

Giving News

Gala Evening Honors Shaffdeen A. Amuwo, Launches Amuwo Minority Fellowship Fund



U.S. Congressman Danny K. Davis, Dean Susan C. Scrimshaw, and Shaffdeen A. Amuwo, PhD, MPH, at reception honoring Dr. Amuwo

Pamela Ippoliti

A crowd of over 200 guests gathered at the School of Public Health on the evening of June 11 to honor retiring Associate Dean for Community, Government, and Alumni Affairs Shaffdeen A. Amuwo with a reception, program, and dinner featuring a menu of Nigerian specialties.

Co-chairs of the event were U.S. Congressman Danny K. Davis, Nuru-Deen Owolopo, MD, president and chief executive officer of Irok Obstetric and Gynecologic Services, and Dean Susan C. Scrimshaw.

Following a reception during which many guests contributed to the international ambiance of the evening by arriving in native dress, guests adjourned to the SPH

auditorium for a program celebrating Dr. Amuwo's distinguished career as an educator, advocate for minority education, and mentor to generations of students in public health.

SPH alumni Claude-Alix Jacob, MPH, and George R. Smith, Jr., MPH, opened the program by recalling the inspiration Dr. Amuwo had provided them during their studies and in their subsequent careers in public health.

A slide presentation created by Adedeji Adefuye, MBBS, MPH, and Selena Smith, BSA, from Dr. Amuwo's staff, highlighted his career and contributions to the School of Public Health where he has been director of the Diversity in Public Health Initiative since 1988. The goal of the program is to enhance the recruitment, admission, retention, and graduation of master's-