



## INSTITUTES FOR HEALTH SCIENCES

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### **World-Class Life Science Organization And Campus Launches To Aid In Research And Drug Development** *The Hamner Institutes For Health Sciences Launches To Create Biomedical Science Campus*

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C. – Dr. William F. Greenlee, president and CEO of CIIT Centers for Health Research, has announced the launch of The Hamner Institutes for Health Sciences, an independent, nonprofit organization that offers an open, collaborative and cross-disciplinary approach to strengthen the research investment in biomedical sciences. Dr. Greenlee will serve as the president and chief executive officer of The Hamner, while Dr. Charles Hamner, the namesake of the organization, will serve as the chair of The Hamner Board of Directors.

The Hamner formally launched at a gala event held June 7 on its campus, featuring remarks by local and regional officials including N.C. Lt. Gov. Beverly Perdue. Greenlee and Hamner discussed the organization's mission to create a world-class, preeminent sciences research and education institute. Greenlee and management staff from CIIT realized that there was a larger need to create a life sciences campus where academic, private sector and government organizations could collaborate in a high-density environment to expedite the translation of discoveries in the laboratory to new medicines and life science technologies for the betterment of human health.

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A capital campaign will launch in the coming months to help fund the development and expansion of the planned institutes and The Hamner Campus. In addition to the previously named institutes, the campus will include an auditorium, restaurants and a library. These features will facilitate the goal of the campus, which is to create a high-density of top research minds that can collaborate in formal and casual settings.

#### Quotes:

"I am excited to see our vision come to life with the launch of The Hamner. It has been many years of hard work and planning to make this vision a reality and I am proud of everyone that devoted their time to help make this happen," said Dr. Greenlee. "The Hamner offers the unique opportunity for public, private, and academic organizations to collaborate and expedite public health research and advancements."

“It is an honor to lend my name to an organization that will have such an important impact, not only on research, but translating that research at a faster rate into public health breakthroughs,” said Dr. Hamner. “I look forward to utilizing my past leadership experiences to help guide this organization in its development and growth.”

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About The Hamner Institutes for Health Sciences:

Located on a 56-acre campus in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, The Hamner Institutes for Health Sciences is an independent, nonprofit organization that unites academia, the private sector and government to conduct translational research to improve public health and expedite the development of new medicines. With the ultimate goal of preventing and curing disease, The Hamner offers an open, collaborative and cross-disciplinary approach to strengthen the research investment in biomedical sciences. CIIT, the flagship institute for The Hamner, has been recognized for more than 30 years as a leader in research in environmental risk assessment and health sciences. For more information, please visit <http://www.thehamner.org> or call (919) 558-1200.

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