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## VISION 2020 ANNOUNCES HEADLINERS FOR THE “CELEBRATION OF AMERICAN WOMEN”

Oscar-Winner **GEENA DAVIS**, Astronaut **MAE JEMISON** and  
Actress and Artist **JANE SEYMOUR** to Join the Festivities

PHILADELPHIA (Sept. 13, 2010) – Vision 2020 announces with pride the special guests for its “**Celebration of American Women**” on Oct. 21, 2010: **Geena Davis**, **Mae Jemison** and **Jane Seymour**. The three celebrities will participate in a 90-minute program focusing on women’s equality. **Tickets go on sale Sept. 13.**

The event is a cheerful pause in the midst of two days of serious debate and discussion about women’s equality during Vision 2020’s national conference: **An American Conversation about Women and Leadership** at the **National Constitution Center**.

The Celebration will pay tribute to women throughout history who have dedicated their lives to gender equality; applaud women’s successes; and anticipate a future where true sharing of leadership between men and women will inspire an unprecedented dimension of American excellence.

Geena Davis is an Academy Award-winning actress known for her portrayal of strong women characters in movies, including *Thelma and Louise* and *A League of Their Own*, as well as in the television series *Commander-in-Chief*. She is the founder of the Geena Davis Institute for Gender in the Media, which informs the public about the need to improve the representation of girls and women in media in children’s programming. Davis is also on the board of directors of The White House Project, a Vision 2020 National Ally.

Mae Jemison was the first African-American woman in space. She is also founder and president of two medical technology companies. Prior to joining NASA, Jemison worked in both engineering and medicine. She is a powerful voice for women and girls in science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields.

Jane Seymour is a British actress, author, designer and artist. As the star of the American television series *Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman*, she portrayed a character who attended Woman’s Medical College of Pennsylvania, a predecessor institution of **Drexel University College of Medicine**.

For sponsorship and ticket information for the Celebration of American Women, contact Melissa Scott at [Melissa.Scott@drexelmed.edu](mailto:Melissa.Scott@drexelmed.edu) or 215-991-8198.

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*Vision 2020 is a national project of the Institute for Women's Health and Leadership at Drexel University College of Medicine focused on ensuring gender equality by energizing the dialogue about women and leadership. In 2010, Vision 2020 will develop and launch its decade-long action agenda to move America toward equality by inspiring and engaging new generations of women and men to finish the work of the suffragists who pursued women's right to vote as fundamental to social and economic justice. The centennial of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution will be celebrated in 2020. A special Vision 2020 exhibition, "The Unfinished Business of Women's Equality," made possible by the generosity of McDonald's Corporation, will be at the National Constitution Center from October 18, 2010 through January 7, 2011.*

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