Zimmer Recognizes Bonnie Simpson Mason, MD, Recipient of the 2015 AAOS Diversity Award

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Nth Dimensions founder is honored for championing diversity in the pipeline of future orthopaedic surgeons

WARSAW, Ind., April 7, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Zimmer Holdings, Inc. (NYSE and SIX: ZMH) wishes to recognize Bonnie Simpson Mason, MD, for being selected as the 2015 recipient of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) Diversity Award.

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The AAOS Diversity Award recognizes Academy members who have distinguished their careers through an outstanding commitment to making clinical orthopaedics more representative of, and accessible to, diverse patient populations. Dr. Simpson Mason, a board-certified orthopaedic surgeon, is founder and Executive Director of Nth Dimensions Educational Solutions, Inc., a Zimmer-sponsored 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Through her role at Nth Dimensions, Dr. Simpson Mason has developed and facilitated unique scholarship opportunities for women and minority medical students interested in pursuing the orthopaedic specialty.

"We are thrilled that Dr. Simpson Mason has received this prestigious honor, and we join the Academy in applauding both her distinguished career and her tireless advocacy," said Verona Brewton, Director, Zimmer Minority Initiatives. "Her accomplishments as an orthopaedic ambassador are helping to shape the next generation of physicians, and support the profession's ability to serve an increasingly diverse nation. Bonnie's work has been an inspiration, and we are looking forward to continuing Zimmer's support of these pipeline diversity programs."

Nth Dimensions is committed to increasing diversity in the medical field, addressing healthcare disparities based on gender and racial/ethnic background, and advancing the professional development of aspiring minority physicians in orthopaedic surgery. With support from Zimmer, Nth Dimensions has awarded more than two million dollars in scholarships to medical students since 2005. Nth Dimensions scholars also gain early exposure to the field of orthopaedics, including hands-

on clinical and research opportunities, as well as mentoring and leadership development. In 2012, 18 first year medical students were selected by Nth Dimensions to participate in this developmental program; 75 percent of those students matched in orthopaedic residency programs this year.

In addition to her work as Executive Director of Nth Dimensions, Dr. Simpson Mason authors medical curricula, and speaks nationally on the topics of physician leadership and diversity. Dr. Simpson Mason was presented with the Diversity Award at a special ceremony last month at the 2015 AAOS Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada.

About the Company

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