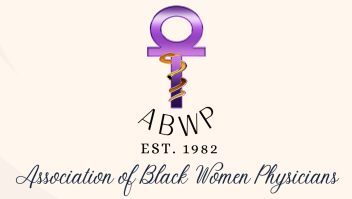


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The Association of Black Women Physicians Announces 44th Annual Charity & Scholarship Benefit Luncheon



Theme “And Still We Rise” Celebrates Trailblazers in Medicine and Supports Future Black Women Physicians

LOS ANGELES, Calif., October 8, 2025 / ABWP / – The Association of Black Women Physicians (ABWP), a nonprofit dedicated to empowering Black women in medicine, will host its **44th Annual Charity & Scholarship Benefit Luncheon on Sunday, October 26, 2025, from 11 AM to 2 PM at City Club Los Angeles.**

This year’s theme, “And Still We Rise,” celebrates resilience, achievement, and the transformative impact of Black women physicians in medicine and society.

At the luncheon, ABWP will honor three extraordinary leaders:

- **Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD, FACOG** – *Lifetime Achievement Award*

President and CEO of Morehouse School of Medicine, a national leader advancing health equity and diversifying the physician workforce.

- **Pamela J. Simms-Mackey, MD, FAAP** – *Special Visionary Award*

A distinguished pediatrician and educator recognized for pioneering programs that support underrepresented students in medicine. She is the **first Black woman to chair the American Board of Pediatrics**, a milestone in advancing representation and leadership in pediatric medicine.

- **Gail E. Wyatt, PhD** – *Humanitarian Award*

Clinical psychologist, professor, and researcher whose work has advanced mental health equity and advocacy for underserved communities.

In addition to honoring these leaders, ABWP will present **Rebecca Lee Crumpler Scholarships** to outstanding Black female medical students. Since its founding in 1982, ABWP has awarded over **\$1 million in scholarships**, helping to reduce financial barriers and ensure the next generation of Black women physicians can thrive.

“This event is not just a celebration, it’s a commitment to the future of medicine,” said Dr. Anastasia Williams, President-Elect of ABWP. “Our honorees represent the strength and vision of Black women in healthcare, and every scholarship we award carries that legacy forward.”

Event Details

- **Who:** The Association of Black Women Physicians (ABWP)
- **What:** 44th Annual Charity & Scholarship Benefit Luncheon
- **When:** Sunday, October 26, 2025 | 11 AM – 2 PM
- **Where:** City Club Los Angeles, 555 Flower Street, 51st Floor, Los Angeles, CA
- **Why:** To support diversity in medicine by funding scholarships and mentorship for future Black women physicians

How to Get Involved

Tickets, sponsorships, and tables are available now at blackwomenphysicians.org. Community members who cannot attend may contribute through donations directly supporting scholarships.

Media are invited to attend and cover the event. Interviews with honorees and scholarship recipients can be arranged in advance.

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