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## **Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony Kicks Off Queens University Partnership with Atrium Health**

**CHARLOTTE, N.C. (Sept. 1, 2022)** – Queens University of Charlotte cut the ribbon Thursday on a newly renovated, on-campus health and wellness center to be operated by Atrium Health. Part of a recently announced multi-year agreement to enhance student health services, Atrium Health will manage university health and wellness services, including behavioral health and sports medicine.

"This partnership is a very big deal for the entire Queens community and, most importantly, our students," said Queens University President Dan Lugo. "We know that students flourish in the classroom and in the community when they have access to a comprehensive suite of world-class wellness support resources and health services. Atrium Health's partnership and presence on our campus elevates and enhances the services that our students have access to on campus and in the Atrium network. It also gives us access to Atrium Health's full portfolio of expertise in meeting our strategic goal of creating a stronger culture of community wellness and integrates the full spectrum of our students' care from physical, to behavioral health and sports medicine in state-of-the-art ways that were previously impossible."

The celebratory event featured a facility tour as well as remarks by President Lugo and Ken Haynes, enterprise executive vice president and president of the Greater Charlotte Region for Atrium Health.

"Atrium Health is pleased to join forces with Queens University of Charlotte to bring the highest quality care to campus, in terms of health and wellness, mental health and sports medicine," said Haynes. "We are grateful to President Lugo and Queens University leadership for making

this profound commitment in direct service of their own students so that they can both feel their best and be their best."

The health center will now offer point-of-care testing, acute care management, virtual care and medication dispensing with Atrium Health clinical employees. The behavioral health center will offer enhanced services which include a 24/7 crisis hotline and virtual care. The sports medicine facilities will incorporate Atrium Health athletic trainers, two team physicians, a sports nutritionist and a physical therapist.

"Our strategic framework outlines a vision to become the leading, private, national university in the Charlotte region," Lugo said. "That vision includes building strategic partnerships and launching additional initiatives to equip our students and community members with the skills to live healthy, balanced and full lives. Meaningful collaboration with partners like Atrium Health puts us on the road to making that vision a reality."

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## **About Queens**

Queens University is a private, coeducational university located in Charlotte, N.C. The university serves nearly 2,500 students with 43 major and 63 minor undergraduate degree options and 12 graduate degrees. Students represent 44 states and 70 foreign countries. As part of the university's vision to promote educational experiences that nurture intellectual curiosity and promote global understanding, nearly two-thirds of traditional undergraduates participate in study abroad experiences and 100 percent take part in internships. The U.S. News & World Report ranked Queens 15th among regional universities in the south in its 2022 edition of Best Colleges.

## **About Atrium Health**

Atrium Health is a nationally recognized leader in shaping health outcomes through innovative research, education and compassionate patient care. Based in Charlotte, North Carolina, Atrium Health is an integrated, nonprofit health system with more than 70,000 teammates serving patients at 40 hospitals and more than 1,400 care locations. It provides care under the Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist name in the Winston-Salem, North Carolina, region, as well as Atrium Health Navicent and Atrium Health Floyd in Georgia and Alabama. Atrium Health is renowned for its top-ranked pediatric, cancer and heart care, as well as organ transplants, burn treatments and specialized musculoskeletal programs. A recognized leader in experiential medical education and groundbreaking research, Wake Forest University School of Medicine is the academic core of the enterprise, including Wake Forest Innovations, which is advancing new medical technologies and biomedical discoveries. Atrium Health is also a leading-edge innovator in virtual care and mobile medicine, providing care close to home and in the home. Ranked nationally among U.S. News & World Report's Best Hospitals in eight pediatric specialties and for rehabilitation, Atrium Health has also received the American Hospital Association's Quest for Quality Prize and its 2021 Carolyn Boone Lewis Equity of Care Award, as well as the 2020 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Health Equity Award for its efforts to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in care. With a commitment to every community it serves, Atrium Health seeks to improve health, elevate hope and advance healing – for all, providing \$2.46 billion last year in free and uncompensated care and other community benefits.