

Ed and Pat Sanders, Founders 50 Hoops TM

WELCOME, and thank YOU for joining us LIVE for an exciting discussion with Leading Doctors and Experts in our PREMIER



Ed and Pat started [50 Hoops TM](#) 23 years ago. Starting in July-December 2021, 50 Hoops, after 23 years, is transitioning to larger and more targeted audience. Over a dozen Veteran Network Coordinators throughout the country who each have powerful networks and have partnered for some, nearly two decades will become 50 Hoops LEGENDS in our nearly three-dozen national partnered networks. Each of these LEGENDS will penetrate deeper into their city's African American Network of stakeholders, health ministries, medical and clinical resources and will spotlighting more definitive and expanded national resources within the 50 Hoops Network. This will begin to form a national Coalition of powerful events and move the LEGENDS and 50 Hoops into an expanded realm of education. Reaching both urban and rural African Americans and minorities, 50 Hoops LEGENDS will showcase their major hospitals, clinical researchers, health ministries, CANCER advocates and coalitions. They will provide updated resources in CANCER as well as showcase major cities' outreach to African Americans about the COVID-19 Pandemic and Vaccines' status.

CONGRATULATIONS TO our LEGENDS in their 2021 FIRST Virtual Workshop Series:

[July 29th 12:30 pm Central/ 1:30 pm Eastern/ 10:30 am Pacific](#)

[July 30th @ 4:30 Central/ 5:30 pm Eastern/ 2:30 pm Pacific](#)

Twice monthly, LEGENDS will "officially graduate" with a Turning of the Tassel on their graduation cap with gold tassel, followed by their own "Commencement"—a REPLICATION of 50 Hoops TM Events. And, during the next 2 ½ years, as each LEGEND "turns the tassel" and present their own "Commencement" (50 Hoops TM replicated) LEGENDS Event 50 Hoops will move into our quarter-century as strong and focused as ever in our MISSION.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PROGRAM SPONSORS: "African Americans In Clinical Trials (AACT)", "Mobile Cancer Conferences and Workshops (MCCaW):" *Navigating CANCER in the CORONA* Zone and 50 Hoops LEGENDS, for their Trust and SUPPORT of this *"Evolution"* of 50 Hoops into the 21st Century.

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Thursday: JULY 29, 2021 Program

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LEGENDS COMMENCEMENT EVENT

12:30 PM Central/1:30 PM Eastern/10:30 AM Pacific

Graduation of LEGEND Ms. Cassandra Harris



Ms. Cassandra Harris, MS, MCHES, Chair, National Black Leadership Initiative On Cancer, partnering with MD Anderson

Mrs. Harris has over 30 years of experience in planning health education and programs aimed at reducing the impact of cancer and other diseases in underserved and minority communities. Mrs. Harris is the Co-Chair of the National Black Leadership Initiative on Cancer II – Houston Coalition and has been a leader in local, state, national and international organizations. Mrs. Harris is currently the Manager of Health Education at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Department of Health Disparities Research, where she is responsible for collaborating with health professionals and community partners to reduce cancer health disparities.

Pre – event: Legends GRADUATION Ceremony Start time: 12:15 PM Central/1:15 PM Eastern

Introduction of LEGEND Cassandra Harris: **LEGEND Dr. Thomas Polascik**



Dr. Thomas J Polascik, M.D., Professor in the Duke Cancer Institute

Doctor Polascik is it Professor in the Duke Cancer Institute, Department of Surgery, at Duke University. Dr. Polascik trained at Johns Hopkins, and did an oncology Fellowship under Alan W. Partin MD Ph.D. He joined Duke in 1998 and has practice and research interest in prostate and kidney cancers. He is the founder and Co-Director of the International Symposium on Focal Therapy and Imaging of Prostate and Kidney Cancer that began at Duke in 2008. He is the director of The Society of Urologic oncology program and also the Genitourinary Program on Focal Therapy at the Duke Cancer Institute, and author of over 250 manuscripts.

HOUSTON PROGRAM ***“African Americans In Clinical Trials”***

INVOCATION: REV. EMIT SQUARE, Senior Pastor, Living God
Non-Denominational Church, Houston, TX

MODERATOR PANEL 1



Shahnjayla Connors, PhD – Assistant Professor of Health & Behavioral Sciences - University of Houston – Downtown

Dr. Connors is a transdisciplinary educator and researcher with training in cancer biology and public health. She has professional experience in molecular biology, implementation of clinical trials, health disparities research, and increasing diversity in science, technology engineering, and math (STEM). The overall goal of her research program is to develop and disseminate culturally relevant interventions to ensure equitable access to cancer treatment in minority populations. Her current research project explores breast reconstruction determinants and decision-making in African American women.



Rayne Rouce, MD – African Americans and Clinical Trials

Dr. Rayne Rouce is a physician at Texas Children’s Hospital in the Texas Medical Center in Houston. She completed her residency training in Pediatrics at UTMB, where she was honored as the Resident of the Year from 2008-2010, and was also recognized as the Outstanding Overall Resident in 2010. She remained at UTMB, later completing a Chief Residency there, where she also worked as a hospitalist and received an award for excellence in resident teaching. Dr. Rouce then relocated to Houston and graduated from Baylor College of Medicine after completing the Fellowship Program in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at Texas Children’s Cancer Center. Dr. Rayne Rouce is an avid volunteer, and has volunteered for several years for programs for children with cancer and other life-threatening diseases.



Triple Negative Breast Cancer Among African American Women

Mediget Teshome, MD , Associate Professor, Breast Medical Oncology—MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston

Dr. Teshome is an Associate Professor of Breast Surgical Oncology at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center where she is a clinical breast surgeon with expertise in the surgical and multidisciplinary management of breast cancer. She serves as the Program Director of the Breast Surgical Oncology Fellowship Program and committed to training the next generation of leaders in Breast Surgical Oncology. Her research interests are in the surgical management of breast cancer, the impact of neoadjuvant treatments on local therapy in breast cancer and disparities in cancer care.



Paula Johnson, MPH – COVID -19 and African Americans

Paula Johnson is the Bureau Chief for the Harris County Area Agency on Aging (HCAAA), an agency imbedded within the Houston Health Department. The Agency is part of a nationwide network coordinating supportive services for the elderly as mandated by the Older Americans Act of 1965 and its subsequent amendments. With the Area Agency on Aging acting as an advocate, awareness of the needs of the elderly increases through services that assist the elderly and their families with options that promote independence, well-being and dignity. The HCAAA's programs meet the social, nutritional, educational and logistical needs of all Harris County residents age 60 and above.

MODERATOR PANEL 2



Chara Bowie, MA, LPC-S – Director of Health Services, Precinct 2/Commissioner Adrian Garcia

As the Director of Health Services, Ms. Bowie's goal is to improve the health outcomes of the constituents of Precinct 2 by improving health care access, decreasing health disparities, thus leading to increased health equity. Ms. Bowie has over twenty years of experience in mental health as a licensed professional counselor supervisor and a deep understanding of the correlation between physical health and mental health.

Staci Lofton, JD, MPH – Community Engagement to Advance Equitable & Innovative Health Opportunities

Staci Lofton is a Sr. Policy Planner for Health Equity at Harris County Public Health, here in Houston, Texas. She has been a health equity and social justice strategist with over 15 years of experience leading community and organizational efforts to operationalize health equity and pursue racial justice. Staci has worked at every level of government and across various sectors to implement innovative, results driven policies and practices that aim to remedy inequities and dismantle structural discrimination. At Harris County Public Health (HCPH), Staci builds organizational capacity to address health equity and guides the curation of equity strategies intended to transform the health and well-being of historically marginalized groups.



Uche Ndefo, PharmD – Director, Community Engagement - Center for Biomedical and Minority Health Research, Texas Southern University

Uche Ndefo is an Associate Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Clinical Health Sciences Texas Southern University, College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences. Dr. Ndefo is also the Associate Director, Center for Biomedical & Minority Health. Texas Southern University (TSU), one of the nation's largest HBCUs, is on a mission to address racial health inequities with the establishment of the [Center for Biomedical and Minority Health Research](#) (CBMHR). This novel initiative is the first-of-its-kind resource for the university and the Texas Medical Center by supporting basic biomedical research for diseases, such as cancer and infectious diseases, which disproportionately impact people of color and are leading causes of death in Houston, the state of Texas and the nation.



Jennie Bennett, PhD – Support for Breast Cancer Survivors, Breast Cancer Survivor, Advocate and Founder – Reconstruction of a Survivor, Houston, Texas

Dr. Bennett received her doctorate from the University of Houston. She loves math. She has spoken all over the country and in Canada and has co-authored mathematics textbooks. She has written many articles and contributed to chapters in various mathematics periodicals and textbooks. She was featured in MD Anderson's first commercial ad campaign, "Making Cancer History". Dr. Bennett was the only MD Anderson patient who did the groundbreaking for the Mays Clinic Breast Center. She has served on the Department of Defense's Breast Cancer Research Panels as a breast advocate. She is the founder of Reconstruction of a Survivor serving the greater Houston-area. The mission of the organization is to improve the lives of those impacted by breast cancer through support group sessions that address the spiritual, emotional and physical wellbeing of breast cancer patients.

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Closure/Acknowledgements: LEGEND Ms. Cassandra

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Graduation of LEGEND Ms. Valarie Worthy



Valarie Worthy, Patient Navigator Manager, Duke Cancer Institute

Valarie Clark Worthy is a Patient Navigator Manager at the Duke Cancer Institute. She is a 22-year breast cancer survivor and works collaboratively with Duke Cancer Center teams to address barriers and care for cancer patients. In 2003, she along with five breast cancer survivors founded the local chapter of Sisters Network, Inc. Sisters Network Triangle NC. Currently, Valarie is the co-founder of TOUCH, a nonprofit breast cancer advocacy organization for African American women. Valarie received the American Cancer Society's Lane Adams Quality of Life Award, which recognizes the unsung heroes of cancer care and referred to as the "warm hand of service."

Pre – event: Legends GRADUATION Ceremony Start time: 4:15 PM Central/ 5:15 PM Eastern

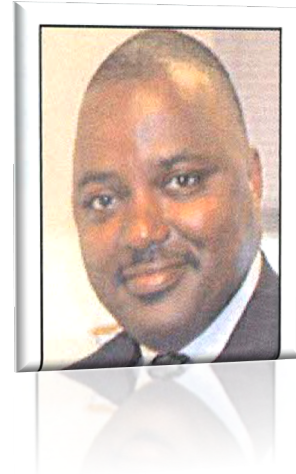
Introduction of LEGEND Ms. Valarie Worthy: **LEGEND Mr. Timothy Upshaw**

50 Hoops™ Board of Directors' National COMMUNITY OUTREACH ADVISOR

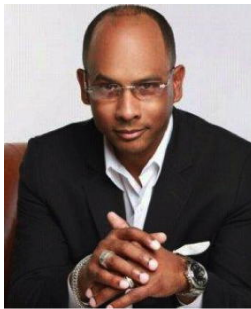
Timothy Upshaw

Prostate Cancer Community Outreach

Mr. Upshaw's mission is and always has been to make every man he meets aware of the importance of screenings and to get them tested. "My desire is to change the mindset of men so that they will be more health conscious, and that no more men that I meet die from prostate cancer. Early detection is the key," Upshaw said. Mr. Upshaw currently manages the number-one ranked, hospital-based prostate program in the United States, having screened over 88,000 men for prostate cancer, providing free of charge prostate cancer screenings throughout the Metroplex.



INVOCATION



Bishop Ronald L. Godbee, Lead Pastor, The River Durham Church, Durham, NC

Bishop Ronald L. Godbee serves as the lead pastor of The River Durham Church in Durham, North Carolina. He is the author of *Why Leaders Fail*. Under Bishop Godbee's leadership, The River Durham supports church attendees and the local community by hosting health educational events that are age-sensitive, relevant, and culturally conscious, including a collaboration with 50 Hoops on clinical trial awareness. He previously established the Inner Court Christian Center in Detroit, MI.; and was appointed as general overseer and executive Council member of the kingdom Alliance Covenant Fellowship. Pastor Godbee has been a regular host on many Christian talk shows, including co-hosting with Bishop Greg Davis on "Rejoice In The Word". Bishop Godbee is married to Karla Godbee. They are the proud parents of three lovely children; Kindale, Ronald Jr, and Kharrington.

DURHAM MODERATOR

Carmen Thompson, Chief Consultant, Accentuate Leadership & Consulting, LLC



Carmen Thompson is the owner and Chief Consultant of Accentuate Leadership & Consulting, LLC where the focus is to enhance the business strategy of their clients by offering leadership and performance consultation. With a Masters degree in Education (M.Ed.) and a certification as a professional in human resources (PHR), Thompson uses her education and 16+ years of practical work experience as the foundation of the expert advice and talent development support she provides. As an avid runner, Thompson has completed more than 15 half marathons in various cities in the U.S. and Jamaica; however, she remains active in numerous community service activities and enjoys spending

time with family; especially her new grandson.



Dr Aisha Chilcoat, ND, FABNO, IFMCP

Aisha Chilcoat, ND, FABNO, IFMCP is a Naturopathic Doctor who earned her doctorate degree from Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine in Tempe, AZ. She holds advanced distinction as a certified practitioner from the Institute of Functional Medicine (IFMCP), and as a Fellow of the American Board of Naturopathic Oncology (FABNO). Dr. Chilcoat is currently a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in the Program on Integrative Medicine at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Dr. Chilcoat holds a master's degree in Jurisprudence in Health Law from Widener University School of Law in

Wilmington, DE, and a bachelor's degree in Anthropology and Natural Sciences from the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD.

Kearston L. Ingraham, M.P.H. is a Research Program Leader in the Office of Health

Equity at the Duke Cancer Institute. She has nearly 20 years of leadership achievements encompassing North Carolina, as well as the Republic of Botswana Defense Force and the Republic of Malawi Defense Force. Ms. Ingraham received her Master of Public Health degree in International Health and Human Development, and her Bachelor of Science degree in Biobehavioral Health from Pennsylvania State University. In addition, she is a University of California at San Francisco Minority Training Program in Cancer Control Research Fellow. She currently serves the North Carolina Advisory Committee on Cancer Coordination and Control, and the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Research Triangle Park Chapter as the Public Health Liaison Chair.





Ricki co-founded and serves as CEO of TOUCH, The Black Breast Cancer Alliance

Ricki Farley is a Stage 3A Triple Negative Breast Cancer Survivor/Thrivor. Ricki co-founded and serves as CEO of TOUCH, The Black Breast Cancer Alliance, with the overall goal of reducing the mortality rate for Black women. She founded and serves as co-host for “The Doctor Is In,” a weekly live web series on the BlackDoctor.org Facebook page. She’s founding member of #BlackDataMatters, in partnership with Breastcancer.org, Morehouse School of Medicine and the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Ricki serves on the Board of Trustees for the Triple Negative Breast Cancer Foundation, board member for the Center for Healthcare Innovation; and Ambassador and Advisor for the Live Humanly Campaign.



Dr. Monique Gary is the Medical Director of Grand View Health (GVH)/Penn Cancer Network Cancer Program

Dr. Gary serves as the Director of their NAPBC-accredited Breast Program; and founded and directs the Cancer Genetics and Risk Assessment Program at GVH. She holds Clinical Associate faculty positions in surgery at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Penn Medicine, and University of North Texas Health Sciences/Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth, TX. Her board memberships include American Society of Breast Surgeons, and Cancer Support Community of Greater Philadelphia. Dr. Gary earned both her M.Sc. in Molecular Biology and DO from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine; completed a residency in general surgery at UMass/Berkshire Medical Center and a fellowship in Breast

Surgical Oncology at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital.

Summation: - LEGEND Valarie Worthy Closure/Acknowledgements: LEGEND Valarie Worthy

50 Hoops wishes to Thank our LEGENDS for their OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION to both our National Patient and Medical Education outreach and for their dedicated and untiring contribution to their Cities’ African American communities.

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