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WENDELL WHARTON PA RETIRES



PA, DFAAPA, aka Reverend Wendell.

A proud graduate of the Drew University PA Program in 1978, he has been a part of the profession for over 40 years practicing in clinical areas ranging from Family Medicine to Orthopedics. He has held leadership positions at the state as well as national level, both as a student and as a PA professional. He has been a part of the California Academy of PA Board of Directors as a Member at Large, House delegate, Vice-President, and President. He was also the first African American to be elected as an AAPA House of Delegates (HOD) Officer. He served 35 years in the HOD.

All good things must come to an end, and that holds true for the PA career of our very own, Wendell S. Wharton Jr.

His dedication to diversifying the profession lead him to help create what is now known as the African Heritage PA Caucus. He was our first President. He has been a PA program director, clinical instructor, grant writer/award recipient and a mentor to many. In addition to his commitment to the PA profession, he has also been a preacher for the last 20 plus years

Thank you, PA Wharton for all you have contributed to the profession and the AHPAC. You're a true pioneer, and the profession is better because you were a part of it. Best wishes as you continue to help save lives from the pulpit working for an Employer who promises an eternity of blessings and benefits.

AHPAC thanks you for all you have done.



Black History Month 2021

Black History Month exists to recognize our contributions to American history. It's a time to celebrate the achievements of those who came before us and to shine a light on current history makers like VP Kamala Harris in the White House. AHPAC would like to remember all the Black PAs who came before us, so if the names Prentiss Harrison, Joyce Nichols, Jacqueline Barrett, Karen Bass, John Davis, Earl Echard, Les Howard, Robin Hunter-Buskey, Dawn Morton-Rias, Rebecca Pinto, Howard Straker, Janice Tramel, Henry Treadwell, Steven Turnipseed, Peggy Valentine, Robert Wooten are not in your vocabulary, please visit the Black History presentation organized by the PA History Society. There is an interesting Profiles in Black booklet from 1997 that mentioned even more names of those helping to make a difference in the profession at the time. The section "From MAC to AHC: The History of the Minority Affairs Committee to the African Heritage Caucus" chronicling the beginning of the AHPAC is also quite informative. We must continue to say the names above, because you can't truly move forward until you understand where you have been. From our start as the Minority Affairs Committee in a hotel broom closet in 1974 to now being known as the African Heritage PA Caucus (AHPAC) we have come a long way, but there is still plenty of work to be done.

Over the last decade, especially the five most recent years, we have evolved greatly as an organization. Under current President, Camille Dyer, we have undergone a name and logo change, use of a new website, hosted/ facilitated free webinars, and reached out to other

organizations to promote collegiality and sharing of information: Association of Physician Assistants in Cardiology-APAC, CME Outfitters, The Medical Society Consortium on Climate & Health, and the recently created National Society of Black PAs (NSBPA).

In conjunction with other AAPA constituent organizations, AHPAC was instrumental in the formation of the AAPA DEI Commission with our own and AAPA Past President, PA Robert Wooten, serving as Chair. AAPA appointed PA Andrea Lowe as the AAPA DEI Business Partner. Most recently, AHPAC has formed an ad-hoc committee on global change whose current mission is to inform more PAs about the impact of climate change on African American/ Black communities and their health.

The annual AHPAC scholarship was renamed the Prentiss L. Harrison Memorial/ African Heritage PA Caucus Scholarship to pay respect to the first Black PA as recommended by AHPAC immediate Past President, Trisha Harris. Together with the PA Foundation we advertise for support of our annual scholarship as well as the newly created Joyce Nichols Memorial Scholarship honoring the first female PA who also happened to be Black. PA, Brian Palm put up the initial funds for the scholarship along with a donation from the AAPA Board of Directors to fund the scholarship for 5 years.

We also joined with the LBGPA Caucus to offer a new Student Leader Fellowship created for a LBGPA student of African heritage to learn how to be a leader in the profession. Read about the newest fellow on page 9. We continue to hold bi-monthly conference calls and yearly general meetings at the AAPA national conference with 2020 being the excep-

Black History Month 2021...

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tion because of the pandemic. We maintain our seat in the AAPA House of Delegates (HOD), provide Category 1 CME educational activities for the membership and mentor pre-PAs, PA students, and practicing PAs as time and volunteer availability permits.

We are still underrepresented in the classroom and therefore in general practice. The Black/African American population of the US is 13.4% according to the [2019 census data](#), however within the PA profession we are only 3.6% of the 139,688 certified PAs in the US as per the [2019 Statistical Profile of Certified Physician Assistants by Specialty](#) produced by the NCCPA. The most recent [PAEA Fac-](#)

[ulty and Directors Report 4](#) also reflects our underrepresentation with 3.1% faculty, 5.3% program directors, and 5.1% medical directors identifying as Black.

We need more Black instructors, preceptors, directors, researchers, mentors and providers. Likewise, there is a need for more pipeline PA programs targeting Black students, and potential Black pre-PA students should be exposed to the profession BEFORE they get to college. The [Project Access ToolKit](#) is available as a resource for anyone interested in some guidelines for holding an event: <https://paeaonline.org/resources/public-resources/project-access-toolkit>.

AHPAC needs you. [Join today!](#)

2021 Conference Calls

Thursday, February 25, 2021

NUMBER: 712-775-7031

ACCESS CODE: 371-657#

Thursday, April 22, 2021

NUMBER: 712-775-7031

ACCESS CODE: 371-657#

Thursday, June 24, 2021

NUMBER: 712-775-7031

ACCESS CODE: 371-657#



All calls are at
8:00PM EST.

Feel free to join
in on any of the
calls or submit
agenda items a

week ahead of the meeting date!

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It's Black History Month

Support Black PA Scholars



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Click here to support our very own scholarship, [**The Prentiss L. Harrison Memorial/ African Heritage PA Caucus Scholarship**](#), or click on the above picture to visit the PA foundation site where you will have the option to also donate to their scholarship named after Joyce Nichols.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Karen Finklea

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The [National Health Service Corps \(NHSC\)](#) was created in the 1970s and provides funding to health care practitioners in exchange for at least a two year commitment to work in [Health Professional Shortage Areas \(HPSAs\)](#). They offer [scholarships](#) to current PA students and [loan repayment](#) to practicing PAs. AHPAC member, **Karen Finklea** has agreed to provide some insight on her journey with the scholarship program as well as her pre-PA story.

How did you find out about the program? I found out about the program through my employer at the time. I was taking a gap-year in between applying to PA school and decided to do [AmeriCorps](#). My coworkers were NHSC ambassadors and advised me to apply upon acceptance into a PA program.

How did you get assigned to your current site? I chose my current site after I was awarded the NHSC scholarship. I am originally from Alabama, but I wanted relocate elsewhere, so I applied to several different federally qualified NHSC centers in other states. I chose my current position based upon their values and mission of caring for individuals regardless of

their ability to pay.

Time commitment and amount of repayment? The time commitment is usually 2 years minimum with tuition paid in full. In addition, you are given a monthly living stipend while in school to cover other reasonable costs.

What’s one thing you wish you had known before you signed up? I wish I had known exactly how rewarding this experience would be.

Through NHSC, I have learned that diagnosing and treating physical ailments is only a piece of the puzzle that goes into providing adequate care. There are many psychosocial determinants that pose a barrier



to my patient population. This journey has allowed me the opportunity to take a closer look at how I can better assist my patients.

How did you feel as a new graduate PA moving to a new state to practice as a PA for the first time? I was nervous because I was not sure what to expect. My supervisor was very supportive throughout my transition from my home state to my work location. Even though there

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Karen Finklea... continued

was uncertainty, I was fortunate to have a colleague on my medicine team who was also a new graduate relocating. We communicated with one another throughout our transition and briefly roomed together. It's funny because we were (and still are) inseparable! Having someone going through the same transition thankfully relieved the stress off my shoulders. I also felt supported by NHSC through their mentoring program and portal services where we check-in with any issues. In addition, NHSC provides us with many resources on burn-out. My colleagues are amazing, and we definitely go the extra mile to support each other.

Were there any unexpected challenges you experienced whether personally or professionally during your service time?

COVID has certainly been an unexpected challenge for everyone. I work at a community clinic in the city and our population had high COVID rates. Fortunately, telemedicine became an option for our patients who were glad to at least have an alternative form of communication available to them.

Pre PA prep

How did you hear about the profession?

My absolute career goal while in undergrad was to become a pharmacist. After doing an internship as a medication dispensary aide, I found that pharmacy was not the profession for me; I wanted to pursue something more hands-on. My university advisor made me aware of the PA profession in my junior year, and I was sold from there! I joined my university pre-PA Society and became very active.

PCE and HCE- any difficulty getting the hours? I took a gap year to make myself more competitive. I did not want to stress myself with getting PCE/HCE hours in such a

short period of time. I worked as a medication assistant at an assisted living facility and as a patient care tech at a local hospital. I also took an AmeriCorps position to work as a Youth Mental Health First Aid instructor. AmeriCorps gave me the experience to be a leader and serve low-income communities throughout West Alabama. In addition, it is through AmeriCorps that I was able to meet some amazing PAs who I am proud to call my colleagues.

Shadowing experience: My advice is do not be afraid to put yourself out there and network. It may be difficult to find people to shadow during COVID, but you won't know until you ask. If someone is unable to assist you, they may be able to point you in the direction of others who can meet your needs. I shadowed PAs and MDs in different specialties. If you have the opportunity, it is good to shadow various specialties to gain a better understanding of what path you really want to pursue. Definitely follow up with the programs you are interested in to see if discipline-specific shadowing is a prerequisite requirement. I did not do virtual shadowing, but I recommend pre-PAs take advantage if they can.

Interview preparation/ personal statement: I did mock interviews with the Pre-PA Society and professionals at my university. I practiced questions online and watched PA coaches on YouTube.

Final Statement: I would like to tell all the pre-PAs to believe in yourself and your journey. Everyone's path is different. Do not be afraid to put yourself out there and to ask for help. If the opportunity presents itself, volunteer in any capacity whenever possible. PA schools appreciate applicants who love giving back. In the end, I love being a PA!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: PA Mathis

The NCCPA's PA Ambassador Program! Is part of a social media campaign to spread the word about certified PAs. Most recently, **Klarisse Mathis**, an Ortho PA in New York was chosen along with 7 others to serve as part of the 2021 cohort of ambassadors. Below she shares her journey to becoming a PA.

Introduction to the profession. While an undergraduate a friend introduced me to the PA profession and I immediately knew that route was a perfect fit for me. I knew I didn't want to be an MD or Nurse, but I always had a passion for the medical field.

Shadowing tips. My shadowing hours in hindsight were a blessing in disguise. I majored in Exercise Science at The George Washington University which required an internship. I shadowed the PAs and doctors in the orthopedic clinic at the Children's Hospital in DC where some of my friends were already shadowing. Definitely networking helps to find people to shadow. I also recommend applying at hospitals for their volunteer/shadowing programs.

Applying/ PCE / HCE. After undergrad, I was going to apply to PA school, but I had to retake my science courses and also find direct patient care hours. It was difficult, because most health care jobs didn't want to hire you if you had no experi-

ence or certification. I took a phlebotomy class in the meantime, but finally was hired as a Physical Therapy aide. I did that for 3 years, while retaking science courses. That position added to my application because I had over 1000 hours of direct patient care.

I believe going to open houses and using the resources provided where faculty would review your transcript also helped me out tremendously. They advised me on how to make my application more competitive. On my Touro interview, one of the PA Faculty members actually remembered me from the open house. My friend from GW also let me visit her PA program where I was able to sit in class, get a tour, and had a 1:1 session with the Director of Admissions.

Don't just do the minimum requirements, try to go above and beyond to make yourself stand out and be competitive. I believe the tremendous amount amount of PCE I had from being a PT Aide along with over 200 PA shadowing hours aided in my application process.

Interview Preparation/ Personal Statement. Once I started to apply to schools, I researched interview questions and picked the brain of my college classmate who was at this point a full-time working PA. I had no help writing my personal statement, but I used the same approach from my col-



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: PA Mathis... continued

lege personal statement, and it worked.

Acceptance. I didn't expect to get into school due to my low undergraduate gpa, so I was mentally prepared to do a 2nd round of applications. I was waitlisted for my first choice (which was the same school my college friend attended). However, I was excited to have been accepted to several other programs. I eventually chose attend the [Touro Manhattan PA program](#) as it was close to home and was the only Master's program I was accepted to.

Current Practice. After getting into school, I did 2 rotations in Orthopedics. I think subconsciously I was destined for Orthopedics. My internship at the ortho children's clinic and working as a PT aide with majority orthopedic patients definitely

prepared me for my current position. I have also done some per diem work in Pediatrics.

I am grateful for being chosen as an NCCPA PA ambassador. I look forward to being able to represent the profession and promote more Black PAs. I am truly excited to be able to do community service programs such as Project Access (PAEA outreach recruitment that aims to encourage high school students from underrepresented minority groups to consider the PA profession).

Anyone interested visit the [NCCPA site](#) later in the year for the start of the application period for the next cohort of ambassadors which will likely be selected in October 2021.

Interview with PA Sturges

The Breitman-Dorn Endowed Research Fellowship is a cash award that is granted to select doctoral candidates who are making a contribution to research on the influence of PAs on medical care. Daytheon Sturges, MPAS, PA-C is the newest recipient of the Breitman-Dorn Endowed Research Fellowship. PA Sturges is currently practicing family medicine at the University of Washington and is a newly appointed associate program director at Medex PA program for the University of Washington. In addition to these roles, he is also a PhD candidate in Health Studies. His dissertation is examining perceived burnout in underrepresented minority PA educators. He will be measuring the emotional exhaustion piece of the Maslachs burnout scale and will determine how it relates to different demographics of underrepresented minorities.

His inspiration for the research topic is personal. He realized that he personally has



experienced burnout in his past and wondered how many other underrepresented minorities were also coping with burnout. As he stated "this is a labor of love, to tell you the truth, and I don't want it to happen to other people". He hopes to use this research to educate on health interventions to address burnout in the PA education realm and hopefully medicine at large.

Given the significance of his dissertation, it should come as no surprise that PA Sturges is a [Breitman-Dorn Endowed Research Fellowship award](#) recipient.

He is clearly no stranger to accomplishment and success within the medical and academic arena. It would be remiss of me not to ask PA Sturges to pass along words of wisdom to new and not so new PAs. When asked for advice, he said, **"Make sure to follow your passion and let your passion drive your why. Never forget the why and why you're in this. Always stay true to yourself and stay true to your patients."**

Interview by Calvin Richards, PA-S

African Heritage/ LGBT PA Caucus

Student Leaders Fellowship

Congratulations,

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Tre Landry is the 2021 AHPAC /LGBT Student Leaders Fellowship recipient!! His leadership term started January 1, 2021, and will finish December 31, 2021. He joins Calvin Richards as only the second fellow in this joint venture between the two

caucuses. Throughout his tenure he will be mentored on his jour-



ney as he learns about the leadership structure of both organizations. He will be expected to attend caucus meetings and will receive financial support to attend the national conference and perhaps other smaller conferences throughout the year. If there are other interested students, please look out for the application period to open later in the Fall..

CONGRATULATIONS, TRE !!

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Leadership Development Committee of the African Heritage Physician Assistant Caucus (AHPAC) is continuing to launch our mentorship program and is in search of practicing PAs to serve as mentors.

This program will provide an opportunity for PA students to connect with a practicing PA for one-on-one mentorship. This program serves to foster community among PA students and practicing PAs, and offer guidance to PA students through didactic year, clinical

rotations, and job interviews/CVs. We expect that students and mentors will communicate at least every other month via phone calls, texts, emails, or Skype/Zoom/Facetime calls.

If you are interested in being a part of this program, please reach out to Camille Dyer at camidyer@yahoo.com or Susan Salahshor at pas-uecares@gmail.com.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: PA ROBERTS

The AHPAC has a new Membership Chair: **Reesa Roberts MSPAS, PA-C**. She graduated from the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Engineering PA Program at City College in 1998. She started working at a city hospital in the Department of OB/GYN where she focused mainly on in-patient care, as the department did not have any residents. After two years, Reesa was promoted to Chief PA, where she worked with two PA programs to provide clinical rotations in OB/GYN. All the PA students were trained in the full range of OB/GYN services provided at the facility.

In 2005, Reesa accepted the position of Director of Clinical and Surgical Services at Planned Parenthood of NYC's (PPNYC) Manhattan location, where she supervised various staff. In this capacity, she oversaw the clinical operations and management for both the surgical and gynecologic services in addition to providing direct patient care. In 2009, with the expansion of surgical services, Reesa oversaw the GYN services as well as participated in and supervised various quality assurance projects for the or-



ganization.

In 2013, she became the Quality Systems Manager for the four labs for the PPNYC affiliate, in addition to her role as the Clinical Director and providing direct patient care. In that same year, Reesa began Stony Brook University's Masters program in Physician Assistant Studies with an advanced certificate in Health Care Management, which she completed in 2015.

Relocating to Florida in 2015, Reesa would leave

PPNYC and accept the Quality Assurance (QA) Clinician position for the National Abortion Federation. In this role, she would perform quality site visits and follow-up visits for member facilities throughout the US and Canada. She also provides QA related educational on-site training, develops manuals, tools, and protocols to assist members in maintaining quality standards and functions as a subject matter expert at organizational meetings. Reesa is currently studying to become a Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ).

Welcome, PA Roberts!

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House of Delegates Overview

What is the House of Delegates (HOD)? The policy making body of the AAPA. The African Heritage PA Caucus is an officially recognized constituent organization of the AAPA, and we have a seat in the HOD. Each year at the annual conference, the HOD meets to review policies and consider new policies and/ or modify existing policies. Feel free to contact any of our AHPAC delegates if there are resolutions or bylaws you would like us to address. There are still some opportunities for you to volunteer with the HOD for the next conference. Another key document to always be aware of is the AAPA policy manual that is updated yearly.

Want to suggest some changes?

Establish contact with one of the AHPAC delegates (there are also many other state chapters, specialty organizations and caucuses that also have delegates that can be used to submit resolutions (bylaws and non-bylaws) and policy changes.

VIRTUAL HOD 2021: Last year the 2020 HOD was postponed until November 20-22 and was done virtually. Recently we found out that the AAPA national conference will also be virtual as well. The 2021 HOD will be 4 days in duration: Thursday, May 20, Friday, May 21, Saturday, May 22 and Monday May 24. The deadline for Bylaws resolutions is February 19th and the Non-bylaws resolutions deadline is March 21st.

Title Change Investigation Report:

The final presentations from WPP/

Landor, Foley & Lardner and AAPA is available to PAs for Category 1 CME. You must be an AAPA member to view.

Resolution on Racism: The AHPAC joined with the LBGT PA caucus to submit a pivotal resolution on racism and the AAPA decided to adopt it as policy. This brings the AAPA in line with other health organizations that have sought to understand and classify racism as a social determinant of health and issuing a full condemnation. The resolution had a record breaking 33 co-sponsors. “

AAPA recognizes that racism, in its systemic, structural, institutional, and interpersonal forms, is an ongoing urgent threat to public health, the advancement of health equity, and excellence in the delivery of medical care.

AAPA affirms its commitment to anti-racism values, defined as the intent to change institutional culture, policies, practices, and procedures to remove systemic, structural, institutional and interpersonal racism.

AAPA supports the elimination of all forms of racism.

Resolution on Excessive Use of Force:

The resolution was pulled and will be reviewed again at the next HOD session. Please contact our Chief Delegate, Folusho Ogunfiditimi, DM, MPH, PA-C if you would like to help in any way.

Covid-19 Information

As we celebrate our achievements during Black History Month, we can't forget that February is also [American Heart month](#). 40% of us have hypertension and heart disease and stroke are the leading cause of death for both Black men and women. February 7 is also an important day for [Black HIV/AIDS Awareness](#), and Covid-19 is still wreaking havoc on the country, causing incredible mental, physical and socioeconomic duress for many.

The AHPAC continues to grieve with all those who have lost loved ones this year to the virus, including the [1428 healthcare workers](#) who have succumbed to the disease. We want to encourage everyone who has access to the vaccine to get in line; we don't need to be left behind.

The US has [over 27 million confirmed cases](#) of Covid-19 causing more than 489,000 deaths; that number continues to rise every day. CDC data shows Black Americans in certain age groups experiencing a [disproportionate percentage of death](#) from the disease despite only making up around 13% of the US population. Black folks age 18-29 made up about 27% of deaths for that age group; those age 30-39 contributed to 25% of the deaths; and those in the range from 40-64 made up about 24% of the deaths. As per current available data, Black people make up around [12% of the diagnosed cases](#) and 15% of the deaths. Differences exist on the small scale, but overall, in the US Black people are [2.9 and 1.9 times more likely to be hospitalized and die](#) from Covid-19 infection when compared to non-Hispanic whites.

In addition to requests for people to socially distance themselves and wear masks, vac-

cines are gaining emergency use authorization (EUA) to be used. The [Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 Vaccine](#) has been given [EUA](#) to be administered to those 16 years of age and older in a 2 dose series given 21 days apart. The [Moderna Tx Covid-19 Vaccine](#) also has [EUA](#) for use in individuals who are at least 18 years old in a two dose series given a month apart. Both vaccines were over 94% effective in preventing participants from becoming infected. They do not contain live virus and do not alter DNA and almost 10% of study participants for both vaccines were Black. The most common side effects were and still are arm pain/ redness/ swelling, chills, fatigue and headache. The CDC and the FDA are monitoring vaccine side effects via the [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System](#) site and the [V-Safe mobile app](#).

More than [57 million](#) doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines have been administered so far to over 41 million people, of which only [around 6.3% have been Black](#) (almost 1.3 million people). The data is perhaps a bit skewed since race/ ethnicity data was only available for about 54% of those vaccinated, but 6.3% isn't enough.

AHPAC wants to encourage everyone who is eligible to get vaccinated, because we all need to do our part! Do it for yourself, do it for your family and friends, do it for your patients.

Thank you to everyone that has graciously allowed us to share their vaccine pics and stories.

1. [AAPA
Covid-19
Resources,](#)

2. [Centers for
Disease Con-
trol and Pre-
vention \(CDC\),](#)

3. [CDC Dis-
parities,](#)

4. [CDC Coun-
ty Specific Da-
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5. [CDC Vac-
cination Data,](#)

6. [National In-
stitutes of
Health \(NIH\)/
NIH Vaccines](#)

7. [National
Medical Asso-
ciation](#)

8. [World
Health Organi-
zation \(WHO\)
Covid-19
Dashboard](#)

*To honor those who have passed
on, alone with family watching on
video chat*

For those who have lost loved ones

*For those out of work because of
lockdowns*

*For all the healthcare workers go-
ing the extra mile battling burn-
out to care for all their patients*

*For the single mothers and fathers
who have lost their job or can't go
to work because they have a
young child at home doing online
learning*

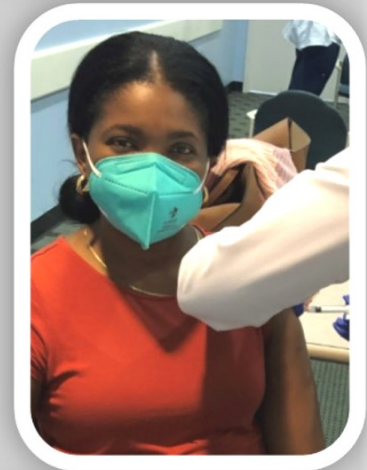
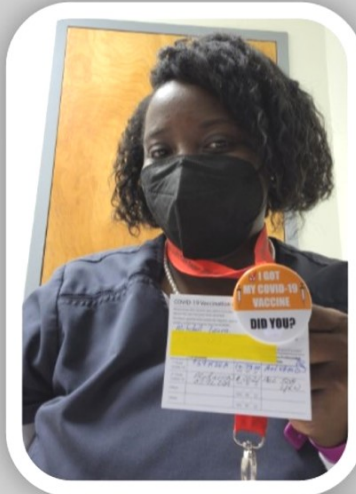
*For those currently fighting and
those recovered with lingering side
effects*

We do this for you





GETTING VACCINATED!



For all those we have loved and lost!
For those we still want to protect!

Upcoming Events

Conferences And Workshops And Webinars

Please notify us of any upcoming interesting medical events

1. [NSBPA: Celebration of Black Physician Assistants featuring John Davis](#), Feb 20, 7PM. Zoom registration.
2. [Charles Drew University PA program 50th Anniversary: Drew PA Pioneers](#), Feb 23, 5:30– 6:30PM (Pacific Time).
3. [USC Pre-PA Black History Month: Food For Thought and Food For The Soul](#), Feb 27, 2021, 2PM-4PM. RSVP by 2/24/21.
4. [State of Black Health](#), Virtual, March 2-3.
5. [Leadership and Advocacy Summit \(LAS\)](#), VIRTUAL, March 4-6, 2021.
6. [Movement is Life Caucus, 2021 National Caucus Addressing Musculoskeletal Health Disparities](#). LIVE. May 13-14, 2021. Washington DC.
7. [AAPA 2021 Annual Conference](#), VIRTUAL, May 22-26, 2021.
8. [APPex 14th Annual Advanced Practice Provider \(APRN & PA\) Leadership Summit](#), September 15-18, 2021, Orlando, Florida. [ABSTRACTS ACCEPTED UNTIL 3/20/21](#).
9. [The 13th Annual Adult Hospital Medicine Boot Camp](#), September 29 – October 3, 2021 in Nashville, Tennessee. [see.](#)
10. Check out the [AAPA Conference List](#) for other opportunities for CME.
11. Lots of CME choices from [AAPA's Learning Central](#). Some are even free!
12. ENDURING AHPAC CATEGORY 1 CME EVENTS. Free for members. We will be updating the website with videos, post tests, and evaluations.
 - HIV and US (exp December 2021)
 - [Heat Islands and US](#) (exp October 2021)
 - Mental Health and US (exp August 2021)
 - Climate Change and US (exp July 2021)

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Please visit their pages.



The Medical Society Consortium
[on Climate and Health](#)

Save The Date:

LISTENING SESSION

FEB 24, 2021, 8PM ET

More details to follow!

PLEASE JOIN US TO HONOR

Black History Month

Our event "Food For Thought and Food For The Soul" will feature prominent educators sharing their journey and contributions in the health professions, including an interactive food demonstration.

February 27, 2021

2 pm - 4 pm

Speakers: Howard Straker, EdD, MPH, PA-C

Yvette Newborn, MS, RD

RSVP at <http://bit.ly/3iX4WUj>

Deadline to RSVP, Wednesday, February 24, 2021

A recipe will be sent prior to the event

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