Emory Capitol Hill Report



Emory Update for February 2024

Emory University Urges Our Delegation to Cosponsor the SAVE Act

Emory urges members of the Georgia delegation to cosponsor the Safety from Violence for Healthcare Employees (SAVE) Act (H.R. 2584/S. 2768). This bipartisan bill would provide federal protections from workplace violence for healthcare workers. The safety of our healthcare employees is a top priority for Emory. We thank our partners on Capitol Hill who have already cosponsored this legislation.

Emory Researcher Provides Expertise in Roundtable with the First Lady of the United States

On February 7, leaders in the investment, health care, education, and research spaces gathered for an exclusive roundtable discussion with First Lady Dr. Jill Biden as part of the White House Initiative on Women's Health Research. Emory's Tené T. Lewis, professor of epidemiology, was one of 10 women included in the all-women roundtable, and the only person in the group to identify as an active health researcher. Professor Lewis provided valuable insight from her current research projects focused on women's health. Read more about Professor Lewis' involvement in the roundtable here.



Emory Farmworker Project Provides Medical Care to Migrant Workers in South Georgia

Each June and October, the Emory Farmworker Project provides free health care to more than 2,000 farmworkers and their families in rural South Georgia. This population plays a key role in Georgia's billion-dollar fruit and vegetable industry but often lacks access to even basic medical care. The clinic offers everything from pregnancy tests to ultrasounds, antibiotics, and dental care. A van on site serves as a mobile pharmacy, providing the most commonly needed medications, and a large truck offers two private exam rooms, though most exams are done under tents. Learn more about the Emory Farmworker Project here.

Emory Named One of America's Best Largest Employers

This month, Emory University has once again been recognized by Forbes as one of America's Best Large Employers 2024. The magazine named the university No. 153 on this year's list. Emory is the only higher education institution in Georgia included in this year's rankings. This is not the first time Emory has been recognized by its employees. Forbes previously ranked the university among America's Best Employers for Women 2023 and America's Best Employers by State 2023. Read more about the award here.

Emory Partnership with WHO Launches Program in the Bahamas

Emory University's Department of Rehabilitation Medicine is now a World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centre. This collaboration will now lead efforts to enhance the healthcare system in the Bahamas which further advances Emory's commitment to global health rehabilitation initiatives. The WHO Collaborating Centre is Emory's first and places the university among an elite group of just nine rehabilitation collaborating centers worldwide and the first in North America. Read more about Emory's center here.

Emory University Welcomes Voters as Designated Polling Location

Emory University is proud to serve as a polling location for voters in DeKalb County, GA. Residents used Emory's site during early voting this month. Emory became a polling location in 2022 and has since hosted thousands of local voters. Citizens of Dekalb County are welcomed with free parking at the voting sites. This designation serves to support Emory's presidential priority and community engagement initiative. Read more about Emory's designation here.

