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## Talks by Jemison, Winner Highlight May Day Weekend

KEUKA PARK, N.Y.—Former astronaut Dr. Mae C. Jemison and New York State Senator George Winner Jr. will be featured speakers during May Day Weekend (April 29-May 1) at Keuka College.

Jemison will deliver the 17<sup>th</sup> Carl and Fanny Fribolin Lecture Friday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m. in Norton Chapel. It is free and open to the public. Winner will deliver the keynote address at the Leadership Awards and Moving Up ceremony, scheduled the following evening at 7:30 in the Chapel.

### Mae Jemison

Jemison, who received a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from Stanford and a doctorate in medicine from Cornell, was a general practitioner in Los Angeles, Calif., before spending two-and-a-half years (1983-85) as Area Peace Corps medical officer for Sierra Leone and Liberia in West Africa.

Jemison served as a NASA astronaut for six years. On Sept. 12, 1992, Jemison blasted into orbit aboard the space shuttle Endeavour, becoming the first woman of color to go into space. As the science specialist on the STS-47 Spacelab J flight, a U.S./Japan joint mission, she conducted experiments in life sciences, material sciences, and was a co-investigator of the Bone Cell research experiment.



She resigned from NASA in 1993 and founded The Jemison Group Inc., which is dedicated to the research, development and implementation of advanced technologies to alleviate the massive burdens of developing nations in areas of healthcare, food production, and the environment. Company projects have included consulting on the design and implementation of solar thermal electricity generation systems and the use of satellite-based telecommunications to facilitate health care delivery in West Africa.

Her new corporation, BioSentient, is a medical technology company that develops and markets mobile equipment worn to monitor the body's vital signs and trains people to respond favorably in stressful situations.

In 1994, Jemison founded—and currently chairs—The Dorothy Jemison Foundation for Excellence. A program of the foundation—*The Earth We Share*—is an annual international science camp for students (ages 12 to 16) from around the world.

Jemison has presented to the United Nations on the uses of space technology, appeared weekly as host and technical consultant of the *World of Wonder* series on the *Discovery* channel, appeared in an episode of *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, and was the subject of the *PBS* documentary *The New Explorers*. In 1993, she was one of *People* magazine's "World's 50 Most Beautiful People."

### **George Winner Jr.**

Following 13 consecutive terms in the New York State Assembly, George Winner Jr. was elected to represent New York State's 53rd Senatorial District in the November 2004 election.

The 53rd District is comprised of Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, and Yates counties, and a portion of Tompkins County.

At the beginning of the 2005 legislative session, Senate Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno appointed Winner chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Ethics. He is also a member of the following Senate standing committees: Agriculture; Consumer Protection; Crime Victims, Crime and Correction; Energy and Telecommunications; Health; Higher Education; and Judiciary. Winner has also been appointed to the Senate Majority Strategic Planning and Program Committee.



Prior to his election to the Senate, Winner represented a portion of New York's Southern Tier for 26 years in the Assembly. During his tenure, he served as minority leader pro tempore, deputy minority leader and, as the ranking minority member of the Assembly Judiciary Committee. Winner was also a member of the Ways and Means Committee and the Rules Committee.