. Baldwin also served as dean of the Dartmouth Medical School and as the university’s associate provost for health affairs from 1998 to 2005.

- Prior head of the heart/lung transplantation program and director of the cardiovascular surgery research laboratories at Stanford.
- Dr. Baldwin’s research team developed the currently-used method for preservation of lung tissue for transplantation, and he performed the first successful human transplantation of lung tissue procured at long distance in 1986.
- A strong advocate for public and private education from K-12 through university level and has a particular commitment to the teaching of science and technology in our schools.
- A native and fifth-generation Texan, Baldwin is also president and chairman of the board of privately-held Slater-Baldwin Farms.

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