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Message from the Executive Director

Henry A. Moses, Ph.D.
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and Staff

At a Town Hall Meeting held in Mid-March 2021, President Dr. James E. K. Hildreth gave the campus community an update on the status of the Strategic Plan for Meharry Medical College. He envisioned this plan when he first assumed the leadership of Meharry Medical College. We are half way into the plan as projected to be completed by 2026, the sesquicentennial year of Meharry Medical College and the completion of the 10th year of Dr. Hildreth’s administration.

The STRATEGIC PLAN for Meharry Medical College is very much on target. At an unprecedented pace, Dr. Hildreth and his team have brought National attention to Meharry Medical College, increased financial support more than 20 fold, maintained and/or obtained FULL accreditation of all academic programs, and brought financial stability to the College.

Equally important under his leadership, our "Customer Service" to students and our friends and supporters has improved significantly. With all of the positive changes and improvements we as an institution have experienced during the first five years of Dr. Hildreth’s Administration, we have as an institution, remained true to our Mission: Dedicated to Worship of God Through Service to Mankind. We continue to be servants and the voice of the underserved. We have invited to the Table of The Underserved others who are often overlooked, and those who are disadvantaged.

We continue to offer opportunities to those who wish to help fulfill The Meharry Mission. We continue to graduate caring and competent alumni who join the ranks of your institution's Association. We continue to thrive as Meharry Medical College! Our history and heritage are too great to let either go! Join us and continue to support Meharry! Be a part of a "Place Called Meharry". Let us continue to make our ancestors proud and let's make sure that we have a strong Meharry Medical College for generations yet to come. Thank you for your support.
Huda Zoghbi, M.D., '79

Huda Yahya Zoghbi born Huda El-Hibri, is a Lebanese-born American geneticist, and a professor in the Department of Molecular and Human Genetics, Neuroscience and Neurology at the Baylor College of Medicine. She is the Director of the Jan and Dan Duncan Neurological Research Institution.

Her work helped elucidate the genes and genetic mechanisms responsible for a number of devastating neurological disorders, such as Rett syndrome and Spinocerebellar ataxia type 1. Zoghbi's discoveries have provided new ways of thinking about other neurological disorders such as Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's, autism, and Intellectual disability. Her discoveries could lead to new therapeutics and better, more efficient treatments.

In 2017, she was awarded the Canada Gairdner International Award and the Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences. In 2020, she was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Medicine.

Early Life and Education

Huda Zoghbi was born in Beirut, Lebanon in 1954, and raised in Beirut. She loved reading works by William Shakespeare, Jane Austen, and William Wordsworth in high school. She intended to pursue literature at the university. Her mother convinced her to study biology on the grounds that “a woman growing up in the Middle East should pick a career ensuring independence and security, while she can always write on the side”. Zoghbi was admitted as a biological sciences major at the American University of Beirut (AUB) in 1973 and entered the university's medical school 2 years later.

The Lebanese Civil War began in 1976 during her first year of medical school. Although she and her classmates decided to stay at the university, after her brother was injured by shrapnel, their parents sent them to live with their sister in Austin, Texas, with plans to return to Beirut the following summer. The war, however, raged on, and Zoghbi was under the impression that school terms at American medical schools began in October, as was the case with Lebanese schools. In October, it was confirmed that she was unable to return to Lebanon due to the war, and US medical schools had begun their fall term 2 months earlier. Her family friends in America suggested she apply to Vanderbilt University. Vanderbilt did not accept transfer students, but recommended Meharry Medical College instead. She applied to Meharry and Meharry accepted her on the spot. Despite her continued desire to return to Lebanon, on the advice of a professors at AUB, she stayed at Meharry and earned an MD degree in 1979. After graduating, she joined the Texas Children’s Hospital at the Baylor College of Medicine as a pediatric resident.

Zoghbi initially intended to specialize in pediatric cardiology because of her interest in the heart. During her rotation in pediatric neurology, Dr. Marvin Fishman, head of the division, convinced her that the brain was more interesting than the heart. She thus started a 3-year term as a postdoctoral researcher in pediatric neurology after finishing her residency in
COVER STORY

Career

From 1982 to 1985, Dr. Zoghbi was a postdoctoral researcher in pediatric neurology at the Baylor College of Medicine. She became an assistant professor in the Department of Pediatrics at Baylor in 1988, and was successively promoted to associate professor in 1991 and professor in 1994. At present, Zoghbi is a professor in the Department of Molecular and Human Genetics at Baylor, with appointments as a professor in the Department of Neuroscience and the Department of Pediatrics (Section of Neurology and Developmental Neuroscience). She serves as the Ralph Feigin, M.D. Endowed Chair, the Director of the Texas Children’s Hospital Jan and Dan Duncan Neurological Research Institute, a member of the Dan L. Duncan Comprehensive Cancer Center at Baylor, and an investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of Regeneron Pharmaceuticals.

Research

In 1983, Zoghbi learned of Rett syndrome from Dr. Bengt Hagberg's account in Annals of Neurology. The paper allowed Zoghbi to diagnose a five-year-old she treated at Texas Children's Hospital. One week later, she saw another patient with the same set of symptoms. When she investigated medical records, she found more cases of Rett syndrome that had been misdiagnosed. Learning of this sparked her interest in Rett syndrome, at a time when there was no report of the disease in the US. An article she published in 1985 attracted many Rett syndrome patients to Texas children's Hospital, giving her access to a large number of cases.

RETT Syndrome

Ever since Zoghbi was introduced to Rett syndrome early in her career, she has been working on the disorder alongside other research, despite a lack of enthusiasm from her colleagues, fellow researchers and funding agencies. The main reason for her research is that very few individuals and families were available for investigation. In the 1990s, she collaborated with Dr. Uta Francke from Sanford University to identify the gene responsible for Rett syndrome. In 1992, she narrowed down the target to a section of the X-linked dominant disorder, meaning that when 1 of the 2 copies of the MECP2 gene is abnormal, RETT syndrome will result.

Zoghbi's team kept studying MEP2, and discovered in 2004 that overexpressing the protein in mice led to an autism-like neurological disorder. In 2009, she found mice to be deficient of the MECP2 gene (the mouse homolog of human MECP2) with lower levels of norepinephrine, dopamine, and serotonin, consistent with her clinical observations of patients of RETT syndrome in 1985. Recently, Zoghbi confirmed that the MECP2 protein also bound 5-methylcytosine not in CpG sites, and that restoring the level of MECP2 protein in a subset of neurons was sufficient to rescue some symptom of RETT syndrome.
Since most patients of Rett syndrome were girls, and symptoms were very consistent across patients, Zoghbi believed genetics were involved in the disease process. This led her to join Dr. Arthur Beaudet's group in 1985, after finishing her term as a postdoctoral researcher, for training in genetics and molecular biology. Beaudet advised against Rett syndrome as her research project since its mode of inheritance was still not obvious, and recommended a more approachable problem - Spinocerebellar ataxia type 1, a dominantly inherited neurological disorder. In 1988, Zoghbi left Beaudet's group and founded her own lab at Baylor. In addition to her research on Spinocerebellar ataxia type 1 and Rett syndrome, she started her own laboratory at Baylor College of Medicine and began participating in a joint collaboration with the Jan and Dan Duncan Neurological Research Institute (NRI) at Texas Children's Hospital.

Spinocerebellar Ataxia Type 1
Following the establishment of her own lab, Zoghbi continued studying Spinocerebellar ataxia type 1 (SCA1), in collaboration with Dr. Harry Orr from the University of Minnesota. On the same day, 8 April 1993, both Zoghbi and Orr identified ATXN1 as the gene responsible for SCA1. They determined that the disease was caused by an expansion of the glutamine-encoding GAG trinucleotide repeat in this gene, and that the younger the age of onset, the longer the CAG repeat. Furthering work by Zoghbi, Orr and their teams demonstrated that the misfolding, aggregation, and proteasomal degradation of the protein product of this gene, Ataxin1, played a role in the disorder.

Math 1
After solving the etiology of Spinocerebellar ataxia type 1, Zoghbi began studying animal genes related to balance. As Baylor's Dr. Hugo J. Bellen described the role of the atonal gene in balance in fruit flies, Zoghbi chose to study its mammalian homolog. A member of her lab successfully cloned the mouse homolog, Math1, in 1996. Her team went on to find that, in addition to its involvement in balance and coordination, Math1 is also crucial to hearing and the formation of secretory cells in the gut. Her lab has also shown that aberrant activation of Math1 could lead to medulloblastoma, a common childhood brain tumor, and that mice which did not express Math1, did not develop the tumor.

Ataxin-1 link to Alzheimer's
After linking the gene Ataxin-1 to SCA1, Zoghbi's lab was approached by Dr. Jaehong Suh of the Massachusetts General Hospital's MassGeneral Institute for Neurodegenerative Disease to investigate the connection between ataxin-1 gene and Alzheimer's disease. The subsequent study found that loss of ataxin-1 elevates BACE1 expression AB pathology in mouse models, rendering it a potential contributor to risk and pathogenesis of Alzheimer's disease.

Personal Life
Dr. Zoghbi met her husband, William Zoghbi when they were medical students at the American University of Beirut. In 1977, she continued her medical school study at Meharry Medical College, and William transferred to Meharry the next year. They both completed their residencies at the Baylor College of Medicine. They married in 1980 and have 2 children. William is the Chief of the Department of Cardiology at Houston Methodist Hospital.
Huda Yahya Zoghbi

**Born:** Huda El-Hibri 1954 (age 66-67)

**Alma Mater:**
- Baylor College of Medicine
- Meharry Medical College
- American University of Beirut

**Known For:** Research in Rett Syndrome and Spinocerebellar Ataxia type 1

**Spouse:** William Zoghbi, M.D., ’79

**Awards:**
- Texas Women Hall of Fame (2008)
- Gruber Prize in Neuroscience (2011),
- Pearl Meister Greengard Prize (2013)
- Dickson Prize (2013)
- Shaw Prize in Life Science and Medicine (2016)
- Canada Gairdner International Award (2017)
- Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences (2017)
- Brain Prize (2020)

**Scientific Career**

**Fields:** Genetics
- Neuroscience

**Institutions:** Regeneron Pharmaceuticals
- Baylor College of Medicine
- Howard Hughes Medical Institute
- Texas Children’s Hospital
Fellow Alumni:

On Monday April 19, 2021, Meharry Medical College announced the public phase of its capital campaign, an effort to raise $200 million for the College.

"Campaign 150" - observing the pending 150-year anniversary of the College - has already seen success, said Patrick Johnson, Chief Strategy Officer and Senior Vice President, Institutional Advancement. During the 18-month "quiet phase" of the campaign, Meharry raised 85 million toward the goal of $200 million.

Mr. Patrick Johnson, Senior Vice President for Development said the pandemic "allowed the world to slow down enough to see what many of us have seen for so many years. We feel this was the perfect time to announce what we've been working on ... to take Meharry into the next 150 years."
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A Dual Degree Program has been established between the School of Medicine at Meharry and The Vanderbilt University Owens Graduate School of Management. Details of the program may be obtained from the School of Medicine at Meharry or The Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt.

Meharry Welcomes New Students

We recently received the list of new Meharrians. The program in which these students are enrolled are:

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Student Orientation for the incoming Meharry School of Medicine Class of 2025 took place Monday, July 12, 2021 with 115 new medical students coming to campus. Top: SOM Dean Digna Forbes talked to new students about expectations for the new class year. Bottom: Dr. Calvin Smith, assistant professor and assistant dean of admissions for the School of Medicine, answers questions for an incoming student. Photos by Ken Morris
Graduate Student Appreciation Week

The School of Graduate Studies and Research observed “Graduate Student Appreciation Week” April 14-16, to acknowledge the achievements graduate students have made locally and nationally.

Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week is an initiative launched in 1993 by students from Georgetown, American, and Florida State Universities to recognize and show appreciation for the impact and value of graduate students. During the week, students in the graduate school are honored for their commitment and perseverance to improve public health, create and/or broaden scientific knowledge thru their research endeavors and for the difference they make to the campus and their respective fields of interest.

To celebrate Meharry graduate students, the Inaugural Graduate Student Awards Ceremony was held on Friday, April 16 at 1 p.m., to highlight their contribution to science, public health, and service to Meharry. The keynote speaker was Executive Vice President Dr. Peter Millett. The entire College was invited to join the salute to these students for their accomplishments.

Change in Leadership in OB-GYN

Gwinnett McGhee Ladson, M.D.’84 has resigned from the position of Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Ladson continues her appointment as full professor in the Department. Dean Forbes has announced that Edward Hills, M.D.’63, professor is the newly appointed Chair. Dr. Hills completed an internship at the United States Air Force Hospital Andrews Air Force Base. He completed his training as a flight medical officer at the School of Aerospace Medical in Brooks Air Force Base, and his medical residency at George W. Hubbard Hospital now

Meharry Students

Congratulation to Meharrrian Elisa Stern who placed among the top Five of Thirty Six contestants in the Miss Tennessee Volunteer Pageant held in Jackson, TN, June 16-19. She is also the reigning Miss Chattanooga Volunteer for 2021.

In one position of the NPT Special on Aging Matters. Disparities & Health Equity the student run Salt Wagon Clinic was spotlighted: Morgan Williams is the Director of the student run health care facility. The program is available by Streaming at Video wnpt.org.
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University of Memphis and Meharry Medical College

The University of Memphis and Meharry Medical College has engaged in a program to enhance collaborative and interdisciplinary research. To advance the historic partnership, a jointly funded program enabling collaborative relationships between the institutions was created to stimulate innovative, interdisciplinary, team-based research involving investigators from both institutions.

Through the Meharry-Memphis Program to Enhance Collaborative Interdisciplinary Research (PECIR), Meharry researchers will benefit from cross-disciplinary relationships with the University of Memphis Schools of Public Health, Nursing, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Law, and Health Studies among others. The University of Memphis will benefit from Meharry’s expertise in health disparities research spanning basic, translational, and public health.

COVID-19 Funeral Assistance | FEMA.gov

If you know of anyone who had a family member pass away from COVID-19, FEMA will provide up to a maximum of $9,000.00 to reimburse funeral expenses for deaths that occurred after January 20, 2020. The program starts in April and the information can be found at https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance.

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Valencia P. McShan, D.D.S., was recently appointed to the School of Dentistry as the Dean of Student Affairs, Diversity & Inclusion. Dr. McShan, Assistant Professor, Department of Restorative Dentistry was the Exemplary Teacher's Award Recipient at the 2019 Convocation.
Cleve Winfield Ewell, Jr., M.D., a 1947 graduate of Meharry Medical College was a native of Wichita, Kansas. He was the eldest of eleven children. He attended Yale University for his undergraduate education prior to matriculating at Meharry.

In 1953, after completing his internship and residency training at Meharry, Dr. Ewell was awarded a fellowship to the Simpson Memorial Institute for Hematology, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. After a year of outstanding service, Dr. Ewell returned to Meharry and established the Division of Hematology. He became board certified in 1956 and, later established the first organized Blood Bank at Meharry, one of the first in Nashville, Tennessee. He served as Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, Director of the Division of Hematology, and Director of the Hematology Laboratory and Blood Bank at Meharry. He also served as the attending physician for Student Health. He was inducted as an alumni member into the Gamma of Tennessee Chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society in 1964.

Most characteristic of Dr. Ewell was his empathy and compassion for his elderly patients and those patients challenging to manage because of organic disease and emotional overlay. Dr. Ewell learned quietly, but well; and the depth of his perception was well recognized and esteemed by his peers.

Dr. Ewell died from injuries received in a tragic automobile accident. He was on his way to represent Meharry at the National Medical Association Scientific Assembly which was held in Chicago, Illinois in August of 1966.

Since 1974, every spring the Cleve W. Ewell, Jr., M.D. Heritage Lecture has been held for Internal Medicine Grand Rounds. As a testament to Dr. Ewell's dedication to this family and commitment to academic pursuit, in 2013 his children proudly established the Cleve W. Ewell, Jr., M.D. Endowed Memorial Scholarship. They also organized a display in his honor in the lower level of the S. S. Kresge Learning Resources Center at Meharry.
Rudolph E. Jackson, M.D., ’61—When St. Jude opened in 1962, Danny Thomas vowed the hospital would treat patients regardless of race, religion or ability to pay. Dr. Rudolph Jackson was one of the first Black doctors at St. Jude.

While he was finishing his training in Philadelphia, Dr. Rudolph Jackson fielded an offer to move 1,000 miles and begin practicing at a fledgling, low-paying hospital in the South where he would be one of the first Black physicians. Suffice it to say he had some reservations due to things like racial strife, citywide turmoil spiraling from a bitter sanitation workers’ strike, and the assassination of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Ultimately, Jackson cast his doubts aside and accepted the offer from Dr. Donald Pinkel, St. Jude’s first medical director. He arrived at St. Jude in August 1968 and began treating children for leukemia, solid tumors, sickle cell disease, and "any other strange and out-of-way problems," he recalls.

Over the next four years, Jackson witnessed and took part in new therapies that produced major advances in the battle against cancer and other life-threatening diseases. He saw treatments that had been refined and tested at St. Jude copied by institutions around the world.

In an era when segregated hospitals and clinics were the norm across the South and parts of the North, founder Danny Thomas promised St. Jude would be different. Patients of all races would be admitted and treated in the same rooms. African-Americans would be hired not just as service employees, but as researchers, doctors, and nurses.

In the 1960s, far more common health problems than cancer threatened children, especially those in low-income households. To deal with rampant anemia, parasitic infections, and growth impairments, Jackson developed a program under which St. Jude enrolled thousands of local infants and mothers to receive nutritional assistance, medicine and even diapers. The program served as a prototype for WIC, the federal initiative for women, infants, and children.
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Jackson eventually built the program to such a stature that in the early 1970s, the NIH hired him to head the federal government's efforts to fight the disease.

Now retired, Dr. Jackson lives in Atlanta. In hindsight, he is happy he took the risk and accepted Dr. Pinkel's offer to work at St. Jude.
MAKING COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE BETTER

Kimbra Bell, M.D., '96

Dr. Kimbra Bell is a former National President of the Alumni Association. As a Northwestern University Professor of Medicine, she has made it her mission to serve health care in the communities she and her group of providers have chosen, which are those with the most need. As one of only two Black physicians in her practice, Dr. Bell knows the added value of identifying with her patients. Dr. Bell was a volunteer for the Northwestern Medicine Covid-19 Hotline. She now answers questions on a larger and expanded scale to help address some of the physical, mental, and spiritual needs in Black and other communities.
Simeon Udunka, D.D.S., ‘11

_Simeon Udunka and his wife Chioma are expecting a fourth addition to their growing family._

*(Courtesy photo)*

As a result of the deadly implications and the increasing number of confirmed cases of COVID-19, Dr. Udunka says he and his wife had to make serious changes to their normal routine. When the Dallas County Commission mandated nonessential businesses to close to prevent spreading the virus, he complied as a business owner.

Dr. Udunka is the practice owner of Affordable Dentures & Implants in Cedar Hill, TX and Wisdom Teeth Concierge which has different locations. Udunka said he felt a responsibility to implement safety protocols even when he reopened to aid in eliminating the spread. The other decision that has been a huge sacrifice is the kids not returning to daycare since March of last year.

All three kids have been home schooled with the assistance of a teacher. Dr. Udunka credits his wife for making the ultimate sacrifice to help home school their children while working from home. Mrs. Udunka is an executive for a healthcare agency and still manages to juggle it all.

Dr. Udunka believes that he has learned to be a better father this year. He says while they were quarantined, he made the best of his uninterrupted time with his sons.

Udunka emphasizes that everyone should cherish the times they have with their families. One thing the pandemic has proven to all of us is that life is not guaranteed. Dr. Udunka has been vaccinated for COVID-19 and is an advocate to his patients and community to get vaccinated.

Dr. Udunka believes he gets his allegiance to the community and giving back from his mother. She obviously taught him well as he and his wife are generous supporters of Meharry and their community.
FAMILY LEGACIES

Joining the ranks of the long list of graduates of Meharry Medical College are two more family members. In the class of 2021 John Treherne was awarded the Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree and his soon to be wife, Carmen Simmons received the Medical Degree. Other members whose ranks they join are:

List Year of Graduation
( Oldest to Youngest)

*William Franklin, Sr., M.D., '40 .................................................. General Practitioner
*Carr A. Treherne, Sr., M.D., '43 .............................................. Obstetrician & Gynecologist
*John Ashhurst, M.D., '47 ................................................................ Pathologist
*Annyce Ashhurst, R.N., '52 ......................................................... Nurse
*William Franklin, Jr., M.D., '72 .................................................. Internist
*Kathy Treherne, M.D., '80 ............................................................ Dermatologist
Robert "Bobby" Treherne, M.D., '80 ............................................. Obstetrician & Gynecologist
Annyce Treherne-Burrough, M.D., '07 ........................................... Dermatologist
Leslie Treherne-Fayton, D.D.S., '17 .............................................. Dentist
John Treherne, D.D.S., '21 ............................................................ Dentist

*Deceased

This is truly a remarkable Meharry family. The members have been reliable supporters of Meharry Medical College for generations. They continue to do their part to assure that this place called MEHARRY will be here for future generations. May we also count on you?
FAMILY LEGACIES CONTINUE

The Meharry Family Legacy continues for the Carter family. Beginning the first year in the School of Medicine is Samantha Seibert. Ms. Seibert is the daughter of Michael Seibert, M.D.'90. Other family members who are Meharrians include:

Wilda J. Seibert, D.H., '57
Alvin Brown, M.D., '60 (deceased)
Billy Ray Ballard, M.D. '80, D.D.S. '65
Jannie Carter Williams, D.H., '73
William Carter, Jr., D.D.S., '79
Dennis Carter, M.D., '80
Cleo Carter, M.D., '82
Kenneth Carter, M.D., '86
Glenda Knox Carter, M.D., '86
Anthony Pitts, M.D., '89
Rachel Ballard Mehr, M.D., '2007
Kamran Mehr, D.D.S., '2010
Lauren Ashley Carter, D.D.S., '2016
Amanda Carter, M.D., '2019
The James F. Densler, Sr., M.D. Award was presented at the recent meeting of the American Pediatric Surgical Association. This award is named for the Meharry 1961 graduate who practiced surgery in Atlanta, GA. Dr. Densler is the husband of Mable W. Densler, R.N. 62 and father of Duane W. Densler, M.D., 99.

Andrea Birch, M.D., 86, professor of Radiology at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center continues her interest in collecting data on Board Certified Black Radiologists. She is receptive to receiving information on this group of professional radiologists. Dr. Birch may be reached at andrea.birch@vumc.org.

Christopher Butler, D.D.S., 20 is part of KARE Mobile and Consulting, a mobile dentistry clinic which provides comprehensive dental services to its patients. Growing up in Plaquemine, LA at age 17 he earned his pilot license. He says that he was always passionate about dentistry and that now he is living his dream. You can read the entire article in the LA Weekly.
IN MEMORIAM

1950

James Hutchinson, M.D., '50- DOD - May 26, 2021 of Hillsborough CA at the age of 98 years. After graduation from medical school in 1950 Dr. Hutchinson enjoyed a 70+ year career in medicine. Over the years Dr. Hutchinson was the recipient of multiple awards. Dr. Hutchinson was still a working Doctor at 98. He touched many lives with his gentle spirit, unique bedside manner, and positive outlook.

Charles Curtis, M.D., '59—DOD—January 24, 2021, Los Angeles, CA.

1960

Cupid Poe, M.D., '64 - DOD - March 14, 2021, Nashville, TN.

1970

Dorothy Eletia Vassall (nee Wollaston) NP/NM, '79 - DOD - May 4, 2021. Preceded in death by husband, Alford Vassall, Sr., M.D., '59. She is survived by her sons and daughters; her sons Alford Jr (M.D.'78) and Robert (M.D.'88) were also Meharry graduates.

Ernest W. Berry, M.D., '79 - DOD - April 25, 202, Indiana.


Lillian Boone Matthews, M.D.,’74—DOD—July 30, 2020


William Drewry Scales, II, D.D.S., '73 DOD July 18, 2021. He was a faculty member in Meharry School of Dentistry for over 40 years, serving in numerous capacities including Chairman, Department of Endodontics, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, and Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs.

As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be made to the Dr. William Drewry Scales, II Scholarship Fund established through the Meharry Medical College National Alumni Association. Donations may be made via mail: Meharry National Alumni Association, Inc., Learning Resources Center, Suite 616, 1005 Dr. D. B. Todd Jr., Boulevard, Nashville, TN 37208 or by calling the Meharry National Alumni Office at (615) 327-6266.

1980


James T. L. Roberts, M.D., '85 - DOD - Sept. 30, 2020, Snellville, GA.

1990

Deborah Henry Cooper—DOD—July 14, 2021, Alexandria, VA.
CONDOLENCES

To the family of Medhat Kalliny, M.D., Professor and Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs and Director of the Family Medicine Residency Program. Dr. Kalliny was also a practicing physician with The Meharry Medical Group.


Elizabeth D. Brown - DOD - June 11, 2021. Former Administrative Assistant, the library staff.

Darren Dejuan Chandler - DOD - May 25, 2021- Darren's mother is Ms. Janet Chandler, administrative assistant in the Department of OB-GYN.

Dr. Matthew Walker, III - DOD - April 24, 2021. Please keep the Walker family in your thoughts and prayers. Dr. Walker is the son of Matthew Walker, M.D., '34 and brother of Charlotte R. Walker, M.D., '64

Mrs. Hewrie Ester Smithson Haswell, age 97, DOD - April 23, 2021., Mrs. Haswell was an employee of the Meharry Medial College, School of Medicine, Deans Office and other areas for many years. She will truly be missed by the Meharry Family and those who had the chance to meet her.

Dr. Elder Lloyd Rudy Broomes - DOD - March 18, 2021. Father of Lloyd B. Williamson, M.D., '90 Chair and Professor of Psychiatry. Dr. Broomes was recruited to Meharry by the Psychiatry Department to develop and implement a program to treat individuals with substance use disorders. Thus, the Meharry Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program (MADAP) began.

Edward Mays, M.D.— DOD—September 12, 2020 at Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Former Professor and Chair, Department of Internal Medicine.


YOUR GIVING FY 20-21

Mississippi Chapter Dental Student Scholarship Initiative ........................................ $ 47,000.00

Total Alumni Giving.......................................................... $2,540,720.00

Percentage Giving ............................................................ 14.68%

Active Paid Membership................................................. 379 as of 7/28/2021
BENEFITS OF BEING AN ACTIVE MEMBER

Meharry National Alumni Association Some Benefits of Membership

3. Retain eligibility for Awards and Recognitions.
4. Receive competent and unbiased advice for your children/grandchildren.
5. Refer patients and others to the National Office for counseling.
6. Receive discounts from the Martha Roberts Spirit Store.
7. Receive discounts from certain insurance companies.
8. Network with other Meharrians.
9. Request information for your patients who are relocating and seek a Meharry physician/dentist at their new home.
10. Receive names of patients who seek a health care provider who recently moved to your area.
11. Provide your name to such patients.
12. Participate in the governance of the Association and Meharry Medical College.
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