Dr. G. Richard Olds became President and Chief Executive Officer of St. George’s University in 2015. An educator, physician, and administrator with a distinguished career spanning more than 30 years, he is focusing his energies on enabling St. George’s to continue its nearly 40-year tradition of academic excellence, and to further advance its mission of providing high-quality medical education for students from the United States, Canada, and around the world.

Dr. Olds was most recently the Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and Founding Dean of the School of Medicine at the University of California, Riverside (UCR). In 2010, he joined UCR to lead the creation of a new school of medicine—the first LCME-accredited medical school in California in more than four decades—which was intended to address the severe doctor shortage in Inland Southern California. His vision, creativity, and drive led to a school with the unique mission of bringing more diversity into the medical profession while helping to improve the health and quality of life of medically underserved communities.

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