

Subject: **Reminder: First DSU Colleagues Meeting of this Academic Year - Monday, October 1 @ 12 noon**

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Dear Colleagues of Dixie State University,

I am writing to remind you of our first Colleagues meeting of this new 2018-2019 academic year! The meeting will be held this **Monday, October 1, 2018 at 12:00 noon in Lecture Hall 156 of the Taylor Health Science Center**, located at 1526 East Medical Center (south of Lowe's and east of River Road). Our very special guest speaker for the October meeting will be **Dr. Gregory A. Prince** (his photo is attached). Dr. Prince's presentation is entitled, ***"Half a Century, Three Careers,"*** and he will be speaking about his work in viruses (RSV), bacteria (Soft Cell), and autism.

Dr. Prince was born and raised in Los Angeles. After graduating as valedictorian from Dixie College (now Dixie State University) in 1967, he served for two years in the Brazilian South Mission of the LDS Church. Upon returning from his mission, he attended the UCLA School of Dentistry, graduating as valedictorian in 1973. An interest in medical research led him to pursue a second doctorate degree, and he received a Ph.D. in pathology at UCLA in 1975.

Dr. Prince and his wife JaLynn moved to Maryland in 1975, where he began a 15-year career in medical research at the National Institutes of Health. His research focused on respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), the primary cause of infant pneumonia throughout the world. In 1987, he and two pediatricians founded Virion Systems, Inc., to commercialize his discoveries in this field. Those discoveries led to the development of Synagis®, a drug that is now given to a quarter-million premature infants throughout the world each winter to prevent RSV pneumonia. He has published over 150 scientific papers. Most recently, Dr. Prince has shifted emphasis from viruses to bacteria, and serves as Chief Scientific Officer of Soft Cell Biological Research, a St. George-based biotech startup whose core technology is its unique ability to culture, study and exploit an elusive form of bacteria ("L-forms") that frequently hides in human blood. One property of these L-form bacteria is to produce potent antibiotics that appear to be effective in killing antibiotic-resistant "superbugs" whose threat to global health is well documented. Soft Cell's first academic partner is the University of Utah, which is working with us both to purify candidate antibiotics and to explore the possible role of L-forms in chronic diseases. In addition to his medical research, Dr. Prince maintains a strong commitment to higher education, currently serving on the National Advisory Council of Dixie State University (chairman), the School of Dentistry Advisory Board of the University of Utah (chairman), the National Presidential Advisory Board of Utah Valley University, and the Board of Governors of Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC.

Dr. Prince's passion, however, is autism. As founder, along with his wife JaLynn, of Madison House Autism Foundation, he works to improve the lives of the three million autistic adults in the United States, among whom is their son and the foundation's namesake.

Looking ahead . . . our speaker on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> will be Dr. Richard Whitehead. Please plan to attend.

We look forward to being with you on Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 12 noon.

Sincerely,

DSU President, Dr. Richard B. Williams and former DSU President, Dr. Douglas D. Alder

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