COVID-19, Systemic Racism and Historically Black Colleges and Universities Topic of National Academies Town Hall

June 25, 2020 – COVID-19 and systemic racism will be the main topics of discussion at a town hall sponsored by the Department of Defense and the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine.

The Virtual Town Hall runs from 1:30 to 2:30 pm on June 29 and is open to researchers and students nationwide. There is no cost to attend.

The town hall will give participants a chance to listen to the presidents of three Historically Black Colleges and Universities as they discuss the impact of COVID-19, systemic racism and the future landscape for higher education.

The scheduled speakers are:

- Makola M. Abdullah, President of Virginia State University
- Mary Schmidt Campbell, President of Spelman College
- C. Reynold Verret, President of Xavier University of Louisiana

The discussion will be moderated by Gilda Barabino, President-elect of Olin College of Engineering.

This event is the second in a series hosted by the National Academies' Board on Higher Education and Workforce and Issues in Science and Technology and sponsored by the Kresge Foundation and the U.S. Department of Defense HBCU/MI Program. To register click here.