

# Former U.S. Surgeon General Satcher speaks today at FSU's College of Medicine

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Dr. David Satcher, founding director of the Satcher Health Leadership Institute at Morehouse College of Medicine. (Photo: Special to the Democrat)

Dr. David Satcher, appointed the 16th Surgeon General of the United States by President Bill Clinton, will speak on the importance of student activism noon today at Florida State University's College of Medicine.

Satcher is the keynote speaker during the college's Racism Awareness Week activities, which began Monday. The annual student-driven event is designed to bring awareness to current social issues as they relate to medicine.

The lecture, which is free and open to the public, is noon to 1 p.m. at the Durell Peaden Auditorium inside the college on West Call Street.

Metered parking is available on the first floor of the Spirit Way Garage. There is also limited parking at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 312 Stadium Drive.

Satcher, 77, is expected to address the importance of student activism in achieving racial justice and health equity from the civil rights movement of the early 1950s and 60s to today.

A native of Anniston, Alabama, he became involved in civil rights protests as a student in Atlanta, where he earned his undergraduate degree from Morehouse College in 1963.

He then entered Case Western Reserve University, earning a medical degree, as well as a Ph.D. in chromosome genetics.

In 1982, Satcher was named president of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, and from 1993 to 1998, was director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Following his tenure as surgeon general and assistant secretary for health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Satcher was named director of the National Center for Primary Care at the Morehouse School of Medicine, where he later served as president.

He now directs the Satcher Health Leadership Institute, which is part of the Morehouse School of Medicine.

The series concludes Friday with a noon to 1 p.m. presentation on "How to Talk About Racism with Peers and Authority," presented by FSU's Center for Leadership and Social Change.

The free, public event will be held in Room 1200 at the College of Medicine.

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