FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Media Contact:
Cheryl Soltis 215-991-8830
Csoltis@DrexelMed.edu

VISION 2020 CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS FOR EQUALITY IN ACTION MEDALS
Five pairs of Chicago-area leaders will be recognized for shared leadership among women and men

PHILADELPHIA (July 19, 2011) – Vision 2020, a national project working to achieve equality, is seeking five pairs of women and men that demonstrate shared leadership and make a positive impact on their organizational cultures to honor with Equality in Action Medals in Chicago on Oct. 12, 2011 at a public leadership event.

The Equality in Action Medals will recognize these outstanding leaders’ contributions during Kudos & Comedy, an afternoon program of Vision 2020’s second annual congress, Vision + Action = Equality in Motion, being held Oct. 11-13 in Chicago with visionary leaders from across the country.

To nominate a leadership team, visit drexel.edu/vision2020. The nomination process is simple and asks nominators to describe briefly why this team of leaders deserves a Vision 2020 Equality in Action Medal. Vision 2020 is looking for examples of male/female shared leadership across the professions—from the corporate sector, the nonprofit world, faith-based organizations, and community and volunteer organizations.

Nominations are currently being accepted online through Sept. 6, 2011. All nominators receive a ticket to Kudos & Comedy. Medal recipients will be recognized on stage and through video during Kudos & Comedy, 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., Oct. 12, 2011, at Chase Tower in Chicago.

During Kudos & Comedy, renowned improv troupe The Second City will stage a special comedy performance. The event will be followed by a reception, where Vision 2020 Delegates—women leaders from all 50 states—sponsors, Chicago community leaders, and Vision 2020 medal recipients will have the opportunity to exchange ideas.

For more information or to nominate a leadership team, visit drexel.edu/vision2020. For tickets to Kudos & Comedy, email vision2020@drexelmed.edu.

About Vision 2020
Vision 2020 is a campaign to make equality a national priority through shared leadership among women and men. Its first public event was held Oct. 21-22, 2010, when a congress of national delegates, representing all 50 states and the District of Columbia, gathered at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia to launch a campaign to move America toward equality by 2020, the centennial celebration of the 19th Amendment. Vision 2020 is a project of Drexel University College of Medicine’s Institute for Women’s Health and Leadership.

Vision 2020’s Sponsors
The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company is the Presenting Sponsor of Vision 2020. The Exelon Foundation is a Visionary Sponsor.

Vision 2020 National Advisors
Doris Buffett
Founder, Sunshine Lady Foundation

Johnnetta B. Cole, PhD
President Emerita of Spelman College and Bennett College for Women

Catherine DeAngelis, MD, MPH
Editor in Chief, Journal of the American Medical Association

Janet Dillione
EVP & General Manager, Nuance Healthcare

Lynn Laverty Eisenhans
Chairman & CEO, Sunoco Inc.

Karen Mathis
President and CEO, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America

Eileen C. McDonnell
President & CEO, The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company

Carolyn Lamm, Esq.
Past President, American Bar Association

Mary Patterson McPherson, PhD
Executive Officer, The American Philosophical Society

Anna Quindlen
Writer

Cokie Roberts
Author and Political Commentator

Dawn Staley
Olympic Gold Medalist, Head Coach, University of South Carolina Women’s Basketball

Vision 2020 Co-Chairs
Rosemarie B. Greco
Lynn H. Yeakel, MSM

Project Director
Catherine Ormerod, MSS, MLSP

Penn Mutual
Presenting Sponsor:
The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company