

Henry Lewis III

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Dr. Henry Lewis III is a professor and director in the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at his alma mater, Florida A&M University (FAMU). During his tenure as dean, Dr. Lewis led the college to national recognition. It is now the fourth largest of the nation's 89 colleges of pharmacy.

Dr. Lewis received a B.S. in pharmacy from FAMU and a Pharm.D. degree from Mercer University in Atlanta, Georgia. He then completed a post-doctoral education at Harvard University's Institute of Educational Management.

At FAMU, Dr. Lewis opened and staffed branch campuses in Jacksonville, Miami and Tampa; he developed Ph.D. programs in pharmaceuticals and medicinal chemistry, and a new master's program in pharmacoconomics; and he pioneered the Executive Pharm.D. (ExDoc) program, FAMU's first nontraditional distance-learning degree program for the practicing pharmacist. From January to July 2002, Dr. Lewis served as interim president of FAMU.

Not only has Dr. Lewis been FAMU's Teacher of the Year, but he also is recognized nationally for his contributions to higher education and health care. To help address health disparities in Florida, Dr.



Lewis opened the FAMU Health Department Pharmacy. In September 2004, he opened a pharmacy for underserved patients in the Johnnie Ruth Clark Health Center in St. Petersburg, Florida.

In 1986, Dr. Lewis became the first African American elected to the Board of County Commissioners in Tallahassee, Florida. He also is acknowledged as an expert witness and has testified before more than a dozen congressional committees in Washington, D.C., and for the state of Florida on educational and health issues of importance to African Americans.

Dr. Lewis is the immediate past president of the Minority Health Professions Foundation in Atlanta, Georgia, and chairman of the Board of Directors of the Florida Education Fund in Tampa, Florida. Currently, he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Capital City Bank Group, Leon County Educational Facility Authority and the American Cancer Society.