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Meharry Medical College has served the nation's health care needs for 146 years.
This year the College is convening its 147th graduation exercises because it held two Commencement ceremonies in one academic year during World War II.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

JAMES E.K. HILDRETH, PH.D., M.D., PRESIDENT & CEO



Class of 2022, family, friends and Meharrians—

We are delighted to celebrate this moment of your achievement and we share the joy felt by you and your families on this occasion that is the culmination of so much hard work and energy. Your effort has brought you to this point in your education in service, science and health caring. Whether you have chosen medicine, dentistry, public health or research or any other course of study here, you are a part of Meharry's mission of service to the world.

You have studied health care in a time of pandemic—many of you having served on the front lines—and have seen the professions you've embraced through a lens that few have had the opportunity to observe. In essence, the last two years have given you a unique vantagepoint from which to view the world of health care and one you can never ignore. Let it guide you as you go forward.

We are pleased that you chose Meharry Medical College for your professional training. This institution has taken its place among the health science centers that teach healing and care, and I hope that over the years you will always be able to reach back to here—to Meharry—to find those memories and experiences of value to enrich your practice and your life.

Your calling is established. Your path is set. You have earned the praise of your professors, mentors and colleagues. And, you have earned the privilege to serve others in keeping with the College's motto, "Worship of God through service to mankind." No other calling could be higher than the one handed to you with your diploma. And so, now you begin.

To call upon James Weldon Johnson's poem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing" (the Negro National Anthem) that we've heard at nearly every major Meharry gathering, my parting instruction to you is to rejoice with "a steady beat" and go where your "bright star is cast." Have faith and hope "facing the rising sun, of our new day begun."

I am proud of you, Meharrians all.

MEHARRY MEDICAL COLLEGE

Meharry Medical College, a United Methodist Church related institution, is the nation's largest private, independent, historically black academic health sciences center whose primary focus is educating health science professionals. Since 1876, Meharry Medical College has been a leading educator of African-American physicians, dentists, biomedical scientists and public health professionals.

Our mission is to improve the health and health care of minority and underserved communities by offering excellent education and training programs in the health sciences, placing special emphasis on providing opportunities to people of color and individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, regardless of race or ethnicity; delivering high quality health services and conducting research that fosters the elimination of health disparities.

Meharry Medical College is particularly well known for our uniquely nurturing, highly effective educational programs. We have a growing emphasis on health disparities research and deliver culturally relevant, culturally competent evidence-based health services. Year after year, we make a significant contribution to the diversity of the nation's health professions workforce.

Access to health care for the underserved and underrepresented continues to be a top priority for the nation. An Institute of Medicine report, "Unequal Treatment," found that the sources of disparity in health care are complex. They are rooted in historic and contemporary inequities involving many participants at several levels, including health systems, utilization managers, insurers, health care professionals and patients. The key solution, according to the report, is substantially increasing the number of underrepresented racial and ethnic minorities among the nation's health care workforce.

We are proud that Meharry Medical College graduates are part of this solution. More than 80 percent of our medical and dental graduates practice in underserved communities.

The education of graduate students in the fields of biomedical research and public health continues to be a high priority at Meharry. There is a growing national shortage of African-American science faculty, especially biomedical scientists, at the college level. Meharry is proud of its Ph.D., MSPH and MHS programs that address this national need to educate the next generation of scientists and health care professionals.

The Center for Health Policy at Meharry Medical College is strategically housed here to provide leadership in health policy education, training and research to doctoral, medical, dental and graduate students.

THE 147TH COMMENCEMENT

JAMES E.K. HILDRETH SR., PH.D., M.D., PRESIDENT & CEO PRESIDING

Processional “Triumphal March” from Aida by Giuseppe Verdi

- Candidates for degrees
- President and speaker
- Chair of the Board and other Trustees
- Members of the platform party
- Other administrative officers
- Members of the faculty

Academic Marshall **Julie Gray, D.D.S. '99, MA**

Grand Marshal and Bearer of the Mace **William P. Davis, D.D.S.'92, MSPH '97**

Faculty Marshal **LaMonica Stewart, Ph.D.**

The School Marshals:

School of Dentistry **Joyce Barbour, D.D.S. '97**
Assistant Professor, General Practice Residency Program

School of Graduate Studies and Research **Anthony E. Archibong, Ph.D.**
Associate Professor, Department of Physiology

School of Medicine **Millard Collins, M.D. '01**
Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine

Hoarding Marshals:

School of Dentistry **James Tyus, D.D.S. '78**
Chair and Professor, Department of Restorative Dentistry

William P. Davis, D.D.S. '92, MSPH '97
Associate Professor, Department of Restorative Dentistry

School of Graduate Studies and Research **Amos Sakwe, Ph.D., MSCI '14**
Associate Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Cancer Biology

Leah Alexander, Ph.D., MPH
Associate Professor, Division of Public Health Practice

Chandravanu Dash, Ph.D., MSc
Professor, Center for AIDS Health Disparities Research

Lea K. Davis, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, Vanderbilt University Medical Center

J. Shawn Goodwin, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Department of Biochemistry, Cancer Biology, Neuroscience and Pharmacology

School of Medicine **Tiffany Turner, Ph.D.**
Assistant Professor, Professional and Medical Education

Theodora P. Pinnock, M.D.
Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics; Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Admissions

Invocation **Reverend Robin H. Kimbrough-Hayes, J.D., M.Div.**
Chaplain and Senior Advisor to the President, United Methodist Church Affairs

The National Anthem, “The Star Spangled Banner” by Francis Scott Key **Crystal Miller**

The Black National Anthem “Lift Every Voice and Sing” by J.W. Johnson and J.R. Johnson	The Meharry Choir
Opening Remarks	James E.K. Hildreth Sr., Ph.D., M.D. President and Chief Executive Officer
Greetings	Milton H. Jones Jr. Vice Chair, Meharry Medical College Board of Trustees Marquette Faulkner, M.D. '81 Chair, Faculty Senate, Professor, Department of Internal Medicine
Musical Performance “Total Praise” by Richard Smallwood	The Meharry Choir
Introduction of the Speaker	President Hildreth
Commencement Address	Camara Phyllis Jones, M.D., MPH, Ph.D. Senior Fellow, Satcher Health Leadership Institute and Cardiovascular Research Institute Adjunct Associate Professor, Community Health and Preventive Medicine, Morehouse School of Medicine
Presentation of Candidates for Degrees	President Hildreth
Conferral of Degrees and Professional Oaths	
School of Graduate Studies and Research	Evangeline Motley-Johnson, Ph.D. , Interim Dean
School of Dentistry	Cherae M. Farmer-Dixon, D.D.S. '90, MSPH '94, FACD , Dean
School of Medicine	Digna S. Forbes, M.D. , Interim Dean
Presentation of Candidates by Schools	
School of Graduate Studies and Research	LaMonica Stewart, Ph.D. Interim Associate Dean, School of Graduate Studies and Research
Ph.D. Degree in Biomedical Science	
Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH)	
Master of Health Sciences (MHS)	
Oaths and Pledges	Interim Dean Motley-Johnson
School of Dentistry Dental Oath and Pledge	Gerald E. Davis II, D.D.S. '11, MA, MS Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Assistant Professor, School of Dentistry
Dental Oath	Dean Farmer-Dixon
School of Medicine	Monique Forskin-Bennerman, M.D. '01 Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Associate Professor, School of Dentistry
Hippocratic Oath	Interim Dean Forbes
The Induction of Graduates into the Alumni Association	Lewis Hargett, M.D. '87 President, Meharry National Alumni Association
Recognition of Certificates in Health Policy and Public Health Awardees	A. Dexter Samuels, Ph.D. Executive Director, Center for Health Policy at Meharry Medical College
Special Recognition	President Hildreth
Conferral of Presidential <i>Emeritus</i> Honors: John E. Maupin Jr., D.D.S. '72, MBA Ninth President of Meharry Medical College	
Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award from the Arnold P. Gold Foundation	Daniel Oluwatobi Shonibare Ontario, Canada; Graduating Senior; Internal Medicine Residency Kimberlee Wyche Etheridge, M.D., MPH Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics
The Meharry Medical College Alma Mater	Ms. Miller
Closing Remarks	President Hildreth
The Benediction	Reverend Kimbrough-Hayes
The Recessional “The Prince of Denmark March” by Jeremiah Clarke	

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

CAMARA PHYLLIS JONES, M.D., MPH, PH.D.



Camara Phyllis Jones, M.D., MPH, Ph.D. is a family physician, epidemiologist and past president of the American Public Health Association whose work focuses on naming, measuring and addressing the impacts of racism on the health and well-being of our nation and the world.

Dr. Jones is currently the 2021-22 University of California, San Francisco Presidential Chair and a visiting professor in the UCSF Department of Pediatrics. She recently completed her tenure as a 2021 Presidential Visiting Fellow at the Yale School of Medicine and as the 2019-20 Evelyn Green Davis Fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University.

She taught for six years as an assistant professor at the Harvard School of Public Health (1994- 2000), served 14 years as a medical officer at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2000-14), and continues as an adjunct professor at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University and as a senior fellow and adjunct associate professor at the Morehouse School of Medicine.

At the CDC, Dr. Jones led the development and inclusion of the six-question “Reactions to Race” module on the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System and the organization and formalization of the CDC Racism and Health Workgroup as an official CDC scientific workgroup. As president of the American Public Health Association (2016), she launched the 25,000-member association and its 54-state affiliates (with another 25,000 members) on a National Campaign Against Racism.

Dr. Jones earned her bachelor’s degree in molecular biology from Wellesley College, her M.D. from the Stanford University School of Medicine, and both her Master of Public Health and Ph.D. in epidemiology from the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. She also completed residency training in general preventive medicine at Johns Hopkins and in family practice at the Residency Program in Social Medicine at Montefiore Medical Center.

Among her many honors are the 2011 John Snow Award given in recognition of “enduring contributions to public health through epidemiologic methods and practice” by the American Public Health Association’s Epidemiology Section and the Royal Society for Public Health; the 2018 Wellesley Alumnae Achievement Award, Wellesley College’s highest alumna honor; the 2020 Paul Revere Award, a lifetime achievement award bestowed by the Massachusetts Public Health Association and awards named after luminaries David Satcher (2003), Hildrus A. Poindexter (2009), Paul Cornely (2016), Shirley Nathan Pulliam (2016), Louis Stokes (2018), Frances Borden-Hubbard (2018), Cato T. Laurencin (2018), and Wyatt Tee and Teresa Ann Walker (2021). She has received honorary Doctor of Science degrees from the Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai (2016) and the State University of New York (2021).

Lauded for clarity on issues of race and racism, she has delivered 15 commencement addresses since 2013.

Dr. Jones has been an active contributor to national conversations on race, racism and anti-racism through television, radio, podcasts and print interviews; written and oral expert witness testimony; talks, workshops, panels and town hall meetings for academic, business and community audiences; consultations with major foundations and governmental agencies; and op-eds, blogs and Twitter posts.

CONFERRAL OF PRESIDENT *EMERITUS* HONORS JOHN E. MAUPIN JR., D.D.S. '72, MBA



John E. Maupin Jr., D.D.S. '72, MBA, is a retired health care executive with more than 40 years of leadership in dentistry, health care administration, public health and academic medicine and dentistry. He served as ninth president and CEO of Meharry Medical College (1994-2006)—the first alumnus and second dentist to lead the institution. As a leader in health care, public policy and dental practice, his legacy is rooted in his passion for improving the health and well-being of underserved individuals and underrepresented communities. He is Meharry's first President *Emeritus*

Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Maupin held leadership positions at community-based health care facilities and municipal public health agencies in Baltimore, Maryland. He was also a career dental officer in the Army Reserve, on active duty during the Vietnam War years and during Desert Shield/Desert Storm, retiring in 1996 as Command Dental Surgeon for the 125th U.S. Army Reserve Command. In Atlanta, he served as chief executive officer of Southside Healthcare, Inc. (1987-89), a federally qualified community health center, and as executive vice president under Dr. Louis Sullivan's leadership at Morehouse School of Medicine (1989-94).

Under Dr. Maupin's presidency, Meharry launched a series of bold initiatives that reconfigured the College's external relationships and dramatically transformed its operating economy, achieving significant milestones: Expansion of clinical affiliations from the relocation of Nashville General Hospital to the Meharry campus; the tripling of research and research-related funding anchored by the establishment of signature research programs in cancer, HIV/AIDs and women's health and creation of a nationally acclaimed academic alliance with Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Meharry also achieved full accreditation for the maximum period afforded by the accrediting bodies.

Dr. Maupin conducted an effective \$125 million capital campaign—at the time, the largest advancement effort in Meharry history—one of four HBCUs at the time to successfully raise \$100 million. The effort exceeded its goal by \$2.5 million and increased the endowment by nearly \$40 million, solidifying Meharry's future. Dr. Maupin eliminated a \$49 million deficit, doubled the number of professorships and endowed chairs from six to 12 and re-established efforts including the OB/GYN residency program which had previously closed. He secured a \$10 million award from State Farm Insurance Company and established the Meharry Center for Optimal Health. Dr. Maupin's many contributions to Meharry continue to impact the College to this day. In 2006, he resigned as Meharry president and CEO and returned to Morehouse School of Medicine as president.

He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including an honorary Doctor of Science from Morehouse School of Medicine (1995) followed by an honorary Doctor of Laws (1996) from Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia. Dr. Maupin has served on numerous corporate and nonprofit boards.

Dr. Maupin was born in Los Angeles, California on October 28, 1946, to a prominent dentist and a revered public school educator. He attended San Jose State University, San Jose, California and earned a D.D.S. degree from the School of Dentistry at Meharry in 1972. He completed his general dentistry residency training at Provident Hospital in Baltimore in 1973 and later earned an MBA degree in 1979 from Loyola University Maryland in Baltimore. He and his wife, Eilene, reside in Florida. They are the parents of three adult children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

ACADEMIC DRESS

Academic regalia worn today originated in the universities of the Middle Ages, when a warm gown and hood were useful for scholars and clerics in unheated buildings. The distinctive gown served to set the student apart from his fellow citizens, hence the perennial controversy between “town and gown.”

Until after the Civil War, students at most American universities wore caps and gowns daily while in residence. They varied in design until the American Intercollegiate Commission standardized them in 1984. At that time, it was decided that all robes would be black: bachelor’s gowns were made of worsted stuff with pointed sleeves; master’s gowns were of silk with long closed sleeves and doctor’s gowns were of silk with longer sleeves, faced with black velvet from hem to neck and back. Scholars also wore three velvet bands around each sleeve above the elbow.

Hoods are made of the same materials as the gowns, the length varying on the degree. Only the lining of the hood indicates the university by its colors. The border of the hood indicates the academic discipline in which the degree is earned. Throughout the United States, there has been no change in the standard colors that represent the disciplines. The color facing the hood, whether it is black or colored, indicates the following: brown: architecture and the fine arts; citron yellow: social work; dark blue: philosophy; kelly green: medicine; lemon yellow: library service; light blue: education; light brown: business; lilac: dentistry; olive green: pharmacy; orange: engineering; peacock blue: international affairs; pink: music; purple: law; scarlet: theology; white: arts and letters; crimson: journalism and golden yellow: science.

THE SYMBOLS OF CEREMONY

THE SEAL

Seals have been part of university ceremony since the Middle Ages. A college or university seal is one of its more important symbols of office, the legal mark of the school's governing body. Used to authenticate official documents such as diplomas and legal records, the seal is different from the school logo, with strict rules associated with its application—only certain institutional ceremonies, documents and events allow the use of the seal.

With gold braid at its perimeter, the seal of Meharry Medical College contains three smaller escutcheons surrounding an inverted delta at center representing the institution's three schools of study: (clockwise from the top) the School of Medicine, the School of Dentistry and the School of Graduate Studies and Research. Emblazoned with the College's motto, "Worship of God Through Service to Mankind," the seal exhibits the institution's founding year, 1876.

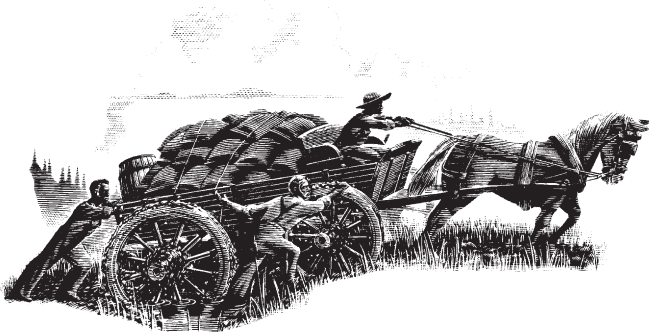
THE MACE

Academic maces—formidable staffs of wood, metal and gems—are descended from war clubs carried in medieval times by the bodyguards of civil officers. Eventually carried as symbols of royal authority, earliest maces were carried by sergeants-at-arms in England in the early 12th century. The academic mace is used only on formal occasions when participants are in full regalia and symbolizes the authority invested in the president by the school's governing body. The mace is an integral part of convocation and commencement processions and exercises as well as the inauguration of a new president.

THE MEDALLION

The presidential medallion is the official insignia of Meharry Medical College. It is worn by the president during academic ceremonies. The presidential medallion depicts the official seal of the college in bronze. Links of the chain are engraved with the names of Meharry's past presidents and their terms of office, symbolizing the continuity of responsibility in the office.

AN ACT OF KINDNESS



In the 1820s, 16-year-old Samuel Meharry was hauling a load of salt through the Kentucky wilderness when his wagon slid off the road into a muddy ditch. With rain and nightfall limiting his options, Samuel searched for help.

Peering through the darkness, he saw a modest cabin that was home to a black family recently freed from slavery. Ignoring risks involved in responding to a stranger's knock on the door, the family—still vulnerable to slave hunters paid to return freedmen to bondage—gave Samuel food and shelter for the night.

At morning's light, they helped the young visitor raise his wagon from the mud and Samuel continued on his way. The black family's act of kindness touched young Samuel so deeply that he vowed to repay it. "I have no money now," he said as he departed, "but when I am able, I shall do something for your race."

Tragically, history never recorded the name of the courageous black family, and perhaps their identity even receded in the mind of Samuel as he grew prosperous in the years that followed.

Even so, 40 years later, as the Civil War ended and black citizens began their long struggle for rights guaranteed by the Constitution, Samuel seized an opportunity to redeem his vow.

When leading Methodist clergymen and laymen organized the Freedmen's Aid Society in August 1866, to "elevate former slaves, intellectually and morally," Samuel acted. He and his four brothers—Alexander, David, Hugh and Jesse—pledged their support to Central Tennessee College's emerging medical education program.

With \$30,000 in cash and real property, the Meharry brothers repaid the black family's "Act of Kindness" with one of their own. In 1876, they funded the College's Medical Department which evolved over time into what we now know as Meharry Medical College.

Today, the contemporary Salt Wagon image symbolizes those several acts of kindness and philanthropy and countless others performed by the College's loyal supporters.

CANDIDATES
FOR
DEGREES



All names, degrees, theses and dissertation titles were submitted and approved by the dean for each school and were confirmed to be accurate for publication in the 2022 Commencement Program.

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Ky'Era VaShae Actkins

Fayetteville, North Carolina

B.S., 2016, The University of
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Dissertation Title: "Leveraging
Electronic Health Records to
Disentangle the Clinical and
Genomic Burden of Polycystic
Ovary Syndrome on Diverse
Populations"

Preceptor: Lea Davis, Ph.D.
(Vanderbilt University)

Heather Kennedy Beasley

Montgomery, Alabama

B.S., 2011, Auburn University
M.S., 2015, Alabama A&M
University

Dissertation Title: "The Role
of the Calcium-Sensing
Receptor (CaSR) in Triple-
Negative Breast Cancer"

Preceptor: Amos Sakwe, Ph.D.

Benem-Orom Andrew Davids

Memphis, Tennessee

B.S., 2011, Morehouse College

Dissertation Title: "TREX1

Promotes HIV-1 Integration"
Preceptor: Chandravanu Dash,
Ph.D., M.Sc

Marshall Ellison

Lancaster, California

A.S., 2009, Antelope Valley College

B.S., 2011, University of
California, Santa Cruz

Dissertation Title: "Breaking the
Silence: Reversing SLUG-
Mediated BRCA2 Silencing
in Breast Cancer Cells via
Redox/miR6855-3p/PRDX5A
(RmP) Axis"

Preceptor: Smita Misra, Ph.D./
Minu Chaudhuri, Ph.D.
Gautam Chaudhuri, Ph.D.
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Winston-Salem, North Carolina

B.S., 2007, Winston-Salem
State University

M.S., 2011, North Carolina
Central University

Dissertation Title: "Mechanisms
of DAT Multimerization &
DAT Induced Changes in the
Interacting and Whole Cell
Proteome"

Preceptor: J. Shawn Goodwin, Ph.D.

Diva Sarde Whalen

Clinton, Mississippi

B.S., 2015, Tougaloo College

Dissertation Title: "The Role of
Calcium Activated RasGRF2
in Triple Negative Breast
Cancer"

Preceptor: Amos Sakwe, Ph.D.

Stephen De'Shawn Williams

Chesapeake, Virginia

B.S., 2015, Norfolk State
University

Dissertation Title: "The Role of
Annexin A6 in the Metabolic
Reprogramming of Triple
Negative Breast Cancer Cells"

Preceptor: Amos Sakwe, Ph.D.

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Hephzibah, Georgia

B.S., 2002, Claflin University

Dissertation: "A Novel Role of
Prolidase in the Breach of
Blood Brain Barrier"

Preceptor: Chandravanu Dash,
Ph.D., M.Sc.

A BIOMEDICAL RESEARCHER'S PLEDGE



I accept this opportunity to follow the difficult and rewarding path of biomedical science. I will endeavor to honor all those who have contributed to this opportunity by always working to the utmost of my abilities and by increasing those abilities when possible.

I pledge to use my energy, intellect and education to enhance the lives of all humans, understanding that often the greatest strides are made through efforts to assist the dispossessed and underprivileged in our world.

I will carefully consider and remain mindful of the ethical implications of my work.

I will never use my gifts and skills to intentionally harm any individual, group or the planetary environment.

In planning and carrying out my work, I will treat this planet and all its life forms with honor and respect.

I will honor and respect the efforts of my teachers, taking great care to always give credit where credit is due and always humbly understanding that all I see, I see by standing on the shoulders of the many scientists who have gone before me.

I also will honor and respect my students and all who rely on that which I have learned, endeavoring to truthfully and openly disclose all my methods, findings and conclusions.

So long as I adhere to this pledge, may I have continued success in the field of biomedical science.

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Stefan Bailey

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B.S., 2015, Stillman College

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B.S., 2020, Norfolk State
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B.S., 2012, Hampton University

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B.S., 2017, University of
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B.S., 2019, Alabama State
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M.D., 2016, Baylor College of
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Fayetteville, North Carolina
B.S., 2010, University of North
Carolina at Chapel Hill
M.D., 2017, Meharry Medical
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Houston, Texas

B.S., 2005 University of
Oklahoma

M.D., 2013, American University
of Antigua, College of
Medicine

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B.S., 2020, Grambling State
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B.S., 2020, Fisk University

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B.S., 2020, The University of

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Nnamdi Anige

Lanham, Maryland

B.S., 2019, Howard University

2021, M.S.P.H. Meharry Medical
College

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B.A., 2021, Stony Brook

University

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Nashville, Tennessee

B.S., 2020, Mississippi State

University

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B.S., 2020, Spelman College

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B.S., 2018, Michigan State

University

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B.A., 2022, Fisk University

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B.A., 2014, Valdosta State

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University

Kadae Campbell

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B.S., 2020, Georgia State

University

Orlane Marie Caro

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B.S., 2016, Florida State

University

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B.A., 2018, Rutgers University

Sharae Chester

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B.S., 2019, Binghamton

University

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B.Sc., 2021, Lincoln University

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B.S., 2021, Stony Brook

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B.A., 2015, Alabama State

University

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University

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I pledge to do all within my power to safeguard human and environmental health through prevention, protection, promotion and educational efforts. I will accept the responsibility to use my talents, training and professional experience to instill public trust in all my public health endeavors. It is my personal commitment to serve my community with integrity and pride. As a member of the public health community, I recognize the unique responsibilities associated with this role. I commit myself to the high standards of professionalism and ethical conduct required to achieve community health and to ensuring that the basic resources and conditions necessary for health are accessible to all members of the community.

HEALTH SCIENCES PLEDGE

As I embark on my career, now an alumnus of the Master of Health Sciences, I pledge that I will represent my scientific profession honorably by conducting myself and my professional endeavors in a manner that is always above reproach.

I will incorporate the ethical and moral principles that constitute integrity in all that I do and faithfully ensure that the results of my professional activities ultimately benefit our world.

With this affirmation, I will acknowledge and honor the contributions of those who have preceded me, while seeking truth and the advancement of knowledge in all my actions.

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That I solemnly accept my responsibility to the patient, to give him the best of my knowledge and skill and to maintain an impeccable relationship with him that will warrant his trust and confidence;

That I will faithfully observe the Principles of Ethics set forth by the profession; and

That I will lend my influences and support to dental education, to organized dentistry and to all segments of the profession, which contribute to the fulfillment of this purpose.

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HIPPOCRATIC OATH

MODERN VERSION



I swear to fulfill, to the best of my ability and judgment this covenant:

I will respect the hard-won scientific gains of those physicians in whose steps I walk and gladly share such knowledge as is mine with those who are to follow.

I will apply, for the benefit of the sick, all measures that are required, avoiding those twin traps of overtreatment and therapeutic nihilism.

I will remember that there is art to medicine as well as science and that warmth, sympathy and understanding may outweigh the surgeon's knife or the chemist's drug.

I will not be ashamed to say "I know not," nor will I fail to call on my colleagues when the skills of another are needed for a patient's recovery.

I will respect the privacy of my patients, for their problems are not disclosed to me that the world may know. Most especially, must I tread with care in matters of life and death. If it is given me to save a life, all thanks. But it may also be within my power to take a life; this awesome responsibility must be faced with great humbleness and awareness of my own frailty. Above all, I must not play at God.

I will remember that I do not treat a fever chart or a cancerous growth, but a sick human being, whose illness may affect the person's family and economic stability. My responsibility includes these related problems, if I am to care adequately for the sick.

I will prevent disease whenever I can, for prevention is preferable to cure.

I will remember that I remain a member of society, with special obligations to all my fellow human beings, those sound of mind and body, as well as the infirmed.

If I do not violate this oath, may I enjoy life and art, respected while I live and remembered with affection thereafter. May I always act so as to preserve the finest traditions of my calling and may I long experience the joy of healing those who seek my help.

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY PROGRAM

The following Ph.D. candidates qualify for graduation with

Highest Honors

Shalonda Marie Ingram

High Honors

Ky'Era VaShae Actkins

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Marshall Ellison

Diva Sarde Whalen

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Stephen De'Shawn Williams

The following Ph.D. candidates qualify for graduation with membership on the Dean's List

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Diva Sarde Whalen

Marshall Ellison

Stephen De'Shawn Williams

The student listed below has the highest Grade Point Average of all the Graduating Ph.D. Candidates

Shalonda Marie Ingram

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Recipient: Stephen De'Shawn Williams

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM

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Hosannah Debesai	Ashley H. Leon	
Kirstyn R. George	Ijeoma E. Ohadugha	

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Kenrick K. Cameron	Kyra E. Robinson	

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Abria Grimmett	Tamera N. Means	Kaitlyn A. Wiley

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Kirstyn R. George	Christine O. Ogugbuaja	

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN THE DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY PROGRAM

The National Dean's List recognizes the positive academic achievements of qualified students and serves as an additional incentive for all students. Students nominated must have achieved Dean's List honors or comparable academic accomplishment.

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Jasmine A. Clyde	Michael J. Gipson	Dominique A. Oliver
Alexandria Cobb	Aundrea S. Goodman	Kashyap D. Patel
Marcus Crayton	Jasmin L. Gosey	Lexis Phillips
Jannah A. Cummings	Arkeyia N. Hayward	Jalen Simmons
Brittany L. Davis	Taylor N. Jackson	Harry C. Wallace
Brandon M. Davison	Hannah Jeffress-Vanders	Erika Ware
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The American College of Dentists Student Award

This award is presented to a senior dental student that demonstrates leadership and outstanding scholastic performance.

Recipient: Taylor Jackson

American Academy of Gold Foil

This award is presented to a senior dental student that demonstrates the attribute of handling and manipulation of direct gold in the restoration of natural teeth.

Recipient: Jarred Graham

The Academy of Operative Dentistry Award

This award is presented to a student who exemplifies outstanding achievement in Operative Dentistry.

Recipient: Medgine Etienne

The American Academy of Implant Dentistry Award

This award recognizes a senior who has outstanding achievements, both academically and clinically, in Implant Dentistry.

Recipient: Jalen Simmons

The Academy of Osseointegration (AO)

This award is presented to an outstanding senior dental student in Implant Dentistry. The Academy is committed to supporting and expanding students' interests, education, research and experiences in dental implants.

Recipient: Hannah Jeffress-Vanders

The American Academy of Oral Medicine Certificate of Merit Award

This award is presented to the graduating senior who demonstrated the highest proficiency in the clinical management of medically complex patients, the diagnosis and non-surgical management of medically related conditions of the oral and maxillofacial regions, academic achievement and interest in the discipline of oral medicine.

Recipient: Jasmine Clyde

The American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Achievement Award

This award recognizes the graduating senior who demonstrated exemplary academic achievement and aptitude in oral pathology.

Recipient: Hannah Jeffress-Vanders

The American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology

This award is presented to a senior student who has demonstrated special interest and accomplishment in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology

Recipient: Medgine Etienne

The American Academy of Orthodontics

This award is presented to a senior dental student who demonstrates exceptional interest in the development of the Oro-Facial Complex.

Recipient: Jared Fletcher

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

This award is presented to a senior dental student who shows the most promise in pediatric dentistry.

Recipient: Kyle Nwankwo

The American Academy of Periodontology

This award is presented to a graduating dental student for outstanding achievement in Periodontics.

Recipient: Aalieyah Billings

The American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry

This award is presented to a senior dental student who has demonstrated the most clinical proficiency and greatest interest in esthetic dentistry.

Recipient: Michael Lyn

The American Association of Endodontics Student Achievement Award

This award is presented to a senior who demonstrated the highest level of academic and clinical achievement related to Endodontics.

Recipient: Selvana Moussa

The American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Achievement Award

This award recognizes a senior dental student with high academic standing for outstanding performance in undergraduate study and clinical training in the area of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Anesthesiology.

Recipient: Hannah Jeffress-Vanders

The American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Dental Implant Award

The AAOMS provides an annual award to recognize a dental senior student with high academic standing and outstanding performance in undergraduate study and clinical training in the area of implant placement.

Recipient: Marcus Crayton

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Recipient: Marcus Crayton

The American Association of Public Health Dentistry Award

This award recognizes a deserving senior dental student for high achievement in community dentistry and dental public health.

Recipient: Mercedes Agyemfra

The Brian D. Stone Award

This award is presented to an outstanding senior dental student at each participating accredited U.S. dental school. Recipients embody the mission of Dental Lifeline Network by demonstrating exceptional volunteer service or care for patients with special needs.

Recipient: Jarrod Lee

Election to Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society

The students selected from the top 12 percent of the class who ranked highest in scholarship for the entire period they were enrolled in dental school.

Alexandria Cobb
Marcus Crayton
Niariah Fields

Jared Fletcher
Hannah Jeffress-Vanders
Michael Gipson

Dominique Oliver

The AAWD Eleanor J. Bushee Award

This award honors a female senior dental student who has achieved academic excellence and has demonstrated outstanding leadership and who is enthusiastic in her career in dentistry and in her life as a colleague, friend, and mentor.

Recipient: Dominique Oliver

The American College of Prosthodontics Award

This award is presented to a senior dental student who has demonstrated proficiency in the field of Prosthodontics.

Recipient: Ghislain Cohen

The Brasseler USA Award of Excellence

This award is presented to a senior dental student who has shown outstanding performance in Restorative Dentistry.

Recipient: Niariah Fields

The Inaugural Dr. Jeanne Craig Sinkford Student Leadership Award

This award is presented to the dental student who participated in leadership activities, is an advocate for diversity, equity and inclusion, is a champion for access to oral health care for underserved and disadvantaged populations and is community service-oriented.

Recipient: Taylor Jackson

The International College of Dentists Student Leadership Award

This award is presented to the dental student who has maintained a recognized scholarly pursuit of dentistry and has been an outstanding student who, in the eyes of the faculty, will contribute to the profession.

Recipient: Jasmine Clyde

The International College of Dentists Student Humanitarian Award

This award is presented to the dental student who has maintained a recognized scholarly pursuit of dentistry. An altruistic attitude for the underserved and motivates others by serving as an active leader who is also an outstanding student and leader and who, in the eyes of the faculty, will contribute to the profession.

Recipient: Brandon Davison

The International Congress of Oral Implantologist

This award is presented to a senior dental student with the greatest interest in and commitment to oral implantology/implant dentistry.

Recipient: Selvana Moussa

The Quintessence Publishing Company Award for Research Achievement

This award recognizes the graduating student who demonstrated outstanding achievement in dental research.

Recipient: Marcus Crayton

The Quintessence Publishing Company Award in Restorative Dentistry

This award is presented to the graduating dental student for outstanding achievement in Restorative Dentistry.

Recipient: Eric Buras

The Quintessence Publishing Company Award in Periodontics

This award is presented to the graduating dental student for outstanding achievement in Periodontics.

Recipient: Jasmine Mack

Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics

This award is presented to the dental student that excels in restorative prosthodontics.

Recipient: Aalayah Billings

The Byron Robinson Educational Foundation Award

This award is presented to one or more students in the graduating class who have demonstrated an interest in the specialty of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, participated in an externship or other concentrated sessions in the specialty and had ranking grades in the combined courses in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Recipients: Jalen Simmons

The Horace Wells Senior Student Award Sponsored by the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology

This award is presented to the graduating senior who demonstrated outstanding achievement in Anesthesiology.

Recipient: Jalen Simmons

The Whip Mix Corporation 2020 Hanau “Best of the Best” Award for Excellence in Prosthodontics

This award is presented to a senior dental student who has excelled in the study and clinical application of Prosthodontics.

Recipient: Brandon Davison

The Ewell-Neil Graduate Research Award

This award is presented to the graduating senior who demonstrated outstanding research.

Recipients: Taylor Jackson

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN THE DOCTOR OF MEDICINE PROGRAM

The following School of Medicine graduates were elected to membership as Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society Scholars

The following School of Medicine candidates qualify for graduation with

Highest Honors

Paris Price

Bola Soliman

High Honors

Newman Kwame

Boakye-Ansa

Corey A. Brown

Rodger C. Brown

Hamza Chaudhary

Bertrand N. Eburnji

Hiba Fakhri

Laura Fandino

Mekdes Getaneh

Nisha L. Hodge

Brittany L. Hopkins

Brandon L. Mcfadden

Biyashee D. Mosissa

James Mwangi

Adaoma V. Ngari

Monik T. Patel

Jordan T. Patrick

Daniel O. Shonibare

Piera A. Sosa

Thomas J. Stovall

Samantha M. Tall

Ashley D. Vallesarmand

Lester A. Watch

Ashley M. Watson

Honors

Kirsten Adams

Joycemary G. Amponsem

Abdelrahman S. Amro

Nneka Anyanwu

Taylor R. Brooks

Brady L. Burns

Sydney M. Cadiz

Andrea E. Camarena

Irene C. Cofie

Madison Cook

Nicole H. Creppel

Amber Davidson

Russom Desta

Vanessa N. Dlamini

Diana O. Ekechukwu

Marshall J. Ellison

Hasan D. Entwistle

Brittany N. Feaster

Erica J. Fermon

Mieke Fortune

Paul A. Francois

John A. Garcia

Jessica Hawkins

Julius M. Henderson

Kamilya Hunter

Katlin M. Isidore

Dwight Johnson

Lashaunda Johnson

Shayar P. Kian

Trace R. Kimler

Geri Langham

Asha K. Lindsey

Mika K. Lumsden,

Ruthy T. Mamo

Kayla R. Massey

Dasia McClain

Afolayan Oladeji

Mutiya Olorunfemi

Chiduziem E. Onyedimma

Asanté R. Quintana

Jada L. Reedus

Alex C. Robertson

Karline Saintus

Shantal P. Salandy

Ayesha S. Sease

Elias Seise

Melynda N. Simmons

Mosope Soda

Myka Taylor

Yohanna A. Tesfaye

Kayla L. Thomas

Zindzi S. Thompson

Karla K. Tytus

Jacob J. Wells

Kenyada Williams

Rebecca Yang

The Student with the Highest Grade Point Average in the M.D. Program

The recipient of this award is a senior medical student who has achieved the highest Grade Point Average in the School of Medicine.

Recipient: Paris Price

The College of American Pathologists Distinguished Medical Student Award

Presented to a senior medical student, this award recognizes outstanding achievement, aptitude, and initiative in learning about pathology and participation in pathology-related activities.

Recipient: Erica Fermon

The Nashville Academy of Medicine Award

The Dr. Dorothy Lavinia Brown Award is presented by the Nashville Academy of Medicine in recognition of the service and contribution of Dorothy Lavinia Brown, M.D. as a member of the Academy. It also honors the quality of medical leadership in Nashville and the commitment to partner with physicians of the future. For achievement in education, leadership, and civic involvement, the Dorothy Lavinia Brown Award is presented to the graduating medical student who has an understanding and appreciation for such endeavors, and who demonstrates exemplary character and leadership.

Recipient: Samantha Tall

The Tennessee Academy of Family Physicians Award

The recipient of this award is a senior medical student chosen by the Tennessee Academy of Family Physicians, who has exemplified academic excellence and plans to pursue a career in Family Medicine.

Recipient: Jacob Uskavitch

The E. Perry Crump, M.D. Award in Pediatrics

This award is presented to the fourth-year graduating medical student who exemplified the highest qualities of scholarship, aptitude and proficiency in the pursuit of excellence in the study of pediatrics.

Recipient: Donald Hollis

The Lloyd C. Elam, M.D. Professionalism Award

This award was established by the faculty of the School of Medicine to recognize two senior medical students (one male and one female) who, throughout their matriculation, exemplified the characteristics of scholarship, integrity, professionalism, high moral standards and humanism in the delivery of health care.

Recipients: Ayesha Sease, Lester Watch

The G.P.A. Forde Award

This award, established by the Bolden family, is given to encourage proficiency and excellence in internal medicine and is presented to the senior medical student who, in the opinion of his/her mentors, exhibited the highest potential as a diagnostician.

Recipient: Daniel Shonibare

The Rafael Hernandez, M.D. Award in Psychiatry

This award was established by the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences to pay tribute to a distinguished pioneer in the field and to promote student interest and proficiency in psychiatry. A monetary award and a certificate of merit are awarded to the senior student who demonstrated excellence in clinical psychiatry and/or research related to the field.

Recipient: Taylor Brooks

The Randle E. Pollard, M.D. Award for Excellence

This award was established by Randle E. Pollard, M.D., Class of 1951, and is presented to the most outstanding student in urology. The 2022 award is presented to a student pursuing a General Surgery residency program.

Recipient: Brandon McFadden

The Nelson H. Stringer Jr., M.D. '73 Excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology Award

This award is given to a graduating student who intends to pursue a career in obstetrics and gynecology and has demonstrated academic excellence as determined by the Office of Student and Academic Affairs. The award is named in honor of Dr. Nelson H. Stringer Jr., a 1973 graduate of Meharry Medical College and obstetrician/gynecologist who practiced in Chicago, Illinois.

Recipient: Lester Watch

The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award presented by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation

This award is presented to the senior medical student who best demonstrates the Foundation's ideals of outstanding compassion in the delivery of care, respect for patients, their families, and health care colleagues, as well as demonstrated clinical excellence.

Recipient: Paris Price

The Charlotte R. Walker, M.D. Surgical Award

This award was established by the family of the late Charlotte Rose Walker, M.D. '64 and the Matthew Walker Surgical Society. The award is given to an outstanding graduating senior medical student who is planning a career in surgery or the surgical subspecialties. This student exemplifies the prevailing characteristics of Dr. Walker: compassion, integrity, humility and excellence.

Recipient: Madison Cook

The Matthew Walker Surgical Society Award

This award, established by the Matthew Walker Surgical Society, recognizes students who demonstrated excellence in surgery and compassion for the underserved.

Recipient: Mika Lumsden

The Gladys M. Williams, M.D. Award

This award is presented to a senior medical student who demonstrated the best clinical judgment in the management of difficult clinical cases as determined by the teaching faculty.

Recipient: Ashely Vallesarmand

GENERAL COMMENCEMENT AWARDS

The Department of Family and Community Medicine Merit Award

The recipient of this award is a fourth year medical student, in good standing at Meharry Medical College, who matched in a Family Medicine Residency position. The student should exhibit great leadership ability and be committed to family and community health care.

Recipient: Rebecca Yang

The National Medical Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology Section Scholarship Award

This award is given annually to a deserving minority medical student from Howard, Meharry, Drew, and Morehouse by the NMA, based on selection criteria developed by the local departmental faculty. This scholarship is presented each year at the clinical meeting of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG).

Recipient: Asha Lindsay

The Hinds-Hawthorne Award

This award is given to graduating medical students who have expressed a strong interest in the study of cardiovascular diseases. The award is named in honor of Edmund S. and Ruby L. Hinds, who suffered the ravages of cardiovascular renal disease and Edward William Hawthorne, M.D., Ph.D., a leading medical scientist whose work was pivotal in the understanding of modern cardiovascular and kidney diseases in man. In honor of his parents and mentor, this award was established by the late Joseph E. Hinds, M.D., Ph.D., FACC, who was the Director of Clinical Research and former Chair in the Department of Internal Medicine at Meharry Medical College.

Recipient: Thomas Stovall

The Merck, Sharpe and Dohme Research Award

The purpose of this award is to honor the graduating senior medical student who is inspired to save and improve lives through research.

Recipient: Chiduziem Onyedimma

The L.T. Miller Award

This award is presented to the senior medical student(s) who best exemplified the goals and mission of Meharry Medical College over the entire four years of study.

Recipient: Brittany Hopkins

The Elva M. Risby Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of Elva M. Risby, who was employed at Meharry Medical College for 26 years, having spent 12 years of her employment as Assistant Dean for Student Affairs in the School of Medicine. The award is presented for the purpose of assisting the recipient in relocation as they prepare for residency training.

Recipient: Nicole Creppel

The Larry S. Perry, M.D. & Ira D. Thompson, M.D. Cardiac Surgery Award

This award is presented to a graduating medical student who is committed to advancing the health of the African American community and other underrepresented individuals, regardless of race or ethnicity and who intends to pursue a career in medicine and subspecialty in cardiac surgery.

Recipient: Vanessa Dlamini

DR. HENRY A. MOSES SENIOR STUDENT TRANSITION AWARDS

School of Graduate Studies and Research

Marshal Ellison

Stephen D. Williams

School of Dentistry

Alexandria Cobb

Kanisha Smith

Lexis K. Phillips

Jannah Cummings

Rashanique Duplessis

Madison Bowler

Aundrea Goodman

Christina Aponte

Kyle Nwankwo

Emerald Ferguson

Daneisha T. Bowles

Jasmine Clyde

Dominique Oliver

Jared Fletcher

Jasmin Gosey

Joseph Rollins

Mercedez Agyemfra

Kelsea Kellumen

Amber Mark

Jared Graham

Terry Akpua

Elizabeth Alabi

Harry Wallace

Taylor Jackson

Tiffanie Brown

Medgine Etienne

Marcellous Stansberry

Christina Eskew

Brandon Davison

Bradley Iwe

Michael Julian Gibson

School of Medicine

Bojo Soliman

Jesse Noe

Kenyada Williams

Ashley Paige Hunt

Mieke Daielle Fortune

Kayla R. Massey

Ayesha Sease

Asanté Quintana

Brady Burns

Lashaunda Johnson

Madison Cook

Asha K. Lindsey

Brittany Feaster

Adaoma Vera Ngari

Ashley Vallesarmond

Adaobi Okocha

Rhythm Howie

Kayla R. Massey

Mekdes Getaneh

Dwight Johnson II

Myka Taylor

Alex C. Robertson

Nisha Hodge

Taylor Brooks

Derek Wagner

James Mwangi

Katlin Isidore

Joseph-Michael Fields

Lester Watch

Kamilya Hunter

Brittany Hopkins

Paris Price

Jordan T. Patrick

Melynda N. Simmons

Samantha Tall

Dylan Crowell

Irene Cofie

Bharya Parikh

Geri Langham

Sydney Cadiz

Chukwuemeka Mba

Brittany Guy

Elias Seise

Vanessa Dlamini

Jasmine Thompson

Mika Lumsden

Kayla Thomas

Nicole Creppel

Jada L. Reedus

Karline Saintus

THE ALUMNI OATH



I, having been given the opportunity to enter the health sciences as a provider and/or researcher, do hereby pledge to give my support to Meharry Medical College and The Meharry National Alumni Association, Inc. I will encourage gifted, mission oriented students to consider Meharry as the institution for study in the health sciences. I will network with my fellow Meharrarians. I will give generously of my finances to the extent that I am able to do so. I will always conduct myself in a manner to make my alma mater, Meharry Medical College, proud.

ALUMNI RECOGNITION 50TH YEAR AWARDS

CLASS OF 1972

Perla Garces Alano, MT
John Aldridge, M.D.
Maurice Alonzo Allen Jr., M.D.
Julius Fletcher Amaker, M.D.
Thomas Hunter Arnold, D.D.S.
Isaac Amos Artis Jr., M.D.
Paul Warren Axton, M.D.
Gordon Alfred Bailey, M.D.
Sandra Aileen Bates, M.D.
Roswell Nathaniel Beck Jr., M.D.
Cheryl Lynne Birchette, M.D.
Ernest Adalbert Brooks, D.D.S.
Willie Brooks, M.D.
Brenda Sue Browder, RT
Earl Donald Brownlee, D.D.S.
Larry Richard Burley, D.D.S.
Robert Eugene Burnette, M.D.
Rufus Lonnie Caine Jr., D.D.S.
Fannie Pearl Carlisle, PNP
Reginald Claudius Christopher, D.D.S.
Carolyn Kay Clark, DH
Ronald Arthur Clark, M.D.
Vannoy Stewart Cole, M.D.
Julius Nelson Coles, D.D.S.
James Ronnie Collier, M.D.
Aurelio Figueriedo Condell, D.D.S.
Judith Lucille Crawford, DH
Clinton Lee Cummings, M.D.
Milton H. Daugherty, M.D.
William Andrew Davison, M.D.
Juanita Sims Denley, DH
Warren Stephan Eakle, D.D.S.
Vicki Karlene Earle, DH
Faye Yvonne Gaylor Eaton, M.D.
Ronald Eugene Elliott, M.D.
Diane Alecia Evans, MT
Lawrence Feder, D.D.S.
Ronald Federman, D.D.S.
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W. D. Foston, M.D.
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Melvin Russell Johnson, M.D.
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Joan Elisa Jones, PNP
Monica Donelson Jones, RT
Gideon Karlovsky, D.D.S.
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William Ronald Yee, D.D.S.

ALUMNI RECOGNITION 25TH YEAR AWARDS

CLASS OF 1997

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Njideka Chunyelu Anyadike, M.D.
Melanie D. Arnold-Dunson, D.D.S.
Arita Lynelle Riley Ayers, MPH
Sharlene Elizabeth Barrett Bailey, M.D.
Michelle Barnhill, DH
Lyndon Forbes Barnwell, M.D.
Diann Demetria Bennett, M.D.
Ray Burnett Bennett, M.D.
Elyse Michelle Berkon, D.D.S.
Sumon Bhattacharjee, M.D.
Ivetta Michelle Biggers, D.D.S.
Robin Tolise Bingham, D.D.S.
Quibulah E. Blackwell, MPH
Bianca Blanchard, HCA
Rex Alvin Blocker, M.D.
Yasmin Blourchian, DH
Victoria Lennette Brown, Ph.D.
Hope Renee Buchanan, M.D.
Carmen Burkes, HCA
Kimberly Burris, DH
Colleen Charmain Campbell, M.D.
Desiree Cardwell, DH
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Tammy Chandra, M.D.
Eric Micheal Chatman, M.D.
Lisa Michelle Chatman, D.D.S.
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Andretti Martin Fitch, M.D.
Carol Ford, DH
Cheri Fortson, DH
Tina Fortson, DH
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Brian Keith Gamble, M.D.
Willie L. Gifford Jr., M.D.
Jacinta Irene Gillis, M.D.
Gerald L. Glenn, D.D.S.
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John Vincent Golding, M.D.
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Tina Greene, DH
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Kimberly Hannah, DH
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Teresa Haskins, M.D.
Stephanie Alison Hatcher, M.D.
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Corey Joseph Hébert, M.D.
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Kelly Harrell, HCA
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Shelly Hill, DH
Garimi Hill-Gaye, D.D.S.
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Misty Hix, DH
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Candace Ingram, DH

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Crystal Larissa Johnson, D.D.S.
Duane Edgar Johnson, Ph.D.
Guy Jamal Johnson I, MPH
Holly Johnson, DH
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Peter Kisuck Kim, M.D.
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Cindy McCallister, DH
Armenthry Zshvetta McGhee, M.D.
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Lisa Davone Miller, M.D.
Penny Miller, DH
Walter Anthony Milton, MPH
Penny Minor, DH
Tan-Lucien Hassan Mohommed, M.D.
Ronald Jernard Moon, D.D.S.
Cynthia Jean Moriarty, MPH
Rohana Ultima Motley, M.D.
Saliha Badar Munir, D.D.S.
Stacy Newsome, DH

Tuan Quoc Nguyen, M.D.
Deron Castro Karl Ottey, M.D.
Keisha M. Palmer, MT
Naomi Sudeen Paschall, M.D.
Melvin Leon Pegram, M.D.
Zandra Renee Petway, MPH
Nazila Pezhmanian, DH
Mia Christine Piggée, M.D.
Yulando Amoy Pink, MPH
Aronda Donita Pink, MPH
Yolanda Cheryl Price, D.D.S.
Catrina LaShawn Ratliff, D.D.S.
Rodney Ricardo Richards Jr., D.D.S.
LaTonjia Chelese Robinson-Brown, M.D.
Janice René Riley, M.D.
Pauline Janet Rolle, M.D.
Crissy Roper, HCA
Anne Rebecca Romeo, MT
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Marilyn DeNene Saulsbury, Ph.D.
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Nomi Shaool, M.D.
Eric Sharks, D.D.S.
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Gary Byron Slaughter Jr., M.D.
Corinna Thetford Smothers, Ph.D.
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Melody Lynn Spencer, MPH
Kristi Lynne St. Martin, M.D.
Claris Saylo Stanton, MT
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Amanda Steelman, DH
Jeffrey Alton Stirnemann, M.D.
Tawanna Joy Street, M.D.
Melanie Faith Summers, MT
Margaret Abena Tandoh, M.D.
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Tonya T. Townsel, HCA
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Anthony Ainsworth Valentine, Ph.D.
Frank Darrell Wade, M.D.
LaTonya Wade, D.D.S.
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THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

WORDS AND MUSIC BY FRANCIS SCOTT KEY, 1814

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

ALMA MATER

WORDS BY EMERY L. RANN, M.D. '48
MUSIC BY THEODORE STENT, M.D. '48

Steadfast and strong
Majestic in thy might
Shining in glory
From her lofty height.
Our Alma Mater
Wreathed in beauty stands,
Guiding our lives
Our rev'rence she commands.

Help us who strive
In serving mankind's needs;
To share thy love
In doing noble deeds.
With grateful praise and lasting faithfulness,
O, Meharry, guide us
In our quest.

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

WORDS BY JAMES W. JOHNSON, 1899

MUSIC BY JOHN R. JOHNSON, 1899

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and Heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the
dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun, of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with
tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through
the blood of the slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou Who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou Who hast by Thy might, let us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our
God, where we met Thee.
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of
the world, we forget Thee.
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.



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