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BLANCH B. & FREDERICK C SWARTZ ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP

Presented to:

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IQ (Bio Engineering) Auditorium

The Blanch B. and Frederick C. Swartz Endowed Professorship was established in February 1986. This endowment provides support for a faculty member whose teaching and research emphasis be in general internal medicine principally and geriatric medicine secondarily. Dr. Frederick and Blanch Swartz were residents of East Lansing, Michigan.

Frederick Swartz, MD, FACP, was a Lansing-area physician specializing in internal medicine.

Dr. Swartz advocated for a medical school at Michigan State University, as shown in a Michigan Farm news editorial on April 1, 1960, “Dr. Swartz discussed the need for a new approach in medical education. Along with education in every phase of mental and physical therapy, he would include in the program the training of personnel for all supplementary services, such as schools of nursing and hospital and convalescent management.” Dr. Swartz was also a champion for the elderly. He held the position of the Chairman of the American Medical Association Subcommittee on Aging.

Beginning in 1949, Dr. Swartz and other members of the Geriatrics Committee of the Ingham County Medical Society worked on the development and organization of the rehabilitation program for the area with the help from several departments at Michigan State College.

Dr. Swartz co-founded and incorporated the non-profit Ingham County Rehabilitation Center in 1953. He was the first president of the corporation. “The Rehabilitation Center program is designed for the chronically ill, aged or chronically handicapped insufficiently recovered to return to their house, and for those in the community who would profit by rehabilitation procedures.” The Ingham County Rehabilitation Center has been organized as a service program for Ingham County. All existing facilities and organizations in the county to the limit of their capacity are being utilized and worked into the program.

Dr. Frederick Swartz was often called upon as an expert on the aged. “I don’t see why senior citizens can’t keep driving as well as working,” Swartz said. He said certain conditions, like blindness, obviously limit driving regardless of the person’s age, but age alone should not be the deciding factor.

Past Awardees:
2003-2005: Ruth Hoppe, MD
2005-2019: Ved Gossain, MD

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Ade Olomu MD, MS, FACP is Professor and Vice-Chair for Research in the Department of Medicine. She obtained her medical degree from University of Benin, Nigeria and completed her postgraduate training in Internal Medicine at the University of Benin Teaching Hospital, Nigeria, Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham England and Michigan State University Internal Medicine Residency Program. Dr. Olomu recently completed the Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program at Drexel University. She is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society. Dr. Olomu is nationally and internationally recognized for her scholarly activities and won multiple local, national and international awards that includes, MSU Community Engagement Scholarship Award, Peter Reizenstein Award for Best Paper Published in 2014 in the International Journal for Quality in Health Care, 2013 CHM Outstanding Clinician Award and Resident’s Award for Research Teacher of the Year, MSU, Internal Medicine Residency Program.

Dr. Olomu has been a PI on projects funded by NIH, BCBSM Foundation and an AHRQ Career Development Award. Dr. Olomu’s collaborative research between MSU & Tri-County Office on Aging with links to other community organizations that serve older adults with chronic conditions, funded by Michigan Health Endowment Award, aims to integrate Internal Medicine Practice and community-based services for older adults with chronic conditions. Dr. Olomu has served in many National committees, including member of NIH Study section, member of SGIM Research Committee and SGIM Disparity Task Force. Her research interests include Behavioral Interventions and Implementation Research; translating scientific evidence into clinical practice by implementing evidence based care models (the Office-Guidelines Applied to Practice [Office-GAP] program); Health Disparity Research in Cardiovascular Disease and improving patient care through the use of mobile Health Applications. She has mentored many students, resident doctors, and junior faculty over the years and published multiple articles in peer reviewed journals that includes, New England Journal of Medicine, Lancet, Circulation, American Heart Journal, Am J Managed Care, and J Gen Int Med. Dr. Olomu is married to Dr. Nicholas Olomu, a neonatologist with MSU and is blessed with children and grandchildren.