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VISION 2020 NAMES DONNA E. SHALALA AS NATIONAL ADVISOR

PHILADELPHIA (January 24, 2012) – Vision 2020 is pleased to announce **University of Miami President and former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna E. Shalala** as the newest addition to its advisory board.

Vision 2020 is an initiative of the Institute for Women's Health and Leadership at Drexel University College of Medicine to make equality a national priority through shared leadership among women and men.

Shalala has served as president of the University of Miami since 2001 and has extensive experience in higher education, serving as a tenured professor at Columbia University, the City University of New York and the University of Wisconsin-Madison and later as president of Hunter College of the City University of New York and as chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

In 1993, President Clinton appointed Shalala U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, where she served for eight years, becoming the longest serving HHS Secretary in U.S. history. She is the recipient of numerous honors, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom; the Nelson Mandela Award for Health and Human Rights; and *Glamour* magazine's 1994 Woman of the Year Award. In 2011, she was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, New York.

Vision 2020 Founder and Co-Chair Lynn Yeakel, director of Drexel University College of Medicine's Institute for Women's Health and Leadership, called Shalala's work inspirational. "Donna Shalala is a leader and pioneer for women and girls," Yeakel said. "Her example has contributed enormously to women's progress."

Shalala joins Vision 2020's nine other esteemed advisors: **Laurel G. Bellows, Esq.**, President-Elect, American Bar Association; **Johnnetta B. Cole, PhD**, President Emerita of Spelman College and Bennett College for Women; **Lynn Laverty Elsenhans**, Chairman & CEO, Sunoco Inc.; **Karen J. Mathis**, President and CEO, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America; **Eileen C. McDonnell**, President, The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company; **Mary Patterson McPherson, PhD**, Executive Officer, The American Philosophical Society; **Anna Quindlen**, Writer; **Cokie Roberts**, Author and Political Commentator; and **Dawn M. Staley**, Olympic Gold Medalist, Head Coach, University of South Carolina Women's Basketball.

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