

# Frank S. Royal, Sr, MD named W. Montague Cobb Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient

*W. Montague Cobb Lifetime Achievement Award honors Dr. Frank S. Royal, Sr. at the NMA Opening Ceremony and Awards Program*

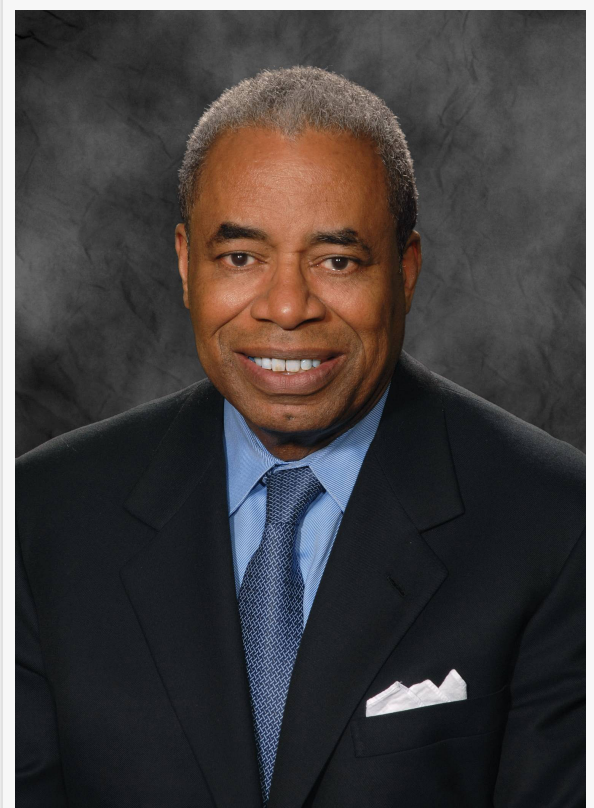
ATLANTA, GA, USA, July 28, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Dr. Frank S. Royal, Sr., MD will be honored with the [W. Montague Cobb Lifetime Achievement Award](#) at the "Opening and Awards Ceremony" of the [National Medical Association](#) on July 31, 2020.

Dr. Royal is an alumnus who has dedicated his entire life to advancing Meharry and the betterment of others, often at great personal sacrifice" said Dr. James E. K. Hildreth, president and CEO of Meharry Medical College."

Dr. Royal was the first board member to contribute \$100,000 to Meharry. As others followed suit, a giving society was named for him - The Royal Society. He and his wife also established the Pamela and Frank S. Royal Sr. Endowed Scholarship at Meharry. During his time on the board, Dr. Royal has given more than \$2 million to the college. In 1997 under Dr. Royal's leadership as chairman of the board of trustees, the College embarked upon a \$125 million capital campaign. The goal was exceeded with \$127.5 million raised at the campaign's conclusion on June 30, 2005.

Dr. Royal has served on the board of directors of several major corporations, including Hospital Corporation of America (HCA), Smithfield Foods, Inc., SunTrust Banks, Inc., Chesapeake Corporation, Dominion Resources, Inc. and CSX Corporation. He is also an Honorary Trustee and former Chairman of the Board of Virginia Union University.

In addition to his professional success, Dr. Royal has continually dedicated his time, talent and resources to serving the underserved, strengthening his community and mentoring youth. He is an emeritus director of the YMCA of Greater Richmond, a past president and member of the National Medical Association and a life member of the NAACP, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society.



Dr. Frank S. Royal, Sr.



Dr. Royal was always willing to share his successes with Meharry through his leadership, contributions and recognition of the College."

*Dr. James E. K. Hildreth*

Dr. Royal earned his B.S. from Virginia Union University, graduating Cum Laude. He went on to complete his M.D. from Meharry in 1968. Dr. Royal spearheaded the construction of a new Richmond City Community Hospital in the city's east end.

The Cobb Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated more than 20 years of consistent, long-lasting contributions to benefit African

Americans and the field of medicine. This individual may either be a physician, a social/health activist, or one who served as both during a distinguished career of Leadership. The recipient does not have to be a member of the National Medical Association (NMA).

Additional details about the event can be found at <https://convention.nmanet.org/special-activities/>

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