

Danielle M Campbell, Community

Dr. Fauci, Thank you for your leadership and continued sacrifice. May your next steps be as meaningful as the last 40 years. Take good care of yourself. Danielle

Jaime Bosch, Inselspital, Bern University Hospital, Bern, Switzerland

Congratulations for this well deserved award, and thank you for all the service you have done in protecting public health world-wide with your independent and wise advice to top US leaders. I very much admire you.

Harvey Kaufman, Quest Diagnostics

Dear Dr. Fauci, You are a true leader by example in centering all decisions on doing what is best for patients, discovering new ways to improve care and outcomes, implementing effective solutions, and communicating clearly and concisely from the heart. May the next chapter in your life be filled with peace and satisfaction. Most sincerely, Harvey W. Kaufman

Teymur Noori, ECDC

Thank you for your leadership, for your inspiration and for your service. The world is a little bit better thanks to you.

Sharon Nachman, SUNY Stony Brook

THANK YOU for being the face of science, truth in medicine and not being afraid to say what is best for our families! you have led by example and I can only hope that we live up to your expectations of us in the future

Sara Hartley, UCB/UCSF Joint Medical Program

Dear Dr. Fauci What a shocking travesty in national reasoning that your efforts in the Covid pandemic were distorted into bile by the extreme Right MAGA base. Few public health leaders made the meaningful switch you did during the early HIV crisis- a testament to scientific integrity. That Donald Trump feared a rational approach to the pandemic could dim his economic swagger for re-election and cynically chose to obfuscate, undermining the US response, was dreadful. That He encouraged demonizing you- treasonous. To serve the public good as you did requires a POTUS with good judgment & upholding his oath of office. The great tragedy may be that these deluded attacks on science, public health- with bizarre personal threats - will deter future generations of physicians & researchers from serving the nation as you have. Hopefully, there will be a sane reckoning- and this award will be a push back against your misguided critics.

Pablo Peñaloza-MacMaster, Northwestern University

Thanks for disseminating accurate information, even if sometimes the truth was not what the public or politicians wanted to hear. Your leadership based on science saved many lives.

Yiannoula Koulla, Cyprus Liver Patient's Association

Many thanks for your long-standing contribution. You will forever be in our hearts.

Sandra Palleja, PPD, part of Thermo Fisher Scientific

I sincerely applaud all your efforts and thank you for your years of service to our global community. Your guidance and leadership have been an inspiration to all of us HIV treaters and advocates, and drug developers who have continued our work as patient advocates and warriors with you at the helm. We are eternally grateful to you. I wish you and your family every blessing, good health and happiness as you venture into the next phase before you. I'm sure you're not really retiring. All who have learned from you will look forward to hearing from you. You're a true hero for many of us, as we

continue the work we've encountered through our joint efforts. Wishing you the best always and praying for your well being and safety.

Brent Neuschwander-Tetri, Saint Louis University

Dr. Fauci, Words cannot express the depth of my appreciation for your leadership over four decades in responding to the HIV era and now the covid era. Your clarity of thought and calm responses to emotionally heated discussions have been inspirational. And most recently, your unblinking courage in the face of irrational attacks has added another dimension to our understanding of the magnitude of your contributions to science and the health of people around the world. May you be blessed in your retirement. You will be missed.

Michael Hodges, Manager of RNA Medicines, LLC

Thanks for being all of our de facto leader in our collective fight against infectious diseases.

Elizabeth Brunt, Emeritus Professor, Washington University School of Medicine

Dr Fauci, The gratitude and respect you deserve are indescribable. First, for your incredible groundbreaking work in HIV at a time when that was not a popular topic nor population. And more recently for your insights and public guidance during the SARS-cov-2 epidemic. Thank you for standing your ground and staunchly defending science.

Donna Mildvan, Mount Sinai Beth Israel

Dear Tony, Since the beginning of AIDS and all the ensuing years, you've been the paradigm of physician, scientist, leader. We are eternally grateful to you and to our lucky stars that placed you at the helm all this time. Wishing you as fulfilling a next phase as this one has been. With great admiration and affection, Donna

Ralph DeMasi, ViiV Healthcare

Thanks so much for all of your leadership and service over the many decades in infectious diseases, vaccines and especially for your latest work with COVID and earlier and current work with HIV treatment, prevention and cure!

Rachel Gomel, PSC Partners Seeking a Cure

I have deep respect for you, Dr. Toni Fauci. At a time when the whole world entered a state of pandemic chaos, when we all sought a voice of reason among the millions of panic-spreading politicized opinions, yours was a voice that calmly arose and bravely appeared day after day, sifting all information and giving us most sound medical advice. When in doubt, I sought Toni Fauci's thoughts for guidance. For a large number of people like me, you became the mouthpiece of Science. We heard so many beautiful stories that tell us about your humanity, humility, wisdom, and compassion. Forever grateful to you, Dr. Fauci.

Virginia Kan, VA Medical Center - Washington, DC

My sincere thanks to you, Tony! For more than 50 years, you have dedicated your government service to expand our knowledge, improve treatments and protect public health. During your tenure, HIV has been transformed from a fatal infection to a chronic disease. Your steadfast and evidence-based efforts during the current pandemic have improved the treatment and prevention of COVID. Best wishes for your continued success in future endeavors! Ginny

Nicholas Jewell, University of California, Berkeley

Tony, You have always been a hero in Public Health for me, particularly with our involvement in HIV research from the very beginning starting back in 1981 when I moved to the San Francisco Bay Area. You have always been a champion of empirical work in addition to research in the laboratory and were a valued supporter of the San Francisco Mens' Health Study. I am so glad that I got a chance to thank you in person for your leadership when I was inducted into the National Academy of Medicine. Since then, you have been a voice of reason as the country has struggled with the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank for your leadership, your science, and your humanity! Nick

Stuart Ray, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

The many facets of Tony Fauci would be confusing if they weren't so coherent. I can't remember the first time I heard his name, but as I navigated medical training and infectious diseases research, the references were inescapable and impressive. Then in the 1990s I got to interact with him as a faculty member and trembling colleague, and the abstract image of hard working genius came into sharper focus with a very kind but driven human being at its center. He always seemed to understand the responsibilities of leadership and the value of rigor in science, and in a capricious world that sort of lodestone is invaluable. Thank you, Tony, for the depth of your character, the clarity of your insights, the guidance of your leadership, and the kindness with which you've treated people junior to you. I'm grateful in more ways than I can express, and I hope your next chapter is just as rewarding for you. –
Stu

Lawrence Gostin, Georgetown University, O'Neill Institute for National & Global Health Law

My Tony, We have been such close friends and worked side by side from the very beginning of the AIDS pandemic. Fond memories, like AIDS advocates teaching us a thing or two. And bumping into you at Thomas Sweet. My only description of you is that you are a National Treasure, nothing less. You have seen the nation through our worst health crises, always calm, authoritative, and based on science. At the same time you have endured so much during the COVID-19 pandemic. All of America and the world owes you the deepest debt of gratitude. You are a uniquely compassionate human being, scientist, and global health leader. It is a joy and privilege to call you friend. with great warmth, Larry

Eric Donaldson, FDA\CDER\ONDI\ Division of Antivirals

Dr. Fauci, Thank you for your decades of leadership in and support of Public Health in the United States, and thank you for being a distinguished, confident, honest, steadfast, and thorough representative of the scientific community in the public view. I admire how you withstood the unprecedented (at least in my lifetime) levels of criticism and ridicule coming from not-so-well-informed elected officials and citizens when addressing issues related to the SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 pandemic from the highly visible national stage. You handled such controversies with dignity, patience, solid scientific information, and grace. I was honored to have you representing us scientists at the podium. Wishing you all the best in your well-deserved retirement!

Ulrike Protzer, Technical University of Munich, Institute of Virology

Thank you so much for your extremely valuable guidance concerning infectious diseases in the last decades and particularly during the COVID-19 pandemics - we always learned a lot from you!

Elizabeth Fagan, Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center, Chicago

The tract you have taken from research into uncommon diseases (e.g., polyarteritis nodosa) before switching to large-scale infectious diseases (e.g., HIV/AIDS and on to SARS-CoV-2) lays a foundation for others to aspire to as you became a standard bearer worldwide for science, truth and integrity. You have left an indelible mark on our profession. Humanity owes immense gratitude for your service. With sincere thanks.

Gene Pennello, Food and Drug Administration

Dear Dr. Fauci, Thank you for many years of unparalleled service in supporting infectious disease research, communicating public health issues in an easily understood manner, and advocating that policy making be supported with good data and proper statistical analysis. To many in the United States, you are hero and national treasure. To many of us at HHS, you are and will be an exemplar for years to come

Lara Dimick-Santos, Labcorp Drug Development

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for the public. You do not deserve these senseless attacks, All the sane people in the world support you and the work you have done, and will continue to do.

Ayman El-Mohandes, CUNY Graduate School of Public Health & Health Policy

Thank you for all you have contributed to humanity. Your steadfast adherence to ethics, and science created a roadmap for those who worked contemporaneously with you and those who will follow. The world of Public Health will always remain in your debt.

Nathaniel Brown, Retired (from UCLA Med, Cornell Med, and pharma/biotech career)

Americans of all stripes owe Dr Fauci immense gratitude for his important role in changing HIV/AIDS from a stigmatizing deadly pandemic in the early 1980s to a highly treatable disease today. Thanks, Dr. Fauci, for being a stalwart national leader in the early political struggle to get AIDS de-stigmatized, within the US government and in the public eye, as the first step to build strong Federal and private support for AIDS research. That hard-fought de-stigmatization emboldened many others, in government and in the private sector, to join the AIDS research and patient care efforts.

Larkin Callaghan, Gilead Sciences

Dear Tony, Thank you for the decades of service to humanity -- your generosity of spirit, intellect, reflective nature, and genuine care for the health of all shines through with such admirable clarity. Thank you for paving the way for so many scientists after you, for inspiring leagues of freshly curious investigators, and for ensuring that the dignity of patients, participants, and humanity was the forever guiding light. We will never be able to thank you enough. With gratitude, Larkin Callaghan (Gilead Sciences, UCSF)

Susan Zelt, UNC School of Public Health / Ceres Health Research Consulting

Thank you for your leadership - humane, balanced and grounded. Dr. Sue Zelt

Neetha Shagan Morar, South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC), HIV and other Infectious Diseases Research Unit

Dear Tony Thank you for your perseverance and tenacity in your many years of collaboration, dedication and scientific leadership in public health. Your time and energy to engage and partner with community stakeholders is commendable. We wish you and your family well as you embark on the next venture and our paths will cross again. Stay blessed.

Gert van Zyl, Stellenbosch University, South Africa

Your passion for improving the lives of people living with HIV through evidence-based interventions has inspired clinicians and researchers across the world. More recently your leadership in fast-tracking vaccine development for Covid-19 likely contributed to saving many lives. As a healthcare worker in a developing country I thank you for your unselfish service

Mark Cotton, Stellenbosch University, South Africa

Thank you for your role in advancing research for children with HIV, which has translated into inestimable benefits for children and adolescents globally. We are most grateful & privileged to have contributed through the Children with HIV Early antiRetroviral (CHER) trial though the Comprehensive International Program for Research in AIDS (CIPRA-SA). The CHER trial established the importance of early ART and early infant diagnosis and led the way to similar studies in adults to establish early ART. The CHER cohort is now contributing to the HIV Cure/Remission agenda and long term documentation of long-term outcomes, most importantly neurocognition. Also, bringing vital PACTG and then IMPAACT trials to African and other international sites is of inestimable benefit to the local populations and to increasing research capacity globally, enabling a true global partnership based on the best science possible.

José Willemse, Dutch Liver Patients Association / Liver Patients International

Dear Dr. Anthony Fauci, On behalf of all patients (globally), I would like to thank you for all your never-ending commitment to healthcare in general and patients in particular. Perhaps unintentionally, but you were a mentor and example for many people, including me. Thank you so much for your commitment, the world looks a bit better because of you. On behalf of the patients, I can tell you that we are very grateful to you for that. We wish you all the best for the future!

John Tavis, Sant Louis University School of Medicine

The entire biomedical enterprise, the American public, and people around the world owe you a huge debt of gratitude for your decades of superb leadership at the NIAID. Your strong, productive leadership have accelerated the advance of science and medicine, and we are all beneficiaries of your extraordinarily hard work. THANK YOU!!

Daniel Cohen, AbbVie

Dr. Fauci, you have been an inspiration to me ever since I started my ID training back in the 1990s, managing patients living with HIV/AIDS during a period of rapid change. Your rare combination of scientific expertise, communication skills, leadership ability, and sharp elbows have allowed you to swim in the deepest waters of cutting-edge virology, while also navigating the shifting winds of political change. I can only imagine how much worse the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic would have been without your steadfast leadership and your clear communication (many times it felt like you were the only adult in the room!). Thank you for all you have done for me personally and for the whole world.

Michelle Long, Novo Nordisk

Thank you for being a guiding light for science and public health in recent years and throughout your career. You have had an incredible impact on public health and are an inspiration to rising leaders.

Angie Botto-van Bemden, Musculoskeletal Research International & Clinical Research Experts

Thank you Dr. Fauci for your advocacy, scientific leadership, and years of public health service!

Bharat Parekh, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Dear Dr. Fauci, Congratulations and Best Wishes for a well-deserved retirement, although you will still remain active in various ways due to your deep passion for science and public health. It goes without saying that you have saved countless lives all over the world due to your innovation, commitment, and leadership at NIAID. You have been an inspiration to me and many scientists over the last 4 decades. I am part of the PEPFAR family at CDC which started almost 20 years ago with your engagement and support at the highest level. Due to PEPFAR, we have made a major impact globally and we are close to the HIV epidemic control in many countries - thanks to you and your vision. I have heard you several times giving complex talks in HIV conferences that are delivered with clarity, logical approach, and sound data - wish we could all do it! We also appreciate your steadfast commitment to science, ignoring politics of public health. Finally, I am glad to know you as a passionate scientist that believes in good. With my Best Wishes. Bharat Parekh CDC

Jim Demarest, Independent Pharma R&D Consultant

Dear Tony, Congratulations on your retirement and thank you for your decades of leadership and service. It was an honor and an invaluable privilege to have worked in LIR during my graduate school days. Best wishes to you and the family as you enter this next chapter. Kind Regards, Jim Demarest

Parmjeet Randhawa, The Thomas E Starzl Transplantation Institute, University of Pittsburgh

Dr Fauci: You have been a guiding light and inspiration to thousands of physicians, including many like me, who grew up in developing countries, and needed a role model for pursuing careers as Physician Investigators. You have shown how essential it is for a person with a clinical perspective to be a part of scientific teams engaged in cutting edge research. I am a great admirer of how you stuck to scientific facts withstanding great political pressure, and threats to self and family, to do otherwise. I wish you a healthy and happy retirement, at the same time hoping that you will continue to speak out as needed, to ensure that scientific inquiry is not hindered by those in power, who have ulterior motives.

David Standring, Drug Discovery Consultant

It's hard to find accolades for Dr Fauci that can match his storied and stellar career and reflect all he has contributed to the fight against infectious diseases over many decades. But I want to thank him especially for his leadership on the Covid issue. During a time of great division, dissent and disinformation it was a great comfort to those of us that would listen to hear and see Tony calmly and thoughtfully give the best advice available on how to protect ourselves. In addition to admiring Tony for his science we all admire him as a man of honor and integrity who stood by his principles and for scientific values despite all the crazy political pressures and even threats against his life and his family. Tony, we can't thank you enough for all you have contributed.

Andrew Grulich, Kirby Institute, UNSW Australia

For decades, Tony Fauci has been a force for reason in infectious diseases research. His personal journey early in the HIV epidemic of working with affected communities led to fundamental change in clinical trial design and implementation, and the rapid implementation of effective HIV therapies. His deep knowledge of how the epidemic might impact Africa led to investment in health in that continent on an unprecedented extent, which prevented unimaginable losses of life in many countries. He is one of the world's best science communicators and advocates for an evidence-based policy in responding to infectious disease. His work at the absolute apex of the response means his work was often embedded in politics and political response. In this era where the existence of scientific truth is debated, the scientific approach championed by Dr Fauci is more important than ever.

Nathalie Morgensztejn, French National Agency for Medicines and Health Products Safety

Dear Toni, Congratulations for your critical achievements in your career and notably in the field of HIV. I am full of admiration. Have a fruitful and healthy retirement. Wish you all the best for this new part of life. Best wishes Nathalie Morgensztejn

Maureen Myers

With deepest appreciation to you for selecting John LaMontagne and me to create what would become the AIDS Program and the ACTG. It was an honor to work with you.

Jens Kort, AbbVie Inc.

It has been a true honor and blessing to develop as a clinician and researcher in infectious diseases, under Tony Fauci's leadership at the NIH/NIAID and observe what he has done for the health of the American People. Tony is my HERO and inspiration in my professional life. It is with gratitude and joy that I reflect on my HERO's devotion, work-ethics and unwavering commitment to public service and public health. We are living in precarious times where trust in scientific evidence and genuine interest in protecting the health of the American People people has been challenged, and undermined by efforts that serve individuals and their ill-inspired agenda for personal gains: To divide us, hurt each other, and denouncing scientific evidence and ethical conduct. Tony has been a steadfast leader, deflecting these attacks and he has been continuing to protect what is best for the health and well-being of all of us with honesty and integrity. I am forever grateful and humbled by Tony's service to our society.

Lara Dimick-Santos, Labcorp Drug Development

Thank you for everything you have done for the public good. I worked for FDA for over 12 years and you are so loved. :)

Alan Perelson, Los Alamos National Laboratory

Dear Tony, Thanks for being a beacon of truth in a sea of misinformation not only about COVID-19 but also about HIV and the need for vaccinations. You have made sure that the AIDS enterprise has been well-funded not only for research but also for prevention and treatment throughout the world. I have admired you for decades because of your devotion to science and medicine and have enjoyed reading your many scientific articles as well as your perspectives in the NEJM throughout the years.

All the best, Alan Perelson

Joanne Hatchett, PSC Partners Seeking a Cure

Words cannot express what you have done to help everyone. I feel like I am losing my most trusted friend and source of information. Your words of wisdom, leadership, and care have meant so much to so many people. You have been a part of our lives for so many years. What you have endured and done during COVID has been incredible. I could never thank you enough. You will be truly missed. Enjoy your retirement!

Coleen Cunningham, University of California, Irvine, Children's Hospital of Orange County

Tony, thank you for your many years of service and thank you for always considering children in the planning! Coleen

Ingrid Bassett, Massachusetts General Hospital

Thank you for leading with vision and integrity.

Jose F. Rodriguez-Orengo, FDI Clinical Research

The path of a human being is reflected in how many lives have been impacted by their legacy. I commend your civil servant, scientific approach, and commitment to excellence and inclusiveness.

You have touched billions of lives in your career, and we are thankful for your legacy. You have given light in times of darkness, and your positions will be remembered in future generations as the right paths to follow.

Kenneth Mayer, Fenway Health/Harvard Medical School

Dear Tony: Many thanks for your exemplary leadership over these many years. I remember meeting you in the mid-1980's when Chuck Carpenter asked me to scribe for an external oversight committee that you established to evaluate the NIH's AIDS research program. So much has changed since those dark, sad days, very much due to your diligence and leadership. The work of the intramural program, and the external investigators you have funded, have been the essential elements of a successful national and global response to the epidemic. Your work has led to invaluable insights in viral immunopathogenesis, therapeutic paradigms, monitoring schema, not to mention PEPFAR, as well as a system of clinical research sites that could be rapidly mobilized to address the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic. Generations of bench and clinical researchers are forever in your debt, as are the beneficiaries of the scientific discoveries and public health programs that you have led. Many thanks again for your unique contributions. Best wishes, Ken Mayer

Phiroze Sethna, CHIMERIX INC

It has been an honor for the country to have you at the helm of NIAID and help navigate the country through the infectious diseases and pandemics that have come our way. Wishing you the very best for your next endeavor!

Samuel Ponce de León, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico

Great work. Thanks.

Brian Kanyemba, Advocates for Prevention of HIV/AIDS in Africa

Thank you so much for your outstanding work to the Global Public health. Thank you for being a relentless leader who won't leave any stone unturned until medications, vaccines are available for emerging diseases. Thank you for supporting LMICs. I know we will still ask your advice as we focus on getting an HIV vaccine or a possible cure! Thank you!

Phillip Weems, HVTN

I salute you Dr Fauci. From the desperation and internal conflicts of the 1980s, to the halcyon days that led to HAART, through the development of long-term injectables and advanced treatments such as monoclonal antibodies, the transformative qualities which brought us Warp Speed and the Covid-19 Prevention Network, the inspirational leadership of Dr Anthony Fauci has been one of unquestionable excellence. May his legacy of accomplishments live on.

Dirceu Greco, Federal University of Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, Brazil

I want to congratulate Dr. Anthony Fauci for all these years of excellence in the defense of science, human rights and ethics, always with courage and clarity, which certainly positively influenced thousands of people around the world. His example makes clear the importance of a firm and clear stance in defense of the vulnerable and very importantly, he did it all in a public institution. My best wishes for a well-deserved rest and certainly his example will be a beacon for everyone, everywhere.

Rita Harcrow, Office of HIV/AIDS Housing, US Department of Housing and Urban Development

Dr. Fauci, Thank you for your years as a tireless public servant for the United States. Your work has touched - and saved - the lives of thousands. As an HIV advocate, educator, and program administrator in rural Alabama for more than 20 years, I know the impact of your work and dedication to this field. As a federal program director for the past 7 years, I have an even greater appreciation of the tremendous responsibility of your scientific accomplishments while also navigating ever-changing politics and complex bureaucracies. Thank you, Dr. Fauci. Well done. Rita Harcrow
Director, HUD Office of HIV/AIDS Housing

Christopher Locher, Versatope Therapeutics, Incorporated

Your contributions to science and the public health of the American people have been outstanding through the years, especially during the COVID pandemic. Our country and our world are a better place because of your courageous dedication to scientific excellence and uncompromising integrity. You are my hero in the fight against infectious disease and you are an outstanding role model for the next generation of scientists and physicians. I wish you the very best in your retirement and I am honored to have met you. Thank you for your many years of strong leadership and I hope that we will meet again soon.

Logan Donaldson, Forum for Collaborative Research

Thank you for all that you have done for the field of public health. As a young public health professional it is encouraging to see you fight for science and the betterment of our nation. You have done this throughout your career and continued to do so in a difficult pandemic and political climate. Thank you for representing all public health scientists as a wonderful role model, educator and researcher. Your dedication to public health, embodied by sacrifice, tenacity, and brilliance, lights the way for public servants and scientists in the years to come. Thank you Dr. Fauci.

Kathie Hiers, AIDS Alabama

Dr. Tony Fauci has been a constant source of innovation, information, and inspiration for HIV advocates around the globe. The miraculous progress made in our struggles to conquer this resilient virus are thanks to brilliant and dedicated doctors and public servants such as Dr. Fauci. His retirement is beyond deserved, but he will be greatly missed in our community. I thank him for his many years of service from the bottom of my heart!

Mark Avigan, Office of Pharmacovigilance and Epidemiology, CDER, FDA

George Bernard Shaw is quoted to have said, 'It is in the hour of trial that a man finds his true profession'. At the center of public attention, Tony Fauci has endured lengthy trials as one of our foremost public health scientists in the fight against HIV and Covid-19. It seems Tony's true profession (and unsurpassed achievement) rests on two guiding principles. First, a critical reliance on biomedical discovery and innovation in the characterization and treatment of pathogens and infectious diseases. Second, a responsibility to directly communicate to a public that is at times frightened, what is known up to that point in time and what prudent actions should be undertaken, even in the face of uncertainty.

Gilead Sciences

We recognize and honor esteemed scientist and physician Anthony S. Fauci, MD, as his tenure as the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) comes to an end.

With more than 50 years of government service and 38 years as NIAID Director, Dr. Fauci has fearlessly led the United States through emerging and ongoing public health threats, including his decades-long service to help end the HIV/AIDS epidemic, his tireless commitment to address the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, and his innovative contributions in the treatment of viral hepatitis, among other notable advancements in medicine. Dr. Fauci has remained a trusted advisor to many and an inspirational mentor to the next generation of scientific leaders, ultimately helping to save countless lives around the world. We are grateful for Dr. Fauci's leadership in global public health, as we continue fighting to help create a healthier world for all people.

Brenda Rodriguez, Forum for Collaborative Research

Words can't express how grateful we should all be for your many years of public service. Thank you for everything you did for the world during the pandemic and for not giving up! Best wishes for the next chapter of your life. Brenda

Carlos del Rio, Emory University

Dear Tony: It has been a real honor to count you as a colleague and a friend over the years. I value your enormous contributions over your years of tenure as NIAID Director but think that PEPFAR stands out as one that benefitted the lives of millions and forever changed how we think about global health. During the past 3 years you have been a steady voice of reason and have guided the COVID-19 response with science, humility and enormous personal sacrifice. For that we are all grateful and indebted to you and your family. As you step down from the Directorship of NIAID I am sure you will continue to make great contributions, As your wife well says, you are not retiring but simply rewiring!

Ricky Safer, PSC Partners Seeking a Cure

Dear Dr. Fauci, Throughout your decades of government service, I have been in awe of your expertise, wisdom, brilliant judgment and your all-encompassing compassion for the common man. I always look up to you as the voice of reason when tough decisions need to be made. You have truly changed our world in so many positive ways while remaining so personally humble. As you step down, you will remain one of my heroes. I wish you the wonderful retirement that you truly deserve.

Leland Pierce, President & CEO, Ross Pierce, MD, LLC

Dear Dr. Fauci. Thank you so much for your distinguished and amazing service and for your perseverance in the face of many challenges, including the Covid-19 pandemic. We greatly appreciate your tireless efforts, dedication, and thoughtful insights into how to maintain and improve the public health.

Anu Osinusi, Gilead Sciences Inc.

Dear Dr Fauci, You have been a voice of reason, sanity, strategic thinking above the chaos that has defined recent times. You have never been paralyzed by uncertainty or the fear of the unknown; but rather you have always led the scientific community into problem solving, creativity and innovation. You have been a source of inspiration to me and many others from afar and up close throughout my entire career in medicine. It's from learning about your leadership in HIV and then seeing it up close during my time at the NIAID/LIR and now Gilead (viral hepatitis, Ebola, COVID and many other viral diseases). For you it's always been about the patient whether it's the scientific brilliance; effective communication to the community, congress or media; policy and advocacy mastery and the many other hats you wear. You've shown us how to be infectious disease/public health scientists par excellence. Your commitment, dedication and passion has saved so many lives across the globe. Not only those afflicted or infected with viral diseases but their families, loved ones and communities. Thank you for a lifetime of service to humanity. Best Anu Osinusi

Malcolm Potts, UC Berkeley, School of Public Health

Dear Dr Fauci, I appreciate the clarity of your thinking the eloquence of your messaging at this time

of a sadly divided nation. In past decades, I worked trying to slow the spread of HIV/AIDS in Africa. Our paths crossed and again I appreciate your leadership Malcolm Potts MD, PhD FRCOG.

Ingrid Katz, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School

I had the privilege of interviewing Dr. Fauci on two separate occasions - the first was when he came to Harvard in the Fall of 2019 to discuss his role in the development of PEPFAR. You could see the tremendous joy he felt (deservedly so!) about that program. I had a chance to sit with him at lunch, and I remember asking him how he managed to work with such different Presidents and not get swept up in the politics. He told me, "It is the public's health that matters, not the politics," Interestingly, he mentioned he had minimal interaction with President Trump at that point. Three months later - Covid erupts in China and is heading towards our shores. Incredible to think about that unique moment in time and how different it was a few months later. My second opportunity to interview Dr. Fauci was at a webinar we ran at the Harvard Global Health Institute, when he was in conversation with now Ambassador John Nkengasong about vaccine equity in the context of the Covid pandemic. The world had undergone a seismic shift, and just like the HIV epidemic, Dr. Fauci was there in the moment to lead us through the storm by centering "the public's health before politics." Tony Fauci is a good man and a great man. He will always be remembered for his ability and willingness to roll up his sleeves and engage in the hard work of fighting stigma and misinformation while keeping his eye on the prize - the public's health. Thank you, Tony! The world is a better place for you in it!

Joseph Lau, Forum for Collaborative Research

Thank you for being a leader during the COVID-19 pandemic and the multiple pandemics that we have faced during your long career in public service. You have inspired me to become a better public health professional.

Gerard Berry, Boston Children's Hospital/Harvard Medical School

Dear Dr. Fauci, Thank you for always trying to do what is right in times of crises and uncertainty. As such, you have helped so many individuals in the US and deserve our utmost gratitude. Many thanks, Gerry

Charlotte Gaydos, Johns Hopkins University

C. Everett Koop would be very proud of you, Toni Fauci, as am I of all of your significant contributions to science and Public Health. Congratulations on your retirement.

Susan Eshleman, Johns Hopkins Univ., HPTN

Thank you for your decades of service and countless contributions to science and medicine. It has been a privilege to work with you in the fight against HIV/AIDS. I wish you all the best.

Shilpa Mitra, Forum for Collaborative Research

Dear Dr. Fauci, Thank you so much for your tremendous contribution to the field of public health. Your constant determination and efforts throughout your career have been incredibly motivating. Most of all, your passion for improving lives, despite the chaos of the pandemic, is a reminder that compassion, along with perseverance, are the fundamental qualities of a true public health professional. Again, thank you for your service. You will be greatly missed.

Mitchell Leus, Forum for Collaborative Research

Thank you for your enormous contributions to medicine and public health. As a young public health professional, you are an inspiration to me. You are such a model of what it means to be a public health advocate, to meaningfully engage with communities, and to center public health decision making in the science. Wishing you a restful retirement.

Carol Brosgart, UCSF

Tony, I was working on the front lines in public health, in 1981, when HIV was first recognized. I had my first patient in the next days after the June, 1981 MMWR describing the first 5 cases of PCP. From then, until now, in 2022, you have been the revered and trusted voice of science and medicine, both domestically and globally. You included us physicians, in community medicine and in academia, in the ACTG and CPCRA, so that all of us and our patients had access to promising clinical research for HIV/AIDS and opportunistic infections and malignancies, in our clinics and offices. You joined us at conferences and met with us on the NIAID campus. Your door was always open to us and this helped the field of HIV advance to where we are today. You embraced every aspect of care, from prevention to therapy. We have come so far, with your leadership and your team (Henry, Cliff, Bopper, and so many others) at NIAID. As other infectious diseases came forward, so did you and your team, whether it be MERS, SARS, Ebola, pandemic influenza, and now COVID-19. You are the face of collaboration and progress in infectious diseases. We will miss having you steering the NIAID ship! Thank you, thank you, thank you....

Jim Rooney, Gilead Sciences, Inc.

Dear Tony, We first met when I was an Infectious Diseases fellow at the Laboratory of Clinical Investigation at NIH and you were the Clinical Director of NIAID in 1982. It was a time when the first patients with HIV infection were being admitted to the NIH Clinical Center, before the cause of AIDS was identified. Those were challenging days. The compassion you showed towards your patients along with the use of science to direct investigations into the pathogenesis and development of new treatments was a model to all your students. These have been guiding principles to me as my career progressed working with teams at Burroughs Wellcome, GlaxoWellcome, and Gilead to develop new medications to treat HIV, influenza, hepatitis B and C, and SARS CoV-2, many of them developed in collaboration with NIAID. Thank you for the example you have set, the leadership you have provided, the lives you have saved, the scientific advancements you have enabled, and for always leading with science....and for your friendship and counsel.

Anonymous

Dear Dr. Fauci, Thank you for your tireless efforts to advance health sciences to benefit mankind. Your leadership based on the science and the data has been an inspiration to all of us in the field. You are truly an American Hero. May you enjoy the next stage of your journey -- you deserve the BEST.

Anonymous

Your research, support and dedication has helped inspire millions to improve and protect the health of all. I deeply appreciated you taking time out of your busy schedule to share motivating words to our Berkeley Public Health Online students. You are an inspiration to many!

Anonymous

Dear Dr. Fauci, Thank you for being the voice of reason and science in the midst of uncertainty and chaos during a challenging time in the Covid-19 pandemic. As a US citizen, and a former public servant, I cannot thank you enough for your service to public health. Your leadership was an inspiration. Best wishes for the future!

Anonymous

All I can say is thank you

Anonymous

Thank you for your service. It's hard to find the words to convey my appreciation for the work you have done other than to tell you I consider you a 21st Century example of a profile in courage and an example for all to follow.

Anonymous

When I look back on the Covid pandemic and, more broadly, on the leadership of the country during the pandemic, I am again reminded of how close the country came to not believing scientific data. There was denial that Covid was caused by a virus and that the vaccine would reduce hospitalizations and mortality. These beliefs were both widespread in the general population and propagated by leaders in government, the media, and society. Dr. Fauci stood firm against the purveyors of misinformation. He was attacked by senators, representatives, the press, and the public. He faced death threats. I am eternally grateful for his strength in the face of persistent criticism and personal injury. He was a beacon of hope for those of us who believed in the scientific method.

Anonymous

Dear Dr. Fauci, I have been working in the field of Global Health, initial in countries managing HIV/AIDS, for over 35 years. Your partnership with the gay community showed the importance of working with communities for effective HIV/AIDS programming and highlighted the need to support marginalized segments of society. During COVID you continually shed the light on science during these times of dangerous misinformation and absurd politics. Your compassion, dedication and courage are an example for all following in your footsteps. You will be missed. Wishing you a peaceful and relaxing time in a well deserved retirement.

Anonymous

Thanks for being such a fantastic role model for physician scientists on so many levels - your actions have spoken for themselves. Many folks TALK about what needs to be done to take outstanding care of patients, drive fundamental research, and leverage those discoveries to improve human health but you have DONE all of that! I hope your new freedom from administrative duties gives you the time to spend on the people and activities you love most.

Anonymous

Dr. Fauci, thank you so much for being such an inspiration to young public health professionals like myself. I had the pleasure of meeting you at the HPTN annual meeting this year, and I thank you for your kindness and courtesy, as well as for all the contributions you've made to our field. Your career reminds me what it means to be dedicated to the public's health, and I hope to have even half the career you've had since you started directing NIAID!

Anonymous

Dear Dr. Fauci, Thank you so much for your immeasurable contributions to the progress made in viral disease and in public health. Your dedication towards serving the overall community is unparalleled and will be missed greatly. Thank you for being an inspiration to generations to come.

Anonymous

Thank you for your dedication to safeguarding public health and leading the charge to address multiple challenges over many decades of service. It is difficult to highlight any single achievement, as there have been so many. Your calm, science-based approach has provided comfort in times of public health crisis. Thank you!