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Silent Auction Winners
The Association of Black Women Physicians (ABWP) was founded in 1982. Almost 50 African-American women physicians met to share their experiences and to discuss career development at the first meeting held in the recreation room of Dr. Jessie Sherrod’s home. The need for such an organization was abundantly clear, and the founders of our organization were women who passionately worked together for the organization. Over the course of a few months, members adopted the official name, transformed their goals into a mission statement, established Bylaws and began actively engaging in organized community service programs and philanthropic endeavors.

Over the past 35 years, ABWP has grown to represent African-American women physicians, medical students and undergraduate students throughout California, the United States and the Caribbean. Focused primarily in Southern California, the nonprofit organization has made an impact in local communities through health literacy programs, community outreach activities, mentoring and scholarship awards. All of our programs and services facilitate fulfillment of our mission:

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I am both humbled and excited to welcome our honored guests, supportive sponsors, and cherished members. This collective has come to be a source of strength to ABWP as we endeavor to support our important mission within the amazing communities which we serve.

On this Veteran’s day, ABWP brings a message of Hope. There have been many events this year that empower and motivate us to continue our community service efforts. We are still healing from the loss of our Charter Member and past ABWP award recipient, Dr. Carole Jordan Harris. Our event time was chosen by Dr. Jordan Harris. She was so passionate about ABWP and dedicated innumerable hours of volunteer services and financial contributions to our organization. Our angel will always shine her light on ABWP’s work.

As we reflect on the past thirty five years, we are inspired by the countless lives that we have touched, the tireless physicians and community activists that have participated in our free community health programs. Today we celebrate Dr. Elaine Batchlor, CEO of Martin Luther King Jr. Hospital, Humanitarian of the Year and Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith, Professor and Dean at Charles R. Drew University College of Medicine, our Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. These Harvard graduates have made everlasting contributions to our communities. They embody the inspirational leadership that’s required to pave the way for better healthcare. Thank you both for giving of yourself to make a difference in the lives of many others.

The funds raised today will be used for ABWP’s community service programs and scholarships. We all play a pivotal part in ABWP’s success in providing free wellness education, supporting physicians in training and improving public health. We have ten exceptional students receiving scholarships today. Hopefully you can also take advantage of the networking opportunities this event presents and realize the impact of everyone’s participation and the necessity of all our roles in improving health care and eliminating health disparities.

Our 36th Annual Scholarship and Charity Benefit is made possible by our sponsors who generously support ABWP’s programs and acknowledge the achievements of physician icons who uphold ABWP’s most heartfelt core values. We couldn’t have done this without our sponsors, our members, our families and you.

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Thomas Cunningham IV
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THOMAS CUNNINGHAM IV brings more than 20 years of experience as a producer of television and live events across the globe. He has coordinated and produced programs for Black Entertainment Television (BET), as well as the Zain Africa Challenge, which aired in eight countries across the continent. As a manager for Montell Jordan, he coordinated tours nationwide and abroad.

With the emergence of digital media, he found himself tapped as a frequent contributor to HuffPost Live, where he has logged more than 60 appearances. He has appeared on TV One’s Unsung, and brought his baritone voice to the drama “To Hell and Back” on the same network. He also flexed his mental muscle on two episodes of GSN’s top-rated quiz show, The Chase. As part of the first-ever group of contestants to return to the show, he and his teammates vanquished the intimidating “Beast” to split the cash prize.

Currently, he utilizes his design acumen as a contributor to his fraternity’s national publication, The Kappa Alpha Psi Journal. He also advises non-profits on digital and web branding and sits on the board of Center for World Strings, an organization focused on teaching urban youth to play the violin.

Through it all, he has been committed to service in the interest of educational opportunity for students of color. His affiliation with the Association of Black Women Physicians is an important part of that commitment. Thomas is married to Kathryn Bailey Cunningham, his partner in Bailey Cunningham and Company. They are the proud parents of three children: daughter Alyce, and sons Thomas V and Kole.
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Deborah B. Prothrow-Stith, MD

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Deborah Prothrow-Stith, M.D. is dean and Professor of Medicine for the College of Medicine at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science. Dr. Prothrow-Stith is an internationally recognized public health leader, who since 2008 has advised top-tier healthcare, life sciences, academic and not-for-profit institutions on leadership and executive talent in her role as a principal at the global executive search consulting firm, Spencer Stuart. Prior to joining Spencer Stuart, she served as the Henry Pickering Walcott Professor of Public Health Practice and Associate Dean for Diversity at the Harvard School of Public Health where she created and led the Division of Public Health Practice, and secured over $14 million in grant funding for public health programs.

As a physician working in inner-city Boston, Dr. Prothrow-Stith broke new ground with her efforts to define youth violence as a public health problem. She developed and wrote The Violence Prevention Curriculum for Adolescents, a forerunner of violence prevention curricula for schools and communities. She is the author of Deadly Consequences, the first book to present the public health perspective on violence to a mass audience. She has authored and co-authored over 100 publications. She is co-author of a blueprint for community based violence prevention in, Murder Is No Accident (Jossey Bass Publishers, 2004) and a guide for parents of adolescent girls in Sugar and Spice and No Longer Nice, (Jossey Bass Publishers, 2005). She is also co-author of a high school health education textbook, Health (Pearson 2014) that is in its third publication.

In 1987, Governor Michael Dukakis appointed her the first woman Commissioner of Public Health for Massachusetts where she led a department with 3,500 employees, 8 hospitals and a budget of $350 million. She established the nation’s first Office of Violence Prevention in a state department of public health, expanded prevention programs for HIV/AIDS and increased drug treatment and rehabilitation programs. Dr. Prothrow-Stith and her family lived in Tanzania during her husband’s tenure as U.S. Ambassador where she worked with several local organizations, including Muhimbili National Hospital and an NGO that runs the first HIV clinic in Tanzania.

She is a graduate of Spelman College and Harvard Medical School. She completed residency training in Internal Medicine at Boston City Hospital and is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. In 2003, Dr. Prothrow-Stith was elected to membership in the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. She has received ten honorary doctorates including ones from Morehouse Medical School and Meharry Medical College. She is the recipient of the 1993 World Health Day Award, the 1989 Secretary of Health and Human Service Award, and a Presidential appointment to the National Commission on Crime Control and Prevention. In 2015, she was inducted into the honor roll of women physicians in the Massachusetts Medical Society.
Elaine Batchlor, MD, MPH, is the Chief Executive Officer of Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital, a state-of-the-art, community-oriented safety net hospital that now provides compassionate, quality care to the South Los Angeles Community. Throughout her career, Dr. Batchlor’s number one priority has been to improve access and quality of care for underserved communities utilizing innovative and collaborative approaches. Her work to increase access for underserved populations has been recognized as an example of leading best practices and adopted throughout California.

Before assuming the helm of Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital, Dr. Batchlor most recently served as Chief Medical Officer of L.A. Care Health Plan, the nation’s largest public health plan that provided care to the County’s most vulnerable residents. Prior to L.A. Care, Dr. Batchlor served as Vice President of Health Care Finance, Organization and Operations at the California HealthCare Foundation, where she developed and oversaw research, policy analysis and programs aimed at improving health care financing and delivery. She served as Medical Director for the Los Angeles County Office of Managed Care and as a Chief Medical Officer for Prudential Health Care.

Dr. Batchlor is also an active community volunteer, serving on multiple community and health care boards. She sits on the Board of Directors of the Public Health Institute, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting public health in California, the US and around the world. She has served on the Board of Crystal Stairs, a nonprofit child care and development organization whose mission is to improve the lives of families through child care services, research and advocacy. A Harvard University alumnus, Dr. Batchlor serves the university as an interviewer for the Los Angeles area Harvard Schools and Scholarship Committee.

In addition to her Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard, Dr. Batchlor received a Masters of Public Health degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a Doctorate of Medicine degree from Case Western Reserve University. She completed her internship, residency, and fellowship in internal medicine and rheumatology at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and is board-certified in both specialties.

She is married to an attorney who works as a Los Angeles County Public Defender, and together they’re raising twin boys.
Jessica Bodden
Jessica Bodden is third year medical student within the CDU/UCLA Medical Education Program. A South Los Angeles native, Jessica is passionate about women’s health, overall health literacy and increasing the standards of care to underserved populations similar to her own. In addition to her scholarly pursuits, Jessica likes to spend her time volunteering for community-based events through organizations such as: Care Harbor, Partnerships 4 Progress mentoring program, as well as with the Student National Medical Association.

Varina Clark
Varina Clark is a current second-year medical student at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA from Mount Vernon, NY. She attended Brown University for undergrad, concentrating in Human Biology. After graduation, she worked as a Clinical Research Supervisor at Memorial Sloan Kettering and volunteered at the Montefiore Family Health Center in NYC. Through these experiences, Varina learned about health disparities and the essential components of providing culturally-competent, comprehensive healthcare to patients. She is passionate about the delivery of primary care services to underserved communities and completed global health research this past summer. Currently, Varina serves as Co-President of the UCLA/CDU Chapter of the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) and a Student Admissions Representative. She has also served as the MS1 Well-Being Representative of the Medical Student Council (MSC). Outside of her studies, Varina enjoys dancing and global travel.
Onome Oboh

Oseleonoime “Onome” Ofure Maywanmi Oboh is a first generation Nigerian American medical student from Tarzana, California. She pursued her Bachelor of Science degree at Xavier University of Louisiana majoring in Biology and minoring in Chemistry. She then went on to excel in the University of California, Los Angeles Reapplication Program making her a more competitive applicant for medical school. Her immigrant parents instilled in her the belief that she could pursue any goal with passion, determination, and an understanding that she must always help others along the way. Her passion in medicine is maternal and child health. She desires to gain the skills necessary to serve women and children in underserved communities locally, and those in emergency situations abroad. She has worked to prepare herself to that end by attaining her Master of Science in Global Medicine through the University of Southern California. Now, as a first year medical student, she can see her dream coming closer into view.

Kamilah Evans

I currently attend New York Medical College SOM as a MS1. I am a recent graduate of the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science (CDU) Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Pre-Medicine Program. During my time there, I was a cancer research intern, under the mentorship of Dr. Eva McGhee, studying cervical cancer and genomic instability. During my gap year while applying to medical school, I had the pleasure of serving as a clinical trials coordinator for the Oncology Institute of Hope and Innovation. It was fascinating to translate the advances of biomedical research and its positive impact on my patient population.

I am originally from Los Angeles, California, and have a twin brother that I love dearly. Both of my parents are physicians and I have always had a curious eye for the sciences. I graduated with a B.A. in Sociology from Chapman University because the interface between life sciences and social phenomena has always been alluring. As an African American female, I value the significance of being represented in the field of biomedical research and medicine, as I prioritize understanding the ailments that underserved communities face, and being an advocate to overcome the socioeconomic barriers of health.

It is an honor to start my journey as a medical student at NYMC. I strive for balance, and love to travel, dance, and be as multi-dimensional as possible. It is an honor to be a part of the ABWP legacy as a mentee and future physician.

Ozioma Obiwuru

Ozioma Obiwuru — Ozioma joined the Class of 2020 at the University of Illinois Chicago College of Medicine. She is a Nigerian American who grew up just south of Watts and learned firsthand about the importance of embracing diverse patient populations. She attended USC with undergraduate studies in Health Promotion & Disease Prevention and also minored in Spanish. After shadowing in inner city clinics and leading medical brigades to Honduras, Ozioma realized the importance of coupling medical aid with health education — especially in underserved communities. She also completed a graduate degree at USC in Global Medicine, tackling topics such as cultural competence and maternal/child health. She spent two years working full time for the USC Stroke Program, leading a stroke support group and working as an assistant researcher exploring ethnocultural perceptions held by Hispanics and African-Americans with Multiple Sclerosis. Ozioma is extremely passionate about finding unique ways to champion for community and minority health. She is a past ABWP Scholarship recipient. She is receiving the ABWP Outstanding Community Service Award honoring the career of Dr. Vena Ricketts.
My experiences working on contraceptive research prior to medical school opened my eyes to the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology (OBGYN). While in medical school I have continued several women’s health projects I am currently working on two research projects. One addresses surgical site infections after myomectomies and the other is a secondary data analysis that explores infertility service utilization of urban minority women.

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Osose Oboh

Osose Oboh was born and raised in the suburbs of Los Angeles. After realizing her desire to pursue a career in medicine, Osose applied and matriculated into the University of California, Los Angeles, fall of 2009 where she majored in Biology. During her four years, she gave much of her time to serving in the Los Angeles community and received the Chancellor’s Service Award for her significant contributions to fighting health disparities. She graduated in 2013 and matriculated into the University of Southern California to obtain her Master's in Public Health degree. Her determination to increasing her knowledge on how to better serve underserved communities led her to enroll in the Global Health Leadership Track. She took advantage of every opportunity to get hands on experience, even one taking her to India where she worked for the Institute of Indian Mother and Child developing health education materials and serving in their rural clinic. After she finished her program, she continued on to complete a post-baccalaureate program and apply to medical school. Now she has accepted a seat in the incoming 2017 class at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine.

In addition to her medical career pursuits, Osose has been working as a freelance photographer for the past four years. She has shot her own visual art projects in addition to weddings, graduations, fashion and lifestyle photography, and her favorite, travel photography. She plans on combining her passions and hobbies to make an impact in the world.

Monique McDermott

My name is Monique McDermoth and I am a MS4 student at the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine & Science (CDU). Born and raised in the Bronx, NY, I have spent the majority of my life on the East Coast. I attended Princeton University, and majored in Sociology. After graduating from Princeton, I moved to Philadelphia and worked as a research assistant during my post-baccalaureate program at the University of Pennsylvania. During my screening and counseling patients of intimate partner violence in the ER and community health centers, I witnessed the adverse effects that such violence had on health and family planning. It was my experiences with this population that drew me into pursuing a Master’s in Public Health and research on increasing contraception usage amongst the African-American minority population.

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Mignote Yilma

As the eldest of three, I immigrated with my mother at the age of fourteen. The transition was extremely hard given that we had nothing when we arrived. Throughout high school I was told that I would not amount to much and advised to attend community college. I did not listen to them and applied to various undergraduate programs, and was accepted into Stanford University. Coming from a low socioeconomic background, I had a hard time fitting in. When I first started thinking about medical school, I was advised to instead consider a teaching position. Soon after that conversation, I avoided the advising center at Stanford. I took out a private loan to attend a postbaccalaureate program, and thus improving my chances of getting into medical school. Medical is the first place where I have been told that I can do it, and is a reflection of the amazing support available at Charles R. Drew. I am now a fourth-year student getting ready to apply to surgical residency. It came as a surprise that I fell in love with this field, especially given the lack of diversity within the field. Applying into a competitive field entails applying widely, which comes with added financial burden. I have spent the last four years helping my family financially, and know that I have to do this on my own. Winning this scholarship will allow me to apply to a large pool of programs and avoid incurring additional debt.

Dr. Carole Jordan-Harris Memorial Funding Scholarship

Tamandra Morgan

Tamandra Morgan is a third-year medical student at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine. Ms. Morgan is a 2009 graduate of Stanford University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Human Biology with a concentration in human genetics and cancer. During her undergraduate career, Tamandra served as an elected senator in the student body government and a peer health resource counselor. She completed a study abroad program in Human Genetics at Oxford University under the preceptorship of Dr. Anthony Monaco. Following graduation, she matriculated at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health/National Human Genome Research Institute in the Genetic Counseling Training Program. Her master’s thesis project was a research study examining comprehension and communication of hereditary cancer risk among African American women. Prior to entering medical school, Ms. Morgan worked as a genetic counselor at a genetic and rare disease information center and a clinical genetic testing laboratory. As a medical student, she is a student leader in the Urban Medicine program and volunteers at the Male Health Forum on Chicago’s South Side. Throughout medical school Ms. Morgan has conducted research with the HERITAGE (Helping Educate about Risk: Improving Access and Awareness of Genetic Testing) project to increase awareness and access to hereditary cancer risk assessment among high-risk African American women. Her research has most recently been selected for presentation at the American Medical Association annual conference. Ms. Morgan is a 2017 recipient of the prestigious American Association of University Women Selected Professions Fellowship.
Tribute to
Carole Jordan-Harris, MD

“A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.”
– Proverbs 22:1

Dr. Carole Jordan-Harris embodied excellence, brilliance, sophistication, grace, wisdom and dignity. Her generous spirit of giving fueled her with tireless energy that defied “retirement” and allowed her to relentlessly advocate for the health and well-being of women, children and families all over the world. She never exhausted her ability to serve and was adored as a loving mother, esteemed colleague, amazing mentor, trusted confidante and loyal friend. Without question, she enriched the lives of all who knew and loved her.

“Love has to be shown by deeds not words.”
– Swahili Proverb

Dr. Jordan-Harris began her enduring commitment to the Association of Black Women Physicians (ABWP) as a Charter Member and founding officer (Public Relations Chairperson). She was a Lifetime Member of the organization as well. In the early years of ABWP, Dr. Jordan-Harris actively recruited other resident physicians to join. She was also instrumental in the design and creation of the organization’s official logo. During her 35 years of ABWP membership, she held almost every executive board position, including Parliamentarian, Historian, Corresponding Secretary and Vice-President. She also enthusiastically served as past Chairperson for both the Scholarship committee and the nationally recognized Sister-to-Sister mentoring program. Her spectacular and successful career was highlighted by ABWP when she was honored as our 2013 Humanitarian of the Year.

“When the root is deep there is no reason to fear the wind.”
– African Proverb

Dr. Jordan-Harris was the strong oak tree that stood in place – no matter the winds of life that came her way. She was unwavering in her faith and service. She possessed an incredible ability to keep ABWP focused on its goal, purpose and mission. She was always the grounding force amongst all of us. A widely respected, professional woman of distinction, Dr. Carole Jordan-Harris will be deeply missed by ABWP members, community partners, students, patients and friends. However, we remain eternally grateful for the many wonderful memories that we shared with her as she gave so much of herself to so many people.
ABWP Community Service Award honoring Dr. Vena Ricketts

Dr. Vena Ricketts is ABWP’s 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. As a UCLA professor, Dr. Ricketts received multiple awards for her dedication and excellence in teaching, community service, and patient care. Dr. Ricketts’ passion has always been to help the sick and suffering and to give back to the community at large. As a founding member and past President of the Olive View-UCLA Medical Center Foundation and later Vice President of Development, Dr. Ricketts established several award-winning programs targeting the Spanish-speaking population in the San Fernando Valley. For more than 20 years, Dr. Ricketts also led volunteer medical teams to Ghana, The Gambia, Nigeria, Haiti, Armenia, Cambodia, Nepal, Bulgaria, Sri Lanka, Jamaica, the Philippines, the Western Sahara Desert, and Morocco with over 140,000 people served. Dr. Gerianne Dudley and Dr. David Griffin financially supported many of her international volunteer teams. After attending the 2015 ABWP Charity Benefit Gala, they generously donated $10,000 towards scholarships for students with outstanding community service to personally honor Dr. Ricketts’ esteemed career.

Beverly James, MD

The scholarship is presented in memory of and in celebration for Anatomic and Clinical Pathologist Dr. Beverly James. Dr. James’ pathology career focused on diagnostic techniques related to breast cancer. As bright and gifted as she was professionally, she was a humble, caring, fun-loving and unassuming person with a gentle and welcoming spirit. She lived an active life style, traveled widely, loved sports, music and the arts. She was a devoted member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Apart from Medicine, Dr. James discovered a burning passion for real estate development and became an extremely shrewd businesswoman working along with builders and contractors yet remained very sensitive to the needs of tenants. In February 2014, Dr. James passed away. In her honor, friends and family developed this scholarship in 2014 to memorialize her endearing spirit, and funds from their donation continue to sustain this scholarship until exhausted.
Carmen Parrott, MD Memorial Award

Dr. Carmen Parrott was a practicing dermatologist in Los Angeles, CA. She grew up in Maryland and completed her training at University of Pennsylvania. After establishing her practice in Los Angeles, Dr. Parrott was very active and engaged with the Association of Black Women Physicians, including a leadership position on the executive board. She was kind, passionate, engaging and a friend to everyone she met. Her humble and kind spirit combined with her brilliance and skill left an indelible impression on the organization. A memorial scholarship in her name was initially established by her mother who understood her commitment to ABWP, and it has continued to be funded by members of the organization each year since its inception.

Anna L. Smith, MD

Dr. Smith was a beloved psychiatrist and an Association of Black Women Physicians lifetime member. She also raised a daughter, Dr. Anne Staveren, who is a charter member and past-president of the organization. Dr. Smith was dedicated to addressing disparities in mental health for people of color and enhancing wellness in underserved communities. Her memorial scholarship was created to honor her career and commitment to these concerns and is meant to support a student with similar passion and dedication.

Charles R. Drew Medical Society Award

As a partner organized medical organization in Los Angeles, the Charles R. Drew Medical Society has provided additional scholarship support to the Association of Black Women Physicians’ Annual Charity and Scholarship Benefit Gala for many years. The purpose of this scholarship is to recognize and honor a student with clear dedication to addressing and eliminating health disparities that disproportionately affect communities of color. The Association of Black Women Physicians is grateful to the Charles R. Drew Medical Society for their ongoing support, similar goals and shared mission.
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OF
KAMILAH EVANS

REBECCA LEE CRUMPLER, MD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11
So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are doing

African Proverb
It takes a village to raise a child

May God continue to bless the Association of Black Women Physicians for encouraging, building and serving as a VILLAGE to female medical students for over 36 years!

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Dear Friends,

I am proud to greet the Association of Black Women Physicians as its members gather to celebrate its 36th Annual Charity and Scholarship Benefit.

Founded in 1982 by fifty Black women physicians, the organization focuses on two areas of activity. First, it strives to improve public health and welfare, especially for under-served women and their families, through community education and health advocacy. Second, it aims to provide organized support for Black women pursuing a profession in medicine through networking, mentorship, and awarding scholarships to medical students.

I would like to congratulate the young women receiving ABWP scholarships tonight, as well as this evening’s remarkable honorees, two women for whom I have the utmost respect:

- Dr. Elaine Batchlor, Humanitarian of the Year Award
- Dr. Deborah Prothow-Stith, Lifetime Achievement Award

I appreciate ABWP’s efforts to lift up the value that Black women bring to the practice of medicine; to encourage Black female students in their study of medicine; and to address health disparities across the region.

You have my best wishes for a memorable event!

Sincerely,

Karen Bass
Member of Congress
37th District of California
November 11, 2017

ASSOCIATION OF BLACK WOMEN PHYSICIANS

36th Annual Charity Benefit Luncheon

Congratulations to the Association of Black Women Physicians on the occasion of its 36th Annual Charity Benefit Luncheon.

Since 1982, ABWP has provided a voice and a community for hundreds of physicians. The organization’s positive contributions to the medical profession and its commitment to the improvement of public health and welfare in underserved communities throughout Southern California and the nation is simply exemplary.

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, and the more than 10 million people who reside in the County of Los Angeles, I am pleased to congratulate the honorees and extend my best wishes for continued success and a most memorable event.

With hope,

MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS
Chairman of the Board
Supervisor, Second District
Greetings

November 11, 2017

Association of Black Women Physicians
4712 Admiralty Way #175
Marina Del Rey, CA 90292

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to extend my congratulations to the Association of Black Women Physicians (ABWP) for celebrating their 36th Annual Charity Benefit.

I also extend my congratulations to the 2017 honorees Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Smith, Dean, College of Medicine of Charles R. Drew University of Medicine & Science for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award and also to the Humanitarian of the Year Dr. Elaine Batchlor; Chief Executive Officer of Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital. These esteemed honoree’s unwavering commitment to uplift Black women physicians makes them both more than deserving of this recognition.

For more than 35 years, ABWP has worked to provide health education programs to the community along with fervent advocacy efforts within the public health arena. I am happy to have worked alongside them with these efforts and at various community events. Congratulations again and may you celebrate another 35 years of service!

Sincerely,

SEBASTIAN RIDLEY-THOMAS
California State Assemblymember
Fifty-Fourth District
November 11, 2017

Association of Black Women Physicians
4712 Admiralty Way, #175
Marina del Rey, CA 90292

Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone to the 36th Annual Charity Benefit presented by the Association of Black Women Physicians.

You are to be commended for your dedication to the representation of Black women physicians and to improving public health and welfare.

I also extend my appreciation for your commitment to provide a variety of scholarships for medical students. Your dedication and commitment to the well-being of our youth is greatly appreciated and worthy of this recognition.

On behalf of the residents of the 62nd Assembly District, I applaud all of you for your exemplary accomplishments and offer my best wishes for continued success in the years ahead.

With warmest personal regards,

Autumn R. Burke
Assemblywoman, 62nd District
Greetings

November 11, 2017

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Association of Black Women Physicians’ 36th Annual Charity and Scholarship Benefit Luncheon.

The Association has long been committed to strengthening young women entering the field of medicine through its generous scholarships and mentorship opportunities. I am proud this impactful organization calls Los Angeles home.

The City of Los Angeles congratulates today’s honorees: Dr. Elaine Batchlor, MD, MPH, and CEO of Martin Luther King Jr. Community Hospital, receiving the “Humanitarian of the Year Award,” and Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith, Dean of the College of Medicine at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine & Science, receiving the “Lifetime Achievement Award.”

Congratulations to the Association of Black Women Physicians for 36 years of success, and I send my best wishes for a memorable event.

Sincerely,

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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HERB J. WESSON, JR.
PRESIDENT, LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL
COUNCILMEMBER, 10TH DISTRICT

ASSOCIATION OF BLACK WOMEN PHYSICIANS
36th Annual Charity & Scholarship Benefit
The Hope Luncheon

As President of the Los Angeles City Council and on behalf of the residents of the 10th Council District, I am pleased to welcome you to the Association of Black Women Physicians’ (ABWP) 36th Annual Charity and Scholarship Benefit. The proceeds from this event will allow ABWP to continue providing scholarships to qualified and dedicated doctors in training as well as provide funding and active support to community health education/wellness programs and appropriate charitable endeavors.

Since its inception, ABWP has been dedicated to addressing the needs and concerns of African American women physicians by striving to remove the cultural, social and economic barriers which have hindered African American women from entering the medical field. I commend ABWP’s continued leadership to provide African American women physicians the opportunity to continue their education and dedication to the improvement of healthcare in the African American community.

Best wishes for a successful and memorable event.

Sincerely,

HERB J. WESSON, JR.
President, Los Angeles City Council
Councilmember, Tenth District
Greetings

CONGRATULATIONS

November 11, 2017

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, it is my pleasure to congratulate the Association of Black Women Physicians on the 36th Annual Charity and Scholarship Benefit. Your organization continues to be a leading voice for women’s health and wellness.

When ABWP began, the founders recognized the need for an organization that supported African-American women pursuing a profession in medicine. I wonder if they could envision the legacy they would create. I wonder if they knew that ABWP would provide 250 scholarships to deserving medical students totaling over $700,000. Their vision to build healthier communities and families has had a lasting impact for us all.

I want to extend my congratulations to the two incredible women being honored during this year’s luncheon, Deborah Prothow-Stith and Elaine Batchlor. I am in awe of your dedication to the people of Los Angeles and organizations like the ABWP.

With hope,

Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson
Greetings

November 11, 2017

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles and the Ninth District, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Association of Black Women Physicians’ (ABWP) “36th Annual Charity & Scholarship Benefit.”

For decades, the ABWP has worked vigorously to uplift the South LA community through education programs and philanthropic outreach.

I applaud you for your profound dedication and deep commitment to bring quality healthcare to Angelenos in underserved communities. You are a source of inspiration for physicians and community leaders, including myself.

I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to tonight’s honorees, Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith and Dr. Elaine Batchlor. Thank you for all that you’ve done and will continue to do to elevate communities across Los Angeles.

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Humanitarian of the Year Award

With pride and support of your extraordinary services to humanity and public health.

Jessie L. Sherrod, MD, MPH, FAAP HMS’75
Lead Founder, Association of Black Women Physicians
Co-Founder, Acts of Faith: Sherrod Foundation
ASSOCIATION OF BLACK WOMEN PHYSICIANS ACKNOWLEDGES

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