Dr. Mary Sue Coleman Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient for the Afternoon Commencement Exercises

Dr. Coleman has served as president of the University of Michigan since 2002 and is the first woman to hold the position. Under her leadership, the university is undertaking a \$2.5-billion capital campaign for investment in scholarships, faculty and academic programs. She has also helped to establish partnerships between the University of Michigan and institutions in China and Japan, and fostered collaboration with Google to put the university's 7-million volume library online.

Dr. Coleman received her undergraduate degree in chemistry from Grinnell College and her doctorate in biochemistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She specializes in research on the immune system and malignancies. She is a public policy expert on the impact of the lack of insurance.

She holds appointments at the University of Michigan as professor of biological chemistry in the Medical School and professor of chemistry in the College of Literature, Science and the Arts. nce,

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