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ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT DR. BEVERLY L. HALL WILL RECEIVE EDUCATION AWARD AT ITC COSTEN AWARDS

Atlanta, GA (February 15, 2010) The 15th appointed superintendent of the Atlanta Public Schools (APS) Dr. Beverly L. Hall will receive the ***Education Award*** at the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) Charter Day and James H. Costen Awards Dinner on Friday, March 26, 2010 at 7pm, Hyatt Regency Downtown Atlanta.

Dr. Hall's passion for improving public education, particularly in urban areas has landed her in front to many prominent local and national groups, including the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Education and Labor, the Aspen Institute's National Education Summit, the Central Atlanta Progress Board, Concerned Black Clergy, the Buckhead Coalition, the Friendship Baptist Church Forum, The Conference Board's Business/Education Council, the National Summit on America's Silent Epidemic, and 100 Black Men of Atlanta.

Dr. Hall along with APS has set specific goals for their students to make certain achievements by the end of the 2010-11 school year. They plan for elementary students to have eliminated the achievement gap with the state. APS plans for middle school students to reduce the achievement gap with the state by six percentage points, or less, in all grades and core subjects tested. Finally, APS goal for high school students is to achieve a 60 percent or better pass rate on the End of Course Tests, according to their website.

The ultimate goal of all of these efforts is to provide each and every student at APS with the advanced learning she or he needs to graduate with the knowledge and skills required to be accepted into a college or university and perform well in higher education studies.

The 2009 year brought Dr. Hall regional and national notoriety and honors for her educational efforts such as: National Superintendent of the Year by the American Association of School Administrator, the top professional honor for a K-12 education leader in the country, the Keystone Award for Leadership.

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She also received an award as State Superintendent of the Year by the Georgia School Superintendents Association. Dr. Hall is the first in Atlanta and Georgia to receive these awards in their 22-year history.

“We have certainly come a long way over the past decade. And with your continued dedication and support, we will move closer to the goal of excellence in all that we do for students every day in every classroom throughout the district,” Dr. Hall writes in a letter to parents, employees and friends of Atlanta Public Schools.

Born in Jamaica, West Indies, Dr. Hall immigrated to the United States upon completion of her high school education. She earned a Doctor of Education degree from Fordham University and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Oglethorpe University. She obtained a Master of Science in Guidance and Counseling from The City University of New York and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Brooklyn College. Dr. Hall is married and has an adult son.

Join us for our “*Tribute to Excellence*,” as Dr. Beverly L. Hall will receive the **Education Award**. Dr. Hall is one of eight prominent leaders who have made significant contributions to their community and will be honored at the 52nd Charter Day and 13th James H. Costen Awards Dinner on March 26, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency, Downtown Atlanta 265 Peachtree Street NE. The dinner is preceded by a silent auction that begins at 6:00 p.m. For more information contact the Interdenominational Theological Center at 404-527-7718 or visit our website at www.itc.edu.

About the ITC

For more than 52 years the Interdenominational Theological Center has been training men and women from all walks of life and all faiths for the work of ministry and service to the Church and global community.

The ITC is one of the most unique training grounds in graduate theological education in America and is a consortium of six different denominational seminaries. Nowhere in the world is there found a consortium of this magnitude housing: Morehouse School of Religion (Baptist Affiliate), Gammon Theological Seminary (United Methodist Affiliate), Turner Theological Seminary (African Methodist Episcopal Affiliate), Phillips School of Theology (Christian Methodist Episcopal Affiliate), Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary (Presbyterian Affiliate), C. H. Mason Theological Seminary (Church of God in Christ Affiliate) and all other affiliate denominations are part of the Richardson Ecumenical Fellowship.

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