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Statement of Mark M. Davis, Ph.D., President of The American Association of Immunologists (AAI), Regarding Today's Announcement by Anthony S. Fauci, M.D.  
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The American Association of Immunologists (AAI), the nation's oldest and largest professional association of research scientists and physicians who study the immune system, expresses our deep gratitude to our esteemed member, Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., DFAAI (AAI '73), in response to his announced intent to step down from a career of extraordinary public service. As the longtime director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and Chief of its Laboratory of Immunoregulation, and more recently, as Chief Medical Advisor to President Joe Biden and a member of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, Dr. Fauci has played an invaluable role in advancing immunological discovery and its application to human health. His innumerable scientific achievements have been matched by his exceptional communication skills, which have not only strengthened NIAID and the research community it supports, but also provided the American public and people around the globe with clear, critically important scientific information, particularly during public health emergencies.

AAI has recognized Fauci for these and many other accomplishments through numerous awards:

2021: AAI Exceptional Leadership in Science Award, a special award to recognize Fauci for his extraordinary leadership during the global COVID-19 pandemic, including his guiding voice advocating that public health measures be based on scientific knowledge and his leadership in supporting the development and delivery of effective vaccines to allow the safe emergence from the pandemic

2019: Distinguished Fellows of AAI ("DFAAI") (inaugural class), recognizing long-standing AAI members for distinguished careers and outstanding scientific contributions as well as service to AAI and the immunology community

2005: AAI Lifetime Achievement Award, in recognition of his career of scientific achievement and contributions to AAI and fellow immunologists

2000: AAI Public Service Award, for his extraordinary leadership in advocating for biomedical research and advancing immunology.

An AAI member since 1973 (see his [profile page with oral history](#), recorded in 2015), Fauci is a past chair of the AAI Program Committee and past member of the AAI Clinical Immunology Committee. He has also served as a section editor, associate editor, and reviewer for The Journal

