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Second Annual SEC Symposium Focused on Obesity Prevention

The second annual SEC Symposium took place September 21-23 at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta. Entitled *Prevention of Obesity: Overcoming a 21st Century Public Health Challenge*, the event featured presenters from all 14 SEC universities. Keynote speakers included Nancy Brown, CEO of the American Heart Association, and Dr. Mike Lauer, Director of the Division of Cardiovascular Sciences at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.



Nancy Brown, CEO of the American Heart Association, delivers opening keynote address.

Dr. G. David Gearhart, the presidential liaison to SECU and the University of Arkansas Chancellor, provided

opening comments.

"This SEC Symposium allows the uni-

versities to bring together some of the top researchers, some of the top minds, on the topic of obesity prevention to talk about these terrible problems facing the American public," Gearhart said. "Our universities have some of the best researchers anywhere in the nation on this particular topic."

The SEC Symposium included the Presidents, Chancellors and Provosts Reception, poster exhibitions, SEC University Showcase and breakout sessions.

A full recap from each day of the SEC Symposium, including speaker abstracts, PowerPoint presentations and a list of award winners, is available online at SECSymposium.com.

MU Hosts SEC ALDP

The SEC Academic Leadership Development Program (SEC ALDP) fall workshop was held at the University of Missouri from October 13-15.



Missouri's iconic columns welcomed SEC ALDP participants.

More than 50 participants joined sessions on managing complex organizations, workload balance and university advancement through student affairs and alumni relations.

"The content of the workshop was wonderful and all of the sessions had pearls of wisdom," said Kathryn Cardarelli from the University of Kentucky.

The spring workshop will be held February 18-21 at Texas A&M University. [Read the full story online.](#)

SEC Commissioner Slive to Retire



Mike Slive

Mike Slive will retire as commissioner of the SEC on July 31, 2015, after serving in that position for 13 years.

"I have been blessed in more ways than I can count and I will have as much passion for this job on my last day as I did on my first," said Slive. "I consider my health situation a temporary detour in a remarkable road that has allowed me to meet amazing people, experience incredible events and celebrate historic victories. I will relish my final year in this position and look forward to being the biggest fan of the SEC for many years to come."

Following his retirement, Slive will serve in the role of consultant to the conference for a period of four years. [Read the full story online.](#)

The SECU Academic Initiative

SECU is the Academic Initiative of the Southeastern Conference. Formed in 2005 and reorganized in 2011 under the auspices of the SEC, the vision of SECU is to serve as the primary mechanism through which the collaborative academic endeavors and achievements of SEC member universities are promoted and advanced. [Learn more about SECU programs online.](#)