Dear Colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to announce the recipients of the 2020 Wilbur Lucius Cross Medal presented by the Yale Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the Graduate School Alumni Association:

- **Matthew State** ('01 Ph.D., Genetics, M.D. Stanford) for his contributions to the understanding of the genetic basis of psychiatric disease.

- **Brenda Stevenson** ('90 Ph.D., History), for her pioneering scholarship on race, gender, family, and slavery.

- **Dorceta Taylor** ('91 Ph.D., Forestry and Environmental Studies and Sociology), for her breakthroughs at the intersection of environmental science and sociology.

- **Veronica Vaida** ('77 Ph.D., Chemistry) for her groundbreaking work toward understanding the chemical processes in Earth’s atmosphere.

The Wilbur Cross Medal is the highest honor that Yale Graduate School bestows on its alumni. It was established in 1966 to honor scholars for outstanding achievements resonant with those of Dean Cross during his multifaceted career as academic, professor, and state governor.

As many of you know, nominees are put forth by their peers as leaders in their respective fields, true innovators and world-changing thinkers. They are among the best examples of what can be accomplished with a doctoral degree after leaving Yale.
The medalists will be celebrated here on campus on Monday, October 5, 2020, for a full day of events followed by a gala dinner and award ceremony in the evening. Please join me in congratulating our 2020 Wilbur Cross Medalists on their careers dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge and a better world.

Sincerely,

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