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Few people have played a more important role in transforming Duke into a truly global institution than Michael Merson. An international leader in global health and the founding director of the Duke Global Health Institute, Merson has extended the reach of the university, including the School of Medicine, into the farthest corners of the planet. Merson, who announced last fall that he will be stepping down effective June 30, founded the Duke Global Health Institute in 2006 with the goal of solving complex global health challenges, training the next generation of global health scholars, and reducing the devastating

impact of health disparities worldwide. A committed advocate of interdisciplinary collaboration, Merson has partnered with collaborators throughout the university, and indeed throughout the world, to build the Global Health Institute into one of the world's leading institutions of its kind. He is a committed educator and mentor whose example inspires countless students, trainees, and colleagues.

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