Opening General Session

Doing Good: An Examination of Organizational Change, Values, and Character
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Session Description:

This session will address how organizations determine their values both internally and externally, exploring what kind of character we want for our organizations, and applying those ideals in terms of how we conduct business so we are “doing good” both in our communities and in our own offices. As a kickoff to our day of learning, this discussion will provide a lens through which we can examine the other topics of the day and strengthen our professional skill sets in the larger framework of being inclusive and character-driven as part of our organizational value systems.

Speaker Bio:

William A. McDade, MD, PhD

William A. McDade, MD, PhD, a board-certified anesthesiologist, was elected to the American Medical Association Board of Trustees in June 2016. He serves as executive vice president and chief academic officer for the Ochsner Health System in New Orleans, which is southeast Louisiana’s largest nonprofit, academic, multispecialty health care delivery system with more than 2,700 affiliated physicians and over 19,000 employees. He leads a unique undergraduate medical education program, the Ochsner Medical School, in partnership with the University of Queensland; a graduate medical education program with nearly 300 residents and fellows; and, a continuing medical education effort that makes Ochsner the leading provider of CME activities in the Gulf South. He also heads the innovation mission of Ochsner with the goal of driving research in Ochsner’s Centers of Excellence and throughout the system.

Most recently Dr. McDade was a professor of anesthesia and critical care at the University of Chicago, where he completed terms as deputy provost for research and minority issues and served as associate dean for multicultural affairs at the Pritzker School of Medicine.

A nationally recognized medical educator, Dr. McDade currently has served as a director for the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education and is a member of the National Board of Medical Examiners. He also serves the U.S. Department of Education as a member of the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation. The founder of the Bowman Society, which is a mentoring organization that prepares minority scholars for academic medicine careers, Dr. McDade is a powerful advocate both for minorities in medical education and for the elimination of racial and ethnic health disparities. Most recently, Dr. McDade was appointed as a member of the Joint Commission.

Dr. McDade received his undergraduate degree in chemistry from DePaul University, his PhD in biophysics and theoretical biology from the University of Chicago, and his medical degree from Chicago’s Pritzker School of Medicine Medical Scientist Training Program. He completed his internship in internal medicine at the University of Chicago and residency training in anesthesiology at the Massachusetts General Hospital-Harvard Medical School. A member of Alpha Omega Alpha, Dr. McDade’s clinical care and research focuses primarily on clinical anesthesiology and the treatment of sickle cell disease.