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## **CLEVELAND CLINIC ESTABLISHES OFFICE OF CIVIC EDUCATION INITIATIVES TO DEVELOP LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS IN NORTHEAST OHIO**

The Cleveland Clinic has created an office of Civic Education Initiatives to provide education outreach services to Northeast Ohio communities.

The new department will develop educational programs with local and regional schools in the areas of science, math, health and wellness to help strengthen the region's educational systems, reinforcing the Clinic's commitment to investing in Northeast Ohio's future. On June 13 the new office will launch its first program, a summer internship to support the top science students in high schools throughout the region.

"We are proud of this new educational initiative and look forward to seeing the positive impact it will have on our region in the months and years ahead," said Delos M. Cosgrove, M.D. Chief Executive Officer and President of The Cleveland Clinic.

The Office of Civic Education will work proactively to meet the educational needs of communities in Northeast Ohio by sharing the Clinic's intellectual and scientific resources with students, faculty and other members of the community. In its efforts, the new office will create and integrate arts and culture to foster innovative and creative learning opportunities for students working closely with Cleveland's cultural institutions.

Rosalind Strickland, who most recently was Director of Community Relations for the Clinic, has been named Senior Director of the Office of Civic Education Initiatives. She is a 25-veteran of The Cleveland Clinic. She began her administrative career here in 1982 and has held both operational and support staff roles during her tenure.

The Office of Civic Education Initiatives builds on the Clinic's commitment to Cleveland Schools. Earlier this year the Clinic announced plans to contribute \$10 million in cash and services over the next five years to support and enhance educational opportunities for students in Cleveland Municipal Schools.

At the Clinic, Ms. Strickland has been involved in numerous outreach programs including an array of social, medical and neighborhood initiatives, collaborating with business and community leaders. Ms. Strickland led the development and implementation of The Cleveland Clinic/John Hay High School Education Partnership; the AGAPE HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry; The Cleveland Clinic Congregational Nursing Program; the Employer-Assisted Housing Program; the OASIS Program; and Project Hope.

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, located in Cleveland, Ohio, is a not-for-profit multispecialty academic medical center that integrates clinical and hospital care with research and education. The Cleveland Clinic was founded in 1921 by four renowned physicians with a vision of providing outstanding patient care based upon the principles of cooperation, compassion and innovation. *U.S. News & World Report* consistently names The Cleveland Clinic as one of the nation's best hospitals in its annual "America's Best Hospitals" survey. Approximately 1,500 full-time salaried physicians at The Cleveland Clinic and Cleveland Clinic Florida represent more than 100 medical specialties and subspecialties. In 2004, patients came for treatment from every state and 100 countries. The Cleveland Clinic website address is [www.clevelandclinic.org](http://www.clevelandclinic.org).

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