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CARE CEO Helene D. Gayle Named Recipient of the Ivan Allen Jr. Award for Progress and Service

ATLANTA, GEORGIA (February 23, 2009) The Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts at Georgia Tech has named Helene D. Gayle, President and CEO of CARE, as recipient of the 2009 Ivan Allen Jr. Award for Progress and Service. Gayle will accept the award during the College's annual Founder's Day celebration which takes place Thursday, March 12, 2009 in the Georgian Ballroom at the Biltmore. Gayle's address at 1:00pm is free and open to the public.

An internationally recognized expert on health, development, and humanitarian issues with a lifelong commitment to social justice and equity, Gayle is the ninth Georgia-affiliated leader to receive the Ivan Allen Jr. Award for Progress and Service. Also presented during the Founder's Day program will be Ivan Allen Jr. Awards to faculty, student, and alumni who exemplify the spirit of civic leadership personified by Mayor Allen and the winner of the Ivan Allen Jr. Essay Contest for High School Seniors.

"Throughout her career, Dr. Gayle has been a catalyst for improving the human condition," said Sue V. Rosser, Dean of the Ivan Allen College. "Her endeavors embody the leadership, optimism, and force for progress that are the hallmark of the Ivan Allen Jr. Award for Progress and Service."

Gayle has been the senior executive at CARE since April 2006, guiding the organization's efforts to end poverty through programs in more than 70 countries around the globe. Previous to that, she directed the HIV, TB, and Reproductive Health Program at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. She also spent 20 years with the Centers for Disease Control, focused primarily on combating HIV/AIDS.

The Ivan Allen Jr. Award for Progress and Service has been awarded annually since 2001 to a leader affiliated with Georgia who works in a field relevant to the academic disciplines of the Ivan Allen College. Previous recipients of the award are Ted Turner, philanthropists Charles and Lessie Smithgall, civil rights advocate Jesse Hill, electronic gaming luminary Will Wright, former U.S. Senator Sam Nunn, syndicated columnist Molly Ivins, former President Jimmy Carter, and former Governor and U.S. Senator Zell Miller.



The Ivan Allen College at Georgia Tech defines a new model for liberal arts that is recognized nationally and internationally for integrating the academic rigor, research, and professional emphases of technology and science with the depth, and scope of the humanities and social sciences. The College is comprised of six schools - Economics; History, Technology, and Society; International Affairs; Literature, Communication, and Culture; Modern Languages; Public Policy; and the Air Force, Army, and Navy Reserve Officers Training Corps(ROTC). It offers nine undergraduate degrees, six master's degrees, and five doctoral degrees. Ivan Allen College alumni are prepared for professional leadership in government, business, public policy, international affairs, law, technology, and new media. Founded in 1990, the College is named in honor of former Atlanta Mayor Ivan Allen Jr. (1911-2003).

The Georgia Institute of Technology is one of the nation's premier research universities. Ranked seventh among U.S. News & World Report's top public universities, Georgia Tech's more than 19,000 students are enrolled in its Colleges of Architecture, Computing, Engineering, Liberal Arts, Management and Sciences. Tech is among the nation's top producers of women and African-American engineers. The Institute offers research opportunities to both undergraduate and graduate students and is home to more than 100 interdisciplinary units plus the Georgia Tech Research Institute.

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