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**DR. FRANCIS ROBICSEK TO RECEIVE THIRD ANNUAL HUGH MCCOLL JR. LEGACY
AWARD**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. -- The Charlotte Alumni Club of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Kenan-Flagler Business School has named Dr. Francis Robicsek as the recipient of the Hugh McColl Jr. Legacy Award.

"Dr Robicsek is an honored and worthy friend to everyone he knows and to many he doesn't. His great works and humanitarian acts impact people all over the world. His achievements are best expressed in his deeds. Through his actions Francis Robicsek is clearly a friend to all", say's Michael Tarwater, CEO Carolinas HealthCare System.

A free reception to honor Dr. Robicsek, a world renowned heart surgeon, will be held on Feb. 26 at the Booth Playhouse in Founders Hall from 6 to 9 pm. It is open to UNC alumni, healthcare professionals, business and community leaders and residents of Charlotte. "Dr. Robicsek was chosen for this award by his distinguished medical career which embodies the core values of UNC's Kenan-Flagler Business School: Excellence, Leadership, Integrity, Community and Teamwork", Jeff Robinson, Charlotte Legacy Event Chair.

"As the founder of Sanger Clinic in Charlotte, Dr Robicsek has brought world class cardiac care to the Charlotte region. Many thousands have been saved and lives changed and Francis started it all", says Jim Hynes, Chairman, Carolinas Healthcare System. "The further away from Charlotte you go, the more recognized he is".

The Hugh McColl Jr. Legacy Award recognizes community members who provide visionary and transformational leadership to the Charlotte community. It is named in honor of alumnus Hugh McColl Jr., a 1957 graduate of Kenan-Flagler's Business School and former chairman and chief executive officer of Bank of America.

After an award presentation, a panel of health-care experts will discuss "The Future of Health Care in Business – Cutting Cost and Improving Care."

Dr. Robicsek, who is chairman of the Department of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery at Carolinas Medical Center, will serve on the panel and represent the medical specialist and surgeon perspective. Other panelists will include:

- Dr. Darlyne Menscer, faculty member of the Family Medicine Residency Program at Carolinas Medical Center and former President of the Mecklenburg County and N.C. State Medical Societies, representing the public sector's role as a physician and medical staff teacher.
- Dr. T. Hayes Woollen, President of Novant Medical Group, and past President of Mecklenburg County Medical Society, representing the hospital perspective.
- Ches Gwinn, who will moderate, is a health care quality advocate representing large employers and is a leader of several Health Care Collaborative initiatives between employers, physicians, hospitals and carriers.

For more information about the Hugh McColl Jr. Legacy Award, contact Richard Crawford at 980-297-8137, carolinarich@gmail.com or register for the event at <https://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/UBS/events/UBS2214787.html>