



## 2014-2015 LEADERSHIP FORUM

### *“Leadership for Ensuring a Diverse and Inclusive Academic Environment”*

**Thursday, April 2, 2015**

12:30 – 1:30 pm Presentation

Reception to follow in Atrium

Tosteson Medical Education Center (TMEC) Room 250

260 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA



**Ricardo Azziz, MD, MPH, MBA**  
**President, Georgia Regents University**  
**CEO, Georgia Regents Health System**

An educator-scientist-executive with over 20 years of leadership experience in higher education, research, and healthcare, Dr. Azziz serves as President of the Georgia Regents University (GRU), one of four comprehensive public research universities in Georgia, and CEO of the Georgia Regents Health System (GRHS). He manages a greater than \$1.3 billion integrated

and aligned enterprise with over 1,000 full-time faculty, 9,000 students, and 10,000 employees, four campuses in the Central Savannah River Area, five other campuses throughout Georgia, and over 1,000 training sites. GRU is Georgia's public academic health center, including the affiliated GRHS, an integrated enterprise which includes a 400+ multispecialty physician faculty practice, a 480+ bed general adult acute care hospital, a 160 bed children's hospital, and various outpatient facilities. Dr. Azziz serves as Chair of the Boards of Directors of GRHS, the Georgia Regents Medical Center, and the Roosevelt Warm Springs Rehabilitation & Specialty Hospitals, responsible for the coordination and alignment of the entire clinical enterprise.

Previously, Dr. Azziz served as president of the Georgia Health Sciences University (GHSU), and created the state's only public academic health center, now including GRHS. He led the consolidation of GHSU and Augusta State University (ASU) to create GRU, successfully receiving full Southern Association of Colleges and Schools - Commission on Colleges approval in record time. The consolidation has been a unique and transformative initiative with state-wide and national implications, providing an opportunity to analyze, understand, enhance, and innovate in all areas of the university. Under his leadership GRU has experienced significant growth in research and educational programs, in student success, in capital facilities, and in philanthropy, in an economic environment that has seen, among other challenges, a 30% decrease in state support. In addition, he led the creation of a system of shared administrative services, greater use of imbedded metrics, and enhanced leadership alignment.

Dr. Azziz served as Assistant Dean for Clinical & Translational Sciences (CTS) and Deputy Director for the CTS Institute at UCLA. Dr. Azziz is also an accomplished visual artist, and an internationally recognized clinical & translational researcher, developing an important program in androgen excess research, funded by the NIH since 1988.

Dr. Azziz received his medical degree from Pennsylvania State University in 1981, before completing an internship and residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Georgetown University Hospital and a fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He also received an MPH in 1995 and an MBA in 2000 both from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

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