

## **AAAAI Foundation and Dennis K. Ledford, MD, FAAAAI and University of South Florida Allergy & Immunology Division Lectureship**



Dennis K. Ledford, MD is Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics and Ellsworth & Mabel Simmons Professor of Allergy & Immunology at the University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine. Dr. Ledford attended the University of Tennessee Medical School, completed a residency program at the University of Tennessee and received postgraduate training in Allergy and Immunology at the University of South Florida and in Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology at New York University.

Dr. Ledford's 41 years of experience in the specialty have been marked with numerous honors and accolades. He was listed in the America's Top Doctors Guide in 2010 and was given a Most Compassionate Doctor Award from Vitals in 2012. He served as President of the American Academy of Allergy and Immunology (2011-2012) and was the Chair of the ARTrust Steering Committee (now the AAAAI Foundation) from 2012-2015. Ledford has chaired the Work Group on Post Graduate Medical Education, Future of Allergy and Immunology Task Force of AAAAI and ACAAI since 2009. In 2015, Dr. Ledford was named Best Allergist/Immunologist in Tampa Bay by *Tampa Bay Magazine*, won the Outstanding Clinician Award from the World Allergy Association and was inducted into the Barness/Behnke Chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society, which honors role-model physician teachers recognized for demonstrated excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion and dedication to service. Dr. Ledford has said that he, "chose a career in medicine because I wanted to make a lifetime commitment to a profession that could improve people's lives," which succinctly embodies the mission of AAAAI Foundation, and we are proud to establish this lectureship in honor of his significant achievements as an academician, researcher and practitioner. This Lectureship was announced at the 2018 AAAAI/WAO Joint Congress in Orlando, with the inaugural presentation at the 2019 AAAAI Annual Meeting.

**The Dennis K. Ledford Lectureship will be presented in Plenary 4301: The Role of Immunoglobulin E (IgE) in Primary Immunodeficiency Disorders by Lecturer: Mitchell Grayson, MD: IgE Regulation and Dysregulation on Monday, March 1 from 11:10 am – 12:40 pm.**

