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Celebrating 38 years

Strong Women, Healthy Mothers, Vibrant Communities:

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FOUR SEASONS HOTEL
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Bernard J. Tyson
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and
Dr. Kimberly Dyan Manning
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Department of Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine
Lifetime Achievement Award

and

Black Women for Wellness
Humanitarian Award

Your commitment to improve public health and welfare by advancing knowledge and community outreach inspires us
2019 Honorees

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Humanitarian of the Year Award

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Jamila Rahmaan-Colder
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FEATURED SCHOLARSHIPS

Anna L. Smith, MD Award
Beverly James, MD Memorial Award
Carmen Parrot, MD Memorial Award
Rebecca Lee Davis Crumpler, MD Awards
Sandra Bankhead, MS/Carole Jordan-Harris, MD, MS Memorial Scholarship
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Welcome and Introduction

Invocation
REV. DR. NAJUMA SMITH-POLLARD
Program Manager of Center of Religion and Civic Culture at USC and Pastor of Word of Encouragement Community Church in Los Angeles

Lunch

President’s Remarks & Sponsor Acknowledgements
Final Silent Auction Bidding & Closeout
Scholarship Awards Presentation
Student Testimonial
Call to Action

Humanitarian of the Year Award Presentation
BLACK WOMEN FOR WELLNESS

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**Our History**

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 38 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:

"The Association of Black Women Physicians is an organized network of African-American women physicians committed to the improvement of public health and welfare, through the advancement of knowledge concerning women and community health."

- Health Fairs with Community and Faith-Based Organizations
- Black Women Lawyers Los Angeles Joint Symposiums
- Breast Cancer Awareness and Education Sessions
- Network of Ethnic Physician Organizations for the California Medical Association Foundation, Member
- Health and Wellness Advocacy

"We also serve as a philanthropic source of funds to projects related to the health concerns of traditionally underserved communities."

- Annual Charity and Scholarship Benefit Gala
- Annual Holiday Party and Toy Drive

"We endeavor to enhance the personal and professional quality of life of present and future African-American women physicians."

- General Membership Meetings
- Sister 2 Sister Mentorship Program
- Practice Point Communications CME

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On behalf of the Association of Black Women Physicians, I would like to welcome you to our thirty-eighth scholarship gala. This signature fundraising event offers a chance to honor the career accomplishments of health care leaders helping us prepare for the challenges of the future. Our honorees have significant accomplishments improving the care of diverse populations.

Results matter. Our honorees have made unique contributions in ensuring the delivery of responsive care to the patients we serve.

Under Bernard Tyson’s leadership, Kaiser has expanded from supporting California employers to an integrated healthcare system operating in eight states with a research institute and a soon-to-be opened medical school.

Kimberly Dyan Manning, MD, is a recognized expert on diversity and humanism in medicine. Her passion is holistic healing and teaching.

We honor Black Women for Wellness for their innovative work reducing disparities in outcomes for Black mothers and infants. Medicine now recognizes the toxic effects of isolation. Black Women for Wellness has created community-based solutions to activate communities and improve outcomes for mothers and infants.

ABWP has given more than $700,000 in scholarships. The increased costs of medical school, starting at $70,000 annually, makes scholarship fundraising critical. This year, we again have a group of exceptional scholars who will make great contributions to healthcare. We cannot continue this work without your support.

We leave this event with a commitment to work to reduce maternal morbidity. Unlike the rest of the world, U.S maternal mortality has increased 50% since 1990. While complications from bleeding and infection have decreased, maternal deaths from cardiovascular disease have increased. Black mothers remain three to four times more likely to die, even in California where overall death rates have decreased.

Today is a celebration and a call to action. Enjoy the opportunities to meet old and new friends. Leave inspired to complete the unfinished work. We must all work to eliminate maternal health care disparities.

Thank you,

Sylvia Gates Carlisle
Sylvia Gates Carlisle, MD, MBA, FACP
President
As Co-chairperson of the 2019 Annual Charity & Scholarship Benefit, I have had the privilege of working with a team of dynamic, passionate, and accomplished African-American women physicians in the creation of this special gathering. This year’s theme, “Strong Women, Healthy Mothers, and Vibrant Communities” perfectly positions this program as the centerpiece of our philanthropic activities to support women of color in their pursuit of careers in science, medicine, and public health. This event also offers continued education and advocacy about the maternal morbidity and mortality crisis and the healthcare disparities that contribute to poorer outcomes among African-American women. These issues have been ABWP’s Presidential platforms throughout 2019.

Today we celebrate individuals who have committed their lives to causes greater than themselves. This Benefit spotlights the achievements of African-American change-agents whose work is aligned with the core values and mission of ABWP. The common denominator of the achievements of each of this year’s ABWP honorees is their dedication to the high purpose of providing health and wellness for all. The barometer of success of those receiving recognition today is in the lives they’ve changed for the better. Congratulations to our 2019 honorees: Mr. Bernard Tyson, Dr. Kimberly Dyan Manning and Black Women for Wellness!

The empowerment of individuals and the communities in which they live is at the heart of the leadership journey of our honoree Mr. Bernard J. Tyson, Chairman and CEO of Kaiser Permanente. Under Mr. Tyson’s leadership, Kaiser Permanente is lauded by many as the model for providing access to a quality, integrated care model that is fiscally responsible in stewardship of resources while addressing healthcare disparities. Mr. Tyson’s support of vulnerable and disenfranchised populations reflects his core values as he continuously supports minority communities, individuals with mental illness, the disabled, and the LGBTQ+ community. Mr. Tyson is clear about his purpose and about the people he has been called to serve. He believes that society must shift from addressing inequality to inequity because one size does not fit all when seeking solutions to health disparities. Mr. Tyson’s life as a leader of integrity outweighs his resume. ABWP is privileged to present the Lifetime Achievement Award for 2019 to Mr. Bernard J. Tyson.

African American women make up only 2% of America’s doctors. In considering our Lifetime Achievement award recipient, Dr. Kimberly Dyan Manning, I envisioned her defiance against statistics like this fueling her work as an Internist and Pediatrician. She is known nationally as a medical educator, author, popular medical blogger, and current Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine and Associate Vice Chair of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Emory University’s School of Medicine. Dr. Manning’s service to the community has been strategic and embodies social justice as she advocates for access to graduate medical education to prospective Black students. Dr. Manning’s life’s work is effectual, resonating to future generations of doctors of Color and the communities they serve. ABWP is privileged to present the Lifetime Achievement Award for 2019 to Dr. Kimberly Dyan Manning.

Self-care is a revolutionary act. It inspires and motivates others, mobilizing a community. The health education, self-efficacy and advocacy work of Black Women for Wellness (BWW) has propelled such a revolution! BWW is a safe space for women of Color to express vulnerabilities and eliminate health literacy deficiencies. Our common platform of maternal fetal morbidity and mortality found BWW and ABWP in similar circles this year as we both pursued common goals. ABWP is privileged to present the Humanitarian of the Year Award for 2019 to Black Women for Wellness.

We appreciate the efforts of all who contributed to making today a reality. Your presence today will fund a future doctor and heal communities. Your additional engagement through networking and mentoring the people in this room, participating in our Silent Auction and Mobile Cause campaign, and posting your photographs and inspirational quotes from the evening on social media with #abwp ultimately takes our work and those connected to it to the next level. Thank you!
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A small town girl from North Carolina, Tabitha Brown is an actress and Vegan food Influencer. Tabitha is known for her honest comedic food reviews, live cooking shows on Facebook, funny stories and inspirational post on her social media platform! She is also the Brand Ambassador for Whole Foods Market Plant based Living and is responsible for making the TTLA sandwich go viral and become available worldwide! As an actress Tabitha has had multiple TV and Film appearances such as “The Ellen Degeneres Show”, Bounce TV’s “Family Time & Stone Cold Christmas”, (Netflix) Freeform’s “Switched at Birth”, and “I am Still Here” (Now playing on Amazon Prime). While all of these accomplishments are great Tabitha finds the most JOY in simply spreading love and light to all and helping others see food differently! She travels the country speaking at different events sharing her story of how going Plant Based saved and changed her life! Her prayer is that God continues to use her to help people all over the world!

Please follow Tabitha Browns journey on Facebook @ActressTabithaBrown and Instagram @IamTabithaBrown
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WHO WE ARE
Black Women for Wellness (BWW) is a woman centered community based organization offering a multi-generational approach with building health and wellness for our communities. Through highlighting the resiliency and strengths of our culture; standing on the history of our experience and envisioning a future that includes empowered Black women & girls

ON A MISSION
BWW is on a mission with creating new realities & visions of and with Black women. This means impacting the increasing health disparities through policy and regulations, influencing our current environment via community research and validation of our experience, implementing programs and services responsive to our lives plus building capacity of our leadership to direct resources, as well to model health and well being.

BLACK WOMEN FOR WELLNESS PROGRAMS
Each program BWW implements is organic to our organization based on the health challenges of our founding members, program participants and community stakeholders. Sisters @ Eight is a monthly roundtable bringing a wealth of information to health professionals, leadership, advocates and community to help empower, mobilize, and organize toward advocacy. Civic Engagement and Voter Education increases the electoral and political power of Black women through voter education, registration and outreach during and between elections (Voting Rules Everything Around Me VREAM). Internet Quilt keeps pace with the cyber world through www.bwwla.org, many social media platforms (twitter, Instagram, Facebook) and electronic newsletter. Sisters in Motion program works to decrease the incidents of heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes and obesity through regular exercise, physical activity and movement. Kitchen Divas conducts food demonstrations at community events large and small and workshops, health education and advocacy supporting lifestyle change via nutrition and exercise. National Diabetes Prevention Program – Change Your Lifestyle, Change Your Life works with employers and community institutions offering lifestyle coaching and health education to prevent type 2 diabetes at the work site and in the community.

Sisters in Control Reproductive Justice program supports policy, utilizes program, works with advisory councils, commissions and boards to secure reproductive justice for women and girls. Get Smart B4U Get Sexy (GS B4U GS) supports peer advocate shifting attitudes on sex and sexuality through comprehensive sex and sexuality education, promoting smart as sexy and making sex smart. Environmental Justice engages and educates community members to influence local, state and national policies that regulate the safety of chemical use in cosmetics and personal care products. Healthy Hair Initiative generates and publishing community driven research by working with beauty professionals, hair stylist and nail technicians studying the impact of chemical use on health status.

Black Women for Wellness convenes annual conferences and/or health institutes exploring in depth the causal factors impacting the health and well being of women & girls. BWW also produces educational material on a variety of subjects including, voter education, toxic chemicals, reproductive health status, healthy cooking and research on black women’s and girls’ health.
Kimberly D. Manning, MD joined the faculty at the Emory University School of Medicine in 2001 after completing residency in combined training Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, and currently has an academic appointment as Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine and Associate Vice Chair of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for the Department of Medicine. A passionate clinician-educator and self-described “generalist-hospitalist”, she divides her professional time between teaching pre-clinical medical students, training medical residents, and patient care primarily at Grady Memorial Hospital. Manning additionally serves as residency program director for the Transitional Year Residency Program and is one of a small number of faculty appointed to lead the medical school curriculum as a small group advisor.

Manning’s academic achievements include numerous teaching awards in both the School of Medicine and the Internal Medicine residency program. She was voted “Best Attending” by the School of Medicine graduating classes of 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014, and has also won the Emory IM Residency Program’s Golden Apple Teaching Award for Grady Hospital three separate times. Dr. Manning was additionally awarded the Juha P. Kokko Award in 2013, given to the best overall teaching attending in all hospital sites and all subspecialties at Emory. At the 2012 EUSOM Commencement Exercises, Dr. Manning was awarded Emory University School of Medicine’s highest and most prestigious teaching award—The Evangeline Papageorge Distinguished Teaching Award. Dr. Manning was one of the youngest recipients of this award and was also the first underrepresented minority to receive this distinction.

She has built a national reputation as a teacher and has been invited as a visiting professor to several medical schools including Johns Hopkins, UCSF, and University of Colorado. She regularly speaks at community events, and has taught at many National and International Medical conferences as an invited lecturer.

Kimberly Dyan Manning, MD, FACP, FAAP
Lifetime Achievement Award

In 2018 Manning received the ACGME Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award—an award given to only 9 residency program directors annually across all (over 10,000) ACGME accredited programs and disciplines.

Dr. Manning also has a strong passion for building and strengthening diverse clinical learning environments. She led the Emory University School of Medicine’s Task Force on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and has been a staunch advocate and mentor for underrepresented minorities in Medicine. In her role as Associate Vice Chair of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for the Department of Medicine, she has been a key leader to the development of their strategic plan for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and an enthusiastic recruiter for the Internal Medicine residency program.

Dr. Manning’s work has been published in such prestigious journals as the Annals of Internal Medicine, Academic Medicine and the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA.) An avid writer, Dr. Manning authors a blog (“Reflections of a Grady Doctor”) that was named in 2010 by ‘O’ The Oprah Magazine as one of “four top medical blogs you should read.” She is a regular content contributor to the American College of Physicians (ACP) Internist blog, and a writer for their monthly companion publication. She is also an avid user of Twitter and tweets regularly about medical education, humanism in medicine, and diversity to her over 7,000 followers. Dr. Manning has also been a frequent contributor in the media. She has served as an expert for WebMD’s pediatric web site and has been a frequent guest on network TV including CNN’s Anderson Cooper 360 and Weekend Headline News, and FOX 5 Good Day Atlanta.

The Los Angeles area native is a proud alumnus of both Tuskegee University and Meharry Medical College. Dr. Manning balances all of this with her family life and servant leadership in her community; she is a happily married mother of two teen-aged sons and applies her experience as a mother and wife to all that she does.
Bernard J. Tyson is the chairman and CEO of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. and Hospitals — known as Kaiser Permanente, one of America’s leading integrated health care providers and not-for-profit health plans.

With annual operating revenue of nearly $80 billion, Kaiser Permanente serves 12.3 million members in eight states and the District of Columbia. Tyson assumed the role of chairman in January 2014 and has served as CEO since 2013. His career at Kaiser Permanente has spanned more than 34 years, and he has successfully managed all major aspects of the organization during this time, serving in roles from hospital administrator and division president to chief operating officer of the Oakland, California-based national health care organization.

Under Tyson’s leadership, Kaiser Permanente continues to lead and set the expectation for delivering affordable, accessible, high-quality health care and improving the health of its members and the 68 million residents in its communities. The organization is delivering on the promise of its “Thrive” campaign by bringing an industry-leading 21st-century approach to health care and coverage that is helping members achieve their aspirations of total health — physical health as well as mental health and wellness. Kaiser Permanente’s 217,000 employees and 22,000 Permanente Medical Group physicians provide personalized, coordinated, and technologically advanced care that consistently delivers some of the best clinical outcomes in the nation, while also leading the country in prevention, cutting-edge treatment, patient safety, and quality.

Tyson’s influence has been felt both nationally and internationally. Time has listed him on its list of the most influential people in the world and named him one of the Health Care 50. Also, in addition to being named by Modern Healthcare as one of the most influential people in health care for 5 consecutive years, he’s been No. 2 on the 100 Most Influential People in Healthcare list and on Fast Company’s list of most creative people.

Tyson serves on the boards of directors for the American Heart Association and Salesforce. He is Deputy Chairman of the Americas of the International Federation of Health Plans, and a steward of the World Economic Forum’s Global Challenge on the Future of Health and Healthcare. Tyson is also chair of The Business Council and a member of the Bay Area Council, a business-led public policy organization advocating for a strong economy and better quality of life for Bay Area residents.

A San Francisco Bay Area native, Tyson earned a Master of Business Administration in Health Service Administration and a bachelor’s degree in Health Service Management from Golden Gate University in San Francisco. He earned a leadership certificate from Harvard University.
KAMILAH EVANS
Rebecca Lee Crumpler Scholarship

Kamilah Evans is a third-year student at New York Medical College and emerging content creator (@MedSchoolMilah). Evans graduated with honors from Chapman University and Charles Drew University. As co-author of “Elimination of Cancer Health Disparities Through the Acceleration of HPV Vaccinations,” Research Coordinator for the Innovative Clinical Research Institute, and panelist at the Henrietta Lacks Diversity Conference, Kamilah purposefully blends sociology and medicine in her research, practice, and advocacy. Kamilah’s commitment to supporting underserved communities is evident in her former leadership positions as President of Black Student Union and Outreach Specialist for the Amer-I-Can Foundation. Currently, Kamilah serves as the Training facilitator for the Resiliency Curriculum, training students and residents on mental health and suicide prevention. Previously, she served as the MAPS Liaison for the Student National Medical Association, mentoring minority high school and college students through the medical application process. She also served as treasurer for Medical Students for Choice, an organization focused on reproductive health and curriculum reform during medical school.

ALLISON LEGGETT
Rebecca Lee Crumpler Scholarship

Allison Gabriella Leggett is a second-year medical student in the Charles R. Drew/UCLA Medical Education program. Growing up in Los Angeles, she became aware at an early age how health disparities affected underserved communities—and how essentially your zip code and access to healthcare, education, and nutritious foods could determine your health. This experience established the foundations and ardor for both intellectual pursuit and passion for addressing social justice. During undergrad, she attended Loyola Marymount University, where she graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Human Sciences—earning a Presidential citation for her academic achievement, community service and leadership during her time at the university. Throughout college, she served as a community leader and active citizen—dedicating service as a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician, organizing advocacy events exploring food justice through Oxfam America, volunteering at community clinics through the Venice Family Clinic, leading service trips to both Haiti and Nicaragua, and establishing a scholarship at the university to fund social justice initiatives through the Center for Service and Action. Additionally, she served as Vice President of both the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students (MAPS) and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

JESSYLYN MAGEE
Rebecca Lee Crumpler Scholarship

Jesslyn received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with a double minor in Chemistry and Public Health Sciences from Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans, LA. While at Xavier, Jesslyn explored her interest in pharmaceutical production and performed basic science research at the College of Pharmacy at Xavier University of Louisiana. Her interest in pharmaceutical research led her to further her education at Keck Graduate Institute in Claremont, CA. in May 2017, Jesslyn received her Master of Science in Applied Life Sciences with a focus in Pharmaceutical Discovery and Development. As much as Jesslyn loves scientific inquiry, she is equally as passionate about minority student engagement and empowerment in STEM education and career development. In 2017, Jesslyn founded the BioPharma Leadership Academy (BPLA). BPLA is a one-week summer day camp program for underrepresented minority high school students from Southern California interested in medical device and pharmaceutical development. BPLA introduces students to biotechnology, pharmaceutical sciences, project management, and leadership skills through a focused program taught by graduate students and professionals in the biotech industry. During the week, students will have the opportunity to attend classes on careers in the industry, engage in personal and professional development, receive college preparation help, and tour college campuses. BPLA has held two successful cohorts of minority students from the Inland Empire in 2017 and 2018. Jesslyn currently attends the University of California, Davis School of Medicine this Fall to pursue her Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree. Jesslyn is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She enjoys reading, playing golf, and engaging in community service projects.
DENISE MCINTYRE
Rebecca Lee Crumpler Scholarship

Denise McIntyre grew up in a rural town in Jamaica with her mother and brothers before migrating to the United States at the age of 12. She is a graduate of the University of Florida where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree. Her academic and career pursuits have displayed a fervent commitment to public health and health advocacy in underserved communities. She has engaged with underserved communities as a community health worker, health department intern, domestic violence survivor advocate, HIV clinic coordinator and community health researcher. As a medical student at the Charles R. Drew University/UCLA Medical Education Program, Denise is passionate about working in underserved communities with a focus on trauma-informed care and health policy. She is currently conducting research to examine the neurocognitive impacts of both poverty and other forms of early adversity on children and adolescents. Denise serves as a coordinator for the Partnership for Progress program aimed at providing mentorship for underrepresented youth in South Los Angeles who are interested in a career in healthcare. She also serves as a co-president of the Minority Health Conference, community outreach chair of the UCLA/CDU chapter of SNMA and a coordinator of the UCLA Emergency Medicine Student Interest Group.

ZESEMAYAT MEKONNEN
Rebecca Lee Crumpler Scholarship

As a third-year medical and master’s student at the UC Berkeley-UC San Francisco (UCSF) Joint Medical Program (JMP), Ms. Zesemayat Mekonnen is committed to a career focused on health equity and advocacy across diverse communities. Ms. Mekonnen graduated from Stanford University in 2010 where she studied Human Biology with a concentration on Child Development and Developmental Biology. Following college, Ms. Mekonnen studied various lung disorders at UCSF and volunteered at local health fairs to educate underserved communities about airway health. She also volunteered at the Women’s Community Clinic in San Francisco, where she served as a Peer Health Educator. In 2015, Ms. Mekonnen completed a post baccalaureate program at UC San Francisco. While in medical school at the JMP, she has volunteered at the student-run Suitcase Clinics and is a co-director of the Health Career Academy, an afterschool program mentoring high school youth about healthcare professions. She spent this past summer continuing her interest in mentoring youth as a Summer Urban Health Leadership Academy Fellow working with marginalized high school youth from San Francisco at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital. Her master’s thesis will explore the relationship between maternal exposure to environmental pollutants and socioeconomic factors that predispose minority women to preterm birth in urban California counties.

OZIOMA OBIWURU
Rebecca Lee Crumpler Scholarship

Growing up in South Central LA, Ozioma had an early introduction to the importance of embracing diverse patient populations. She studied Health Promotion & Disease Prevention with a minor in Spanish at USC and most enjoyed classes about the social determinants of health. Disease does not respect geographic boundaries; as such, Ozioma went beyond the inner-city clinics where she typically shadowed to lead medical brigades in Honduras. She became passionate about coupling medical care with health education – especially in underserved communities. Ozioma went on to obtain graduate degree in Global Medicine, learning skills such as grant writing and cultural competence. She works as research assistant and has published a paper exploring ethnocultural perceptions held by Hispanics with Multiple Sclerosis. As a fourth year medical student at UIC, Ozioma has found her niche in the field of pediatrics. She continues to champion for community and minority health as a member of the Urban Medicine program, a Student Ambassador for UIC College of Admissions, and a leader in her chapter of the Student National Medical Association. Ozioma is especially passionate about mentoring the next generation of minority health care leaders. As a pediatrician, her ultimate goal is to provide comprehensive, inclusive care for all children while making an earnest effort to unearth the social context behind each encounter.
2019 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

JAMILA RAHMAAN-COLDER
Rebecca Lee Crumpler Scholarship

Jamila Rahmaan-Colder is a wife, mother of three, and a 4th-year medical student. She earned her BS in psychology from Georgia State University and an MS in medical sciences from Western University. Prior to medical school, she worked as a high school teacher in her home town of Pomona. She has served as president of her medical school SNMA chapter during her first year. As a non-traditional student, she has extensive leadership and volunteer experience, including founding several youth outreach programs in Pomona and developing various service projects. She has been a gross anatomy teaching assistant, a National Medical Fellow earning the California Community Service Learning Grant, and a cardiothoracic student research fellow at the John Wayne Cancer Institute at Providence St. John’s in Santa Monica.

VARINA CLARK
Rebecca Lee Crumpler Scholarship / Carmen Parrot, MD Memorial Award

Varina Clark is a medical student at the David Geffen School of Medicine (DGSOM) at UCLA from Mount Vernon, NY. She pursued her Sc.B. degree in Human Biology at Brown University. Prior to starting medical school, Varina was a Clinical Research Supervisor at Memorial Sloan Kettering, and she spearheaded health education initiatives at the Montefiore Family Health Center in the Bronx, NY. After volunteering within inner city clinics and global health settings, Varina became committed to addressing health disparities and providing culturally responsive, comprehensive healthcare to patients. She is also passionate about diversity initiatives and programming within medical education. While at DGSOM, Varina established a new position on the Medical Student Council (MSC)—Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Representatives—to promote diversity-related resources, events and co-curricular learning opportunities. This year, she serves on the UCLA EDI Student Advisory Board and is overseeing initiatives on both undergraduate and graduate levels. While completing an exploratory year as a Dean’s Leadership in Health and Science fellow, Varina’s current research explores potential biomarkers that will help to lay the foundation for therapeutic targets for pulmonary hypertension-associated right ventricular failure. As an Albert Schweitzer Fellow, she also developed an intervention called “eMpower: Strengthening Mothers’ Mental Resilience,” where she strives to improve perinatal mental health and related birth outcomes amongst Black women. Varina was also inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society, where she was recognized for her compassion and commitment to patient care. As a future physician-leader, her goal is to take an active role in addressing health disparities, improving health outcomes, advocating for underserved communities and mentoring the next generation of Black women physicians.

LA MAYA HODGES
Rebecca Lee Crumpler Scholarship / Anna L. Smith, MD Award

La'Mayah Hodges is a third year medical student at the Charles R. Drew/UCLA Medical Education Program in Los Angeles, California. Originally from Las Vegas, Nevada, she completed premed coursework and received a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Biology from Spelman College in Atlanta, GA. She continued her education with graduate studies at Southern Illinois University where she obtained a Master’s Degree in Public Health. She wants to utilize her clinical and public health knowledge to advocate for marginalized populations and join the fight against health disparities in urban underserved communities across the nation.
AUNSHA WILLIAMSON
Rebecca Lee Crumpler Scholarship / Beverly James, MD Memorial Award

Aunsha Williamson is a first-year medical student at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine (MSU CHM). Born and raised in Riverside, CA as the eldest of ten children, she has aspired to become a pediatrician since high school. She graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology in 2011 and then went on to complete a pre-medical post-baccalaureate certificate program at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science (CDU) in 2013. While attending CDU, Aunsha became extensively involved in social activism and health programs geared towards assisting underserved populations across Los Angeles. Her passion to serve the community led her to be recognized by CDU as “Most Compassionate”. Additionally, she got involved in research at the University of California, Irvine and Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in Torrance, CA. Since graduating from CDU, Aunsha has worked in the field of clinical research at both Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and Children’s Hospital Los Angeles. As a future physician, she desires to continue to dismantle barriers that prevent disadvantaged and minority communities from receiving the care they deserve.

CHARNISE TAYLOR
Sandra Bankhead, MS/Carole Jordan-Harris, MD, MS Memorial Scholarship

Charnise Taylor is from Los Angeles, California and is the first in her family to graduate college. She graduated from Loyola Marymount University with a degree in Biochemistry. Charnise participated in several LMU programs such as ACCESS, ACE, and the Bonn, Germany Study Abroad program. She was the founder and president of the LMU Chapter Minority Association of Pre-Health students. She is currently a first year medical student in the Charles R. Drew/UCLA Prime-Leadership and Advocacy program, a 5 year program focused on creating physician leaders while obtaining an additional master’s degree. Charnise is currently interested in being a leader in a primary health care specialty with an emphasis in healthcare informatics and technology. Charnise is the Student National Medical Association Co-President with the UCLA/Drew Chapter and teaches salsa classes for fun. She is pleased to embark on this unique training that will allow her to focus on serving the disadvantaged communities in Los Angeles she grew up wanting to serve.
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CARMEN PARROTT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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 SMITH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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.
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November 10, 2019

Dear Friends,

I am proud to greet the Association of Black Women Physicians as its members gather to celebrate its 38th 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 honorees:

- Mr. Bernard J. Tyson, Lifetime Achievement Award
- Dr. Kimberly Dyan Manning, Lifetime Achievement Award
- Black Women for Wellness, Humanitarian of the Year 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
Greetings

The Association of Black Women Physicians 38th Annual Charity & Scholarship Benefit

November 10, 2019

It is with great honor that I congratulate the Association of Black Women Physicians ((ABWP) on the occasion of its 38th Annual Charity & Scholarship Benefit.

I commend the Association of Black Women Physicians for their indefatigable service, dedication, stewardship and passion to advancing the public health and welfare of our communities. I would also like to offer my heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Bernard J. Tyson, Chairman and CEO of Kaiser Permanente, for being awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award, and to Dr. Kimberly Dyson Manning, Associate Professor of Medicine and Vice-Chair, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at Emory University for also being the recipient of this year’s Lifetime Achievement Award, in recognition of their work to improve the health and lives of our residents, and to champion the progress of African Americans in medicine, especially women. I would also like to extend my deepest congratulations to Black Women for Wellness as the first organization to receive the Humanitarian of the Year Award for their tireless health education and advocacy efforts to improve the lives of African American women and infants.

On behalf of the residents of the 59th Assembly District, congratulations and best wishes for a memorable and successful event.

With warm regards,

[Signature]

REGINALD BYRON JONES-SAWYER, SR.
Assemblymember, 59th District
Chair, Public Safety Committee
Greetings

November 10, 2019

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 38th Annual Charity and Scholarship 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 offer my congratulations to your honorees, Mr. Bernard J. Tyson, Dr. Kimberly Dyan Manning and Black Women for Wellness. Their dedication and commitment to the well-being of our community is commendable and worthy of this recognition.

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

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Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to congratulate the Association of Black Women Physicians (ABWP) on its 38th Annual Charity & Scholarship Benefit.

Since 1982, ABWP has played an invaluable role in the training and practice of Black women physicians throughout Southern California and the United States at-large. Diversity in all our industries is an important measure of progress that we strive to see increase every day. However, in the face of racial disparities that continue to persist in the delivery and access to care, diversity in the medical field is a matter of the utmost urgency—it will literally save lives. I applaud ABWP’s commitment to improving public health and welfare through the advancement of health and wellness concerns for traditionally under-served communities, and supporting more than 250 diverse, deserving medical students with scholarships to improve health care in these areas.

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  
Supervisor, Second District  
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Greetings

November 10, 2019

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, welcome to the Association of Black Women Physicians’ 38th Annual Charity and Scholarship Benefit Luncheon.

Since 1982, the Association of Black Women Physicians has been empowering its members to improve public health and welfare while supporting the personal and professional network of African-American women physicians in Los Angeles. ABWP’s programs to mentor, educate, and serve our Angelenos are inspiring our next generation of physicians to continue its mission to bridge health disparities within our community.

I would also like to commend tonight’s honorees: recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award, Mr. Bernard J. Tyson and Dr. Kimberly Dyan Manning; and recipient of the Humanitarian of the Year Award, Black Women for Wellness. Their efforts have improved the health of millions of Californians. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor.

I send my best wishes for a memorable event and continued success.

Sincerely,

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38th Annual Charity & Scholarship Benefit Gala

As President of the Los Angeles City Council and on behalf of the residents of the 10th Council District, I am pleased to extend my congratulations and appreciation to the Association of Black Women Physicians (ABWP) for hosting its 38th Annual 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.

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 exemplary efforts to provide African American women physicians the opportunity to continue their education and their 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!

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles and Council District Eight, it is a pleasure to congratulate the honorees of the Association of Black Women Physicians 38th Annual Charity & Scholarship Benefit Luncheon. Bernard J. Tyson, Dr. Kimberly Dyan Manning, and Black Women for Wellness have all made exceptional contributions to the health care field.

A look at Mr. Tyson’s stellar 34 year career with Kaiser Permanente is a master class in leadership. From delivering affordable, and accessible health care, to the motivating health and wellness message in Kaiser’s “Thrive Campaign”, Bernard J. Tyson has proven to be a force to be reckoned with in the world of medicine. Dr. Kimberly Dyan Manning’s impressive career as a clinician-educator and academic powerhouse is a blueprint for preparing tomorrow’s health-care leaders for the complex health challenges of today’s diverse society. Again, congratulations to both of you on your Lifetime Achievement Awards.

I commend Black Women for Wellness, for being the first organization recipient of the Humanitarian Award. Their slate of programs educating black women on health matters, and serving as a health-centered resource, has made an impact on the health of thousands of women -- because when you know better, you do better.

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