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CHARITY &  
SCHOLARSHIP  
*Benefit Gala*

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& PURPOSE

VIRTUAL PRESENTATION  
SAT, OCTOBER 23, 2021



# THE ARCHITECTS OF THE FUTURE MUST REPRESENT ALL OF US.

At Anthem, we believe African American women leaders bring fresh perspectives that drive innovative health care solutions to better serve more members in more communities.

We congratulate the Association of Black Female Physicians for 40 years of service to the community and honor the 2021 scholarship recipients and nominees.







# CHARITY & SCHOLARSHIP *Benefit Gala*

## *Honoring*

### LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**CAMARA PHYLLIS JONES, MD, MPH, PhD**

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### LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**DR. NADINE BURKE HARRIS**

California Surgeon General

### 2021 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

JESSICA EKEYA  
DAYNA GRUNDY  
JESSLYN MAGEE  
JESSICA MALISA

DENISE MCINTYRE  
MARIANMU OSUMAH  
JULIANA PAUL  
JASMINE PETERS

SCOTTI SMITH  
SABINA SPIGNER  
NICOLE SYDER  
BETSEGA WOLDE

### FEATURED SCHOLARSHIPS

ANNA SMITH, MD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
ANTHEM BLUE CROSS SCHOLARSHIP  
BEVERLY JAMES, MD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
CARMEN PARROTT, MD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
CDU MED SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP  
CHARLES R. DREW UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIP  
JEANNETTE MCPHERSON GATES AWARD  
OPTUM HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP  
PATRICIA BATH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
SANDRA BANKHEAD, MS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
VENA RICKETTS/ABWP COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP  
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# CHARITY & SCHOLARSHIP *Benefit Gala*

## *Program*

### MISTRESSES OF CEREMONIES

**GARCELLE BEAUVAIS**

Actress, Philanthropist, Host, "The Real"

**CHRISTINA ANTHONY**

Actress, Comedian, Producer

### INVOCATION

**THEMA BRYANT-DAVIS, PH.D.**

Professor of Psychology, Graduate School of Education and Psychology, Pepperdine University

### EVENT CHAIR &

### PRESIDENT-ELECT REMARKS

**RENEE M. POOLE, MD, MMM, CPE, FAAFP**

### ABWP ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

### ABWP PRESIDENT REMARKS

**COZZETTE LYONS-JONES, MD, MPH, FACP**

### INTRODUCTIONS SPECIAL GUEST COMMENTARIES

**WANDA A. WILBURN, MD**

ABWP Vice-President

**THE HONORABLE KAREN BASS**

U.S. Representative, 37th Congressional District

**CALIFORNIA STATE SENATOR SYDNEY KAMLAGER**

30th Senate District

### CALL TO ACTION – MOBILE CAUSE FUNDRAISING

**CHRISTINA ANTHONY**

featuring **DJ ARI 4RARI**

### ALUMNI TESTIMONIALS

**DR. MANNA HAGOS**

**DR. DOROTHY DADA**

### GUEST APPEARANCE/COMMENTS

**THE HONORABLE HOLLY J. MITCHELL**

LA County Supervisor, 2nd Supervisorial District

**THE HONORABLE AUTUMN R. BURKE**

Assemblywoman, 62nd Assembly District

### SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMANCES

**TAQUITA LOVE**, Comedian & Nurse

**TIA P.**, Rapper, Songwriter, Actress, Producer, Philanthropist

**B.SLADE**, Grammy Nominated, Singer-Songwriter, Producer, Philanthropist

### SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

**LATANYA R. HINES, MD, FACOG**

### REMARKS

**DR. JOYCELYN ELDERS**, Former U.S. Surgeon General

**ADA D. STEWART, MD, FAAFP**, Board Chair, American Academy of Family Physicians

### AWARD PRESENTATIONS - LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD HONOREES

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**NADINE BURKE HARRIS, MD, MPH, FAAP**

California Surgeon General

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## *Our History*

The Association of Black Women Physicians (ABWP) was founded in 1982. Almost 50 African-American women physicians met to share their experiences and to discuss career development at the first meeting held in the recreation room of Dr. Jessie Sherrod's home. The need for such an organization was abundantly clear, and the founders of our organization were women who passionately worked together for the organization. Over the course of a few months, members adopted the official name, transformed their goals into a mission statement, established Bylaws and began actively engaging in organized community service programs and philanthropic endeavors.

Over the past 39 years, ABWP has grown to represent African-American women physicians, medical students and undergraduate students throughout California, the United States and the Caribbean. Focused primarily in Southern California, the nonprofit organization has made an impact in local communities through health literacy programs, community outreach activities, mentoring and scholarship awards. All of our programs and services facilitate fulfillment of our mission:

"The Association of Black Women Physicians is an organized network of African-American women physicians committed to the improvement of public health and welfare, through the advancement of knowledge concerning women and community health."

- \* Health Fairs with Community and Faith-Based Organizations
- \* Black Women Lawyers Los Angeles Joint Symposia
- \* Breast Cancer Awareness and Education Sessions
- \* Network of Ethnic Physician Organizations for the California Medical Association Foundation, Member
- \* Health and Wellness Advocacy

"We also serve as a philanthropic source of funds to projects related to the health concerns of traditionally underserved communities."

- \* Annual Charity and Scholarship Benefit Gala
- \* Annual Holiday Party and Toy Drive

"We endeavor to enhance the personal and professional quality of life of present and future African-American women physicians."

- \* General Membership Meetings
- \* Sister 2 Sister Mentorship Program
- \* Practice Point Communications CME

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# President's MESSAGE

Welcome to our 40th Annual Charity and Scholarship Benefit!

Our 40th anniversary is an opportunity to celebrate “Black Girl Magic”—the ability to persevere in the face of adversity. Physician lives are challenging, regardless of race and gender. The challenges Black women physicians face are greater.

As we reflect on our organization's past four decades, we start by saluting our ABWP Founding Officers: Dr. Jessie Sherrod, Dr. Lolita Gonzalez, Dr. Adeline James, Dr. Denise Ridley Davis, and Dr. Rose Jenkins. Their leadership guided our charter members in seeing through their commitment to recognize and address the needs of current and future physicians — a truly meaningful Sisterhood. They demonstrated why a single person's efforts cannot create or sustain such a vital organization as ours. It required people coming together with a shared vision and a willingness to offer their talents and skills different skills. It also meant building relationships within and outside of the organization. We thank our charter members physicians for launching our organization, and express our gratitude to ABWP's Founding Committee Chairs: Dr. Jessie Sherrod, Dr. Vonnie K. Ross, Dr. Wendy Green, Dr. Denise Ridley Davis, Dr. Augua Andrews, and Dr. Carole Jordan-Harris.



As we come together for this gala affair, we celebrate today's members of ABWP who continue to carry the torch lit by our Charter Members as we “Serve, Heal, and Excel” in healthcare and public health through education, advocacy, philanthropy, and mentorship!

This is a special moment in time, celebrating our 2021 scholarship winners while acknowledging 40 years of sustaining the pipeline of Black women physicians. ABWP's premier annual initiative, the Charity Benefit & Scholarship program has awarded more than \$850,000 in scholarships to almost 400 recipients practicing throughout the U.S. It is with great pride as President to congratulate all of this year's deserving student scholars.

Since our 2020 inaugural virtual Charity Benefit, we have increased ABWP's impact. We expanded our public-facing engagement through a greater digital presence online. This allows us to better communicate the educational and advocacy work we do. In particular, ABWP stepped up and responded to the significant events of this last year. It shaped my presidential platform of Health Disparities and Racism as a Public Health Crisis. How fitting that both of our 2021 Lifetime Achievement honorees epitomize this timely platform: California's Inaugural Surgeon General Dr. Nadine Burke Harris – a Pediatrician and Champion for Children with expertise on Adverse Childhood Events (ACEs) as predictors of health outcomes.

American Public Health Association Past President Dr. Camara P. Jones – a physician, epidemiologist, health equity scholar and anti-racism activist who has taught the nation about the effects of racism and social inequalities on health through storytelling and allegories, including my favorite – “The Gardner's Tale.”

Both of these phenomenal Black women physicians have expanded our understanding of health. The Association of Black Women Physicians commends Dr. Burke Harris and Dr. Jones on their exemplary promotion of public health and invaluable contributions to health equity.

Just like our Charter Members before us, it took a group of people to make this fantastic event happen. We appreciate the work of President-Elect and Charity Benefit Chair, Dr. Renee M. Poole, our Charity Benefit Committee members, and everyone who helped make this 40th-year virtual event a success! The time and effort of our many volunteers, the contributions of our generous sponsors, and the individual donations of everyone watching today's program will allow us to award even more scholarships to our Black students and support their journey to becoming physicians!

Please help spread the mission of ABWP by sharing today's program link on your personal platforms. Make sure you bring in your friends and family when it's time for everyone to participate in our live Mobile Cause Giving Campaign later in the program. With all this Black Girl Magic, let's make a magical fundraising goal happen together!

Thank you and God bless you.

*Cozzette Lyons-Jones*

Cozzette Lyons-Jones, MD, MPH, FACP  
President





# President-Elect's MESSAGE

As Chairperson of the 40th Annual Charity & Scholarship Benefit Gala, I want to take a moment to thank you once again for your support of this event. Our theme for this year's charity benefit is "SHE leads with passion and purpose" is very fitting as for almost 40 years, ABWP has worked as a collection of dynamic Black woman physicians to "Serve, Heal, and Excel" to continuously improve the public health and welfare of our community through service, education, and advocacy.

Aligned to our theme of "S.H.E. leads with passion and purpose" it is our honor to acknowledge two outstanding black women physician leaders with our 2021 Lifetime Achievement awards. They are a true embodiment of our theme. Our first honoree, Dr. Nadine Burke Harris is the 1st CA Surgeon General. She has established early childhood development, health equity, Adverse Childhood Experiences and toxic stress as her key priorities. While our second honoree, Dr. Camara Jones, who as a family physician and epidemiologist has focused her career on addressing the impacts of racism on the health and well-being of our nation.



The work of these two outstanding black women physician leaders exemplifies the core mission of ABWP, which is advocating for improvements in health access and equity to address the health concerns of underserved communities.

As black women only represent 2% of American physicians, we at ABWP are committed to supporting and inspiring the next generation of Black Women physicians through our social networking, mentoring and scholarship programs. So to that end, we would like to extend a sincere thanks to our community sponsors and individual donors as through your generous support we are able to empower and positively impact their professional growth and development.

I would like to thank the ABWP Charity Benefit committee members for all your hard work to bring this celebratory event to life. Without your passion, commitment, and sacrifice we would not be here.

Lastly, to each of you reading this message I am continually grateful, humbled and inspired by your continued support of ABWP's mission and vision. On behalf of the entire ABWP organization, I would simply like to say Thank You.

*Renee M. Poole*

Renee M. Poole, MD, MMM, CPE, FAAFP  
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## MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES



# GARCELLE BEAUVAIS

Actor, Host,  
Entrepreneur, Producer

**N**amed one of People Magazine's highly-coveted 50 Most Beautiful, Haitian-born actress **Garcelle Beauvais** immigrated to the United States at the age of seven with her mother and sisters, and has since charmed audiences with her dramatic and comedic abilities. Balancing perfectly between the small screen and big screen, she proudly became the first Black cast member on Bravo's "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" (April 2020) and can be seen in "Coming 2 America," the sequel to "Coming to America" (1988) alongside Eddie Murphy. She has been busy working on her podcast titled "Going to Bed with Garcelle," a fun and flirty late-night podcast featuring no holds-barred girl talk on sex, life, dating, and relationships. Most recently, she joined the multi-award winning talk show Fox's "The Real" as the new co-host (September 2020). Continuing to cement her status as a media queen, it was recently announced that she will be releasing a memoir titled Finding My G-Spot about falling back in love with yourself, with never-before-heard stories and advice on relationships, parenting, and career.

A look back at Garcelle's career shows a hybrid of business woman and mother who has been a cherished face in Hollywood for over three decades. She got her start in 90's comedies "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" and "The Jamie Foxx Show." She went on to appear in television series such as Syfy's "The Magicians," Freeform's "Siren," NBC's "Grimm," "Chicago Med," "NYPD Blue," "Franklin & Bash," "Curb Your Enthusiasm," "Arrested Development," "Power" on Starz plus many more. Most recently, she could be seen in Netflix's "Merry Happy Whatever" with Dennis Quaid and CBS All Access anthology series "Tell Me A Story." In addition to scripted TV, she co-hosted on Fox's daytime talk-show "Hollywood Today Live," where she broke down the latest in entertainment, pop culture, and celebrity news, as well co-hosting for E!'s "Fashion Police," and "Access Hollywood Live" on NBC. In addition, Garcelle can be heard in the Nickelodeon mini-series "Middle School Moguls" (Fall 2019) where she voices 'Mrs. Pierre' in her native Haitian accent.

Film has always been a passion for Garcelle. She has starred in box office hits "White House Down" with Jamie Foxx and Channing Tatum as the First Lady of the United States, "Flight" with Denzel Washington, "American Gun" with Forrest Whitaker, "Coming to America" (1988) with Eddie Murphy, "Bad Company" with Chris Rock, "Barbershop 2: Back in Business" with Queen Latifah, among others. Most recently fans got to see her in "Spider-Man: Homecoming" with Tom Holland.

Above all, Garcelle's most important job is being a mother. She was inspired by motherhood to write a children's book series entitled 'I AM,' addressing identity issues relevant to many children today. There are three successful books in the series. The book series was re-released on April 29, 2020 for its fifth anniversary.

Garcelle supports the Step Up Women's Network, a national non-profit that empowers women and girls to be strong and reach their full potential. She is also active with Angels for Humanity, an organization that helps children in Haiti through education and health based initiatives. She recently went on a humanitarian trip with the organization to help feed over 3,500 children. She will be honored with the "Distinguished Humanitarian Award" at their 6th Annual Catwalk for Charity (September 2019).

She resides in Los Angeles and has three sons, Oliver, her first, and twins, Jax and Jaid.





## MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES

**C**hristina Anthony is a multi-talented actress, writer, vocalist, and improviser. She is originally from the Chicago comedy scene and is best known as an alum of the Second City e.t.c. Chicago where she co-wrote three award-nominated sketch revues and performed thousands of shows for Chicago audiences. Most recently, Christina was a Series Regular on ABC's Mixed-ish, a Black-ish spinoff. She also stars in the upcoming Netflix dark comedy thriller series The Woman In The House, opposite Kristen Bell.

Her favorite on camera roles as an actress include Key & Peele (Comedy Central); Mash Up (Comedy Central); Bajillion Dollar Properties (Seeso); Take My Wife (Seeso); Bunk'd (Disney); Why Women Kill (CBS All Access); ER (NBC); and The Dilemma (Universal).

A charismatic theater performer and vocalist, she has also been seen Off-Broadway in Found (Atlantic Theatre), Second City's Romeo + Juliet Musical (Chicago Shakespeare); The Art of Falling (Hubbard Street Dance Chicago + Second City - LA & Chicago); Radio Golf (Ensemble Theater- Cincinnati); Matt & Ben (Jam Theatricals); My Heart is Crying, Crying: The Jackie Wilson Story (Black Ensemble Theater); and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (Dream Team).

As a writer, her original comedy pilot was a finalist in the TBS & Refinery29 RIOT Comedy Writers Lab and she frequently contributes to the Paper Machete, a live magazine. Christina enjoys performing stand-up all over LA and improvises with the eponymous Black People.



## CHRISTINA ANTHONY

Actress, Comedian  
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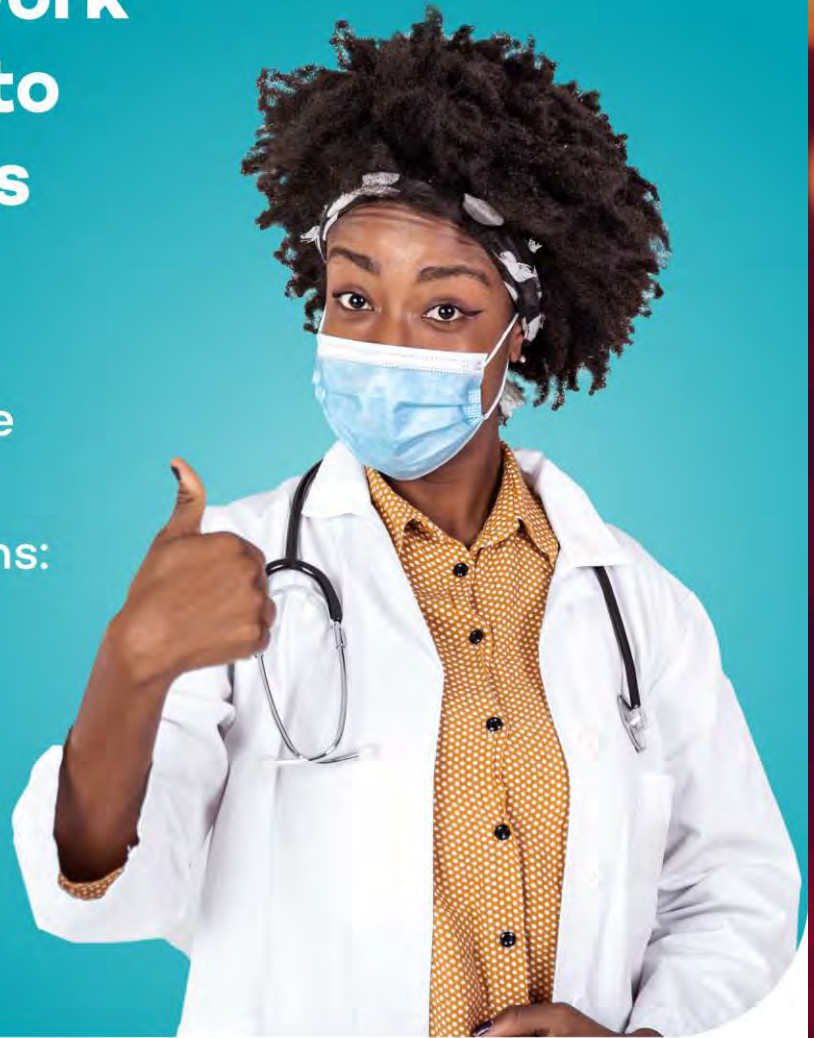


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## INVOCATION

**D**r. **Thema Bryant-Davis** completed her doctorate in Clinical Psychology at Duke University and her post-doctoral training at Harvard Medical Center's Victims of Violence Program. Upon graduating, she became the Coordinator of the Princeton University SHARE Program, which provides intervention and prevention programming to combat sexual assault, sexual harassment, and harassment based on sexual orientation.

She is currently a tenured professor of psychology in the Graduate School of Education and Psychology at Pepperdine University, where she directs the Culture and Trauma Research Laboratory. Her clinical and research interests center on interpersonal trauma and the societal trauma of oppression. She is a past president of the Society for the Psychology of Women and a past APA representative to the United Nations. Dr. Thema also served on the APA Committee on International Relations in Psychology and the Committee on Women in Psychology.

The American Psychological Association honored her for Distinguished Early Career Contributions to Psychology in the Public Interest in 2013. The Institute of Violence, Abuse and Trauma honored her with their media award for the film Psychology of Human Trafficking in 2016 and the Institute honored her with the Donald Fridley Memorial Award for excellence in mentoring in the field of trauma in 2018. The California Psychological Association honored her for Distinguished Scientific Achievement in Psychology in 2015. She is the editor of the APA text Multicultural Feminist Therapy: Heling Adolescent Girls of Color to Thrive. She is one of the foundational scholars on the topic of the trauma of racism and in 2020, she gave an invited keynote address on the topic at APA. In 2020, the International Division of APA honored her for her International Contributions to the Study of Gender and Women for her work in Africa and the Diaspora.

Dr. Thema has raised public awareness regarding mental health by extending the reach of psychology beyond the academy and private therapy office through community programming and media engagement, including but not limited to Headline News, National Public Radio, and CNN.



## DR. THEMA BRYANT-DAVIS

Professor of Psychology,  
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Two time Emmy Award winner, four-time Grammy-nominated artist, **B.Slade**, is called to write, produce and perform alongside his musical idols, from Janet Jackson and Patti Labelle to Snoop Dogg and Kim Burrell. B.Slade ranks as a top favorite amongst A-listers. He began his journey over 20 years ago, and has since written and produced over 300 songs. B.Slade makes memorable appearances in all genres of music. Most recently compared to Prince, B.Slade similarly plays multiple instruments and has an unmatched vocal range - so respected that he tours with both Patti LaBelle as featured vocalist and percussionist, as well as a featured vocalist on select dates with Prince's former band The New Power Generation.

As a highly sought-after songwriter and producer, B.Slade has written or produced for some of the biggest artists in the industry including Chaka Khan ("I Love Myself"), Sheila E. ("Fiesta"), Snoop Dogg ("Words Are Few" whose video garnered over 2 million YouTube plays, among other tracks on Snoop's #1 Gospel album, "Bible Of Love"), Faith Evans ("Paradise"), and Angie Fisher, for which he wrote and co-produced her 2014 debut smash hit single, "I.R.S.", garnering Ms. Fisher's first Grammy nomination and B.Slade's third. B.Slade has also collaborated with artists such as Chris Brown, Kanye West, Janet Jackson, Ty Dolla Sign, Ledisi, Eric Benet, and many more.

B.Slade has also penned the theme song and incidental music for the OWN Network TV Series "Flex & Shanice", starring husband and wife Flex Alexander and Shanice Wilson. He also wrote and co-produced Shanice's songs "Gotta Blame Me" and "We Can Fly", which appeared on the series, and also feature B.Slade on co-lead vocals. B.Slade later co-directed (with Logan Alexander) and choreographed the music video for "Gotta Blame Me". B.Slade also co-wrote and co-performed the theme song to the hit TV show, "One On One" (also starring Flex Alexander), with Shanice. The show was recently added to Netflix's programming.

Hailing from Chicago, Illinois, **Taquita Love** is just what the doctor ordered. With her expertise as a Registered Nurse, she prescribes and administers comedic relief for the soul through stand-up comedy, motivational speaking, and storytelling. Taquita has been featured on Funny or Die and Laughs on FOX. The former graduate of Second City LA, and UCB LA (Improv and Sketch Writing) takes you on a journey into her world exposing her perspective on life as a nurse and growing up in a household with a mom in recovery. Her brilliant style of storytelling and play on words will leave you with withdrawals. She is not your average Nurse. She is not your average Comedian. She truly is JUST what the Doctor ordered!



## B.SLADE

Emmy award-winning, Grammy Nominated  
Singer-Songwriter, Producer, Philanthropist



## TAQUITA LOVE

Comedian & Nurse



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Hailing from Inglewood, CA **Tia P.** is a driven, passionate and charismatic talented artist, producer, musician, and songwriter whose lyrical prowess is unmatched. Influenced by the likes of Missy Elliott, Pharrell Williams and Lauryn Hill, Tia P.'s soul embodies the essence of Erykah Badu, the funk of D'Angelo, the storytelling of Bahamadia and the brashness of Jean Grae. Tia P. is an extraordinary artist who has taken on the challenge to be the Voice of the New Generation. She possesses a huge presence and commands immediate attention when performing. She has opened for KRS 1, Bootsy Collins, DJ Quik and a host of other well-known acts. In addition, she has headlined shows at the Roxy, Viper Room and 1 Oak (Formerly Key Club).

She can also be seen in several national commercials, i.e., Sprite feat. LeBron James, Welcome to California and a Pepsi Commercial featuring Pop sensation, Tori Kelly. In 2017 Tia P. released her long overdue, but highly anticipated EP "Peek-A-Boo" featuring the hit single "Come Together" feat. B. Slade. Her music is also featured on Hulu's highly rated "High Fidelity." Tia was also a finalist on BET's docuseries "The Next Big Thing" where her style, stage presence & flow were praised by music mogul, Dame Dash, A&R veteran, Tina Davis, and producer, Zaytoven.

**Arianne aka DJ Ari-4Rari** is a Los Angeles-based DJ known for mixing soul, classic R&B and hip hop with current hits. Her passion for music is rooted from her professional and educational background in the arts and general love of spreading joy and connecting people through music.

Starting her career as a DJ during the 2020 pandemic, DJ Ari-4Rari is experienced with virtual and in-person settings. She is flexible and easily adapts to the sometimes-unpredictable world of live music.

DJ Ari-4Rari has played at concerts, photo shoots, artist mixers and parks. As a female DJ, she is helping to diversify the industry and get the party started along the way!



## TIA P.

Rapper, Songwriter, Actress,  
Producer, Philanthropist



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## DJ ARI-4RARI







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# *Lifetime* ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

## CAMARA PHYLLIS JONES, MD, MPH, PhD

2021-2022 UCSF Presidential Chair  
University of California, San Francisco



**Camara Phyllis Jones, MD, MPH, PhD** 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 2021-2022 UCSF Presidential Chair at the University of California, San Francisco. She recently completed her role as a 2021 Presidential Visiting Fellow at the Yale School of Medicine and as the 2019-2020 Evelyn Green Davis Fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University.

She taught six years as an Assistant Professor at the Harvard School of Public Health (1994 to 2000), served fourteen years as a Medical Officer at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2000 to 2014), 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.

Dr. Jones' allegories on "race" and racism illuminate topics that are otherwise difficult for many Americans to understand or discuss. Recognizing that racism saps the strength of the whole society through the waste of human resources, she aims to mobilize and engage all Americans in a sustained National Campaign Against Racism.



# NADINE BURKE HARRIS

MD, MPH, FAAP  
California Surgeon General



**Dr. Nadine Burke Harris** is an award-winning physician, researcher and advocate dedicated to changing the way our society responds to one of the most serious, expensive and widespread public health crises of our time: childhood trauma. She was appointed as California's first-ever Surgeon General by Governor Gavin Newsom in January 2019 and quickly became a trusted leader in the state's COVID-19 pandemic response.

Dr. Burke Harris' career has been dedicated to serving vulnerable communities and combating the root causes of health disparities. After completing her residency at Stanford, she founded a clinic in one of San Francisco's most underserved communities, Bayview Hunters Point. It was there that Burke Harris observed that, despite the implementation of national best-practices for immunizations, asthma, obesity treatment and other preventive health measures, her patients still faced outsized risks for poor health, development and behavioral outcomes.

Drawing in research from the CDC and Kaiser Permanente, Dr. Burke Harris identified Adverse Childhood Experiences as a major risk factor affecting the health of her patients. In 2011, she founded the Center for Youth Wellness and subsequently grew the organization to be a national leader in the effort to advance pediatric medicine, raise public awareness, and transform the way society responds to children exposed to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and toxic stress. She also founded and led the Bay Area Research Consortium on Toxic Stress and Health, to advance scientific screening and treatment of toxic stress.

She currently serves as a government liaison for the American Academy of Pediatrics' National Advisory Board for Screening and sat on the board of the Committee on Applying Neurobiological and Socio-behavioral Sciences From Prenatal Through Early Childhood Development: A Health Equity Approach for the National Academy of Medicine.

Her work has been profiled in best-selling books including "How Children Succeed" by Paul Tough and "Hillbilly Elegy" by J.D. Vance as well as in Jamie Redford's feature film, "Resilience". It has also been featured on NPR, CNN and Fox News as well as in USA Today and the New York Times. Dr. Burke Harris' TED Talk, "How Childhood Trauma Affects Health Across the Lifetime" has been viewed more than 7 million times. Her book "The Deepest Well: Healing the Long-Term Effects of Childhood Adversity" was called "indispensable" by The New York Times.

Dr. Burke Harris is the recipient of the Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism in Medicine Award presented by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Heinz Award for the Human Condition. She was named one of 2018's Most Influential Women in Business by the San Francisco Business Times.





### **JESSICA EKEYA**

**Rebecca Lee Crumpler Scholarship | Vena Ricketts/ABWP Community Service | Anthem Blue Cross Scholarship**

Jessica is originally from Vancouver, WA. She graduated from Harvard College in 2019 with a major in biology and minors in Spanish and American Sign Language. After graduation, Jessica conducted a year-long traveling fellowship in Colombia. She then returned to the United States to work as a research assistant at Gallaudet University. Jessica is currently a first-year medical student at the University of Southern California's Keck School of Medicine. As a member of the school's Primary Care Program, her goal is to become a primary care clinician and community health advocate. As she is fluent in both ASL and Spanish, she is committed to working with Deaf patients and Spanish-speaking patients who do not feel comfortable communicating in English. Jessica plans to focus on these and other underserved communities in her future career. In her free time, she enjoys reading, traveling, and dancing.



### **DAYNA GRUNDY**

**Rebecca Lee Crumpler Scholarship | Carmen Parott Scholarship**

Dayna Grundy was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. She attended the University of Southern California and graduated in 2017. She majored in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention and minored in African American Studies. In college, she gained a preventative mindset and saw a career in medicine as a way to help people live their best lives. After graduating from USC, she completed a post baccalaureate program at Charles R Drew University of Medicine and Science. Currently, she is a second-year medical student in the Charles R Drew/UCLA Medical Education Program.

Through clinical shadowing at the Western's Women's Clinic and research with the EMERGE Lab, Dayna has shown an interest in serving underserved communities. While interning during her clinical experience in South Central LA, she assessed patient vitals, observed physical exams, and educated patients on well adult care, exercise, and diet. Her research has identified disparities in the location and pricing of contraception and other reproductive services. Her research on reproductive disparities has been presented at the Society of Family Planning's 2019 Annual Meeting. As she started medical school in the midst of a pandemic, Dayna became the Drew Social Chair. Understanding the importance of social support, she created programs and safe opportunities for students to meet. This summer she participated in the Summer Urban Heath Fellowship where she mentored high school and undergraduate students, conducted COVID-19 research and facilitated an anti-racism curriculum.

She has aspirations of being a pediatrician, obstetrician-gynecologist, or family medicine physician.



### **JESSLYN MAGEE**

**Rebecca Lee Crumpler Scholarship | Vena Ricketts/ABWP Community Service**

Jesslyn Magee is a third year medical student in the ARC (Accelerated Research Careers)-MD program at UC Davis School of Medicine. She is currently interested in tech applications for medical and healthcare delivery innovation and advancement. During her time at UC Davis School of Medicine, Jesslyn has been extensively involved in research to develop standardized protocols to support computer-vision based tools to advance the clinical assessment and treatment of vitiligo. Furthermore, Jesslyn has explored applications of mathematical modelling to execute models for dermal absorption and drug delivery. She is currently interested in pursuing dermatology as a specialty and in the near future would like to contribute tech explorations as it relates to the specialty, drug discovery and health care delivery. Outside of medicine, Jesslyn is interested in learning more about how data science can be used to close health and education disparities. She also enjoys playing golf, reading, and spending time with family.





### JESSICA MALISA

**Rebecca Lee Crumpler Scholarship | Vena Ricketts/ABWP Community Service | Optum Scholarship**

When I arrived in the United States at three years old, my parents sought to instill me with traditional Zimbabwean principles while adapting to the United States. One phrase that my parents instilled in me is *munhu munhu nekuda kwevanhu*, which is Shona for a person is a person because of others. It is a phrase that has remained with me throughout my life. From a young age I have always wanted to pursue medicine. I grew up in Orange County, California and received my undergraduate degree in neuroscience from Swarthmore College. I recently started medical school at USC Keck. My goal has been to treat diverse populations using both scientific knowledge and cultural awareness to address medical issues. I want to bridge the gap between scientific knowledge and cultural competency for my future patients.



### DENISE MCINTYRE, MPH

**Rebecca Lee Crumpler Scholarship | Vena Ricketts/ABWP Community Service |  
CDU School of Medicine Named Recipient**

Denise McIntyre is a fourth-year medical student at Charles R. Drew University/UCLA Medical Education Program. She has displayed a fervent commitment to public health and health advocacy in under-resourced communities. She is a graduate of the University of Florida where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree. During graduate school, she worked as a community health worker, domestic violence survivor advocate, and pediatric health researcher.

As a medical student, Ms. McIntyre conducts research to examine the neurocognitive impacts of adverse childhood events (ACEs) in children. With this research she hopes to continue advocating for increased trauma-informed care and influencing health policy. Ms. McIntyre has made important contributions to both her school and community, including her election by peers to leadership positions in the Student National Medical Association and her organization of the annual Minority Health Conference. Off campus, she led multiple community outreach efforts and health fairs. She has also provided mentorship for disadvantaged high school students interested in exploring careers in the health sciences. Ms.

McIntyre currently serves as a co-president for the CDU Medical Class of 2022. She will be applying to Obstetrics/Gynecology residency this Fall.

In her spare time, Denise enjoys learning about the stock market, floral arrangement, and hiking.



### MARIANMU OSUMAH

**Rebecca Lee Crumpler Scholarship | Sandra Bankhead Spirit Scholarship**

As the daughter of two Nigerian immigrants, I did not always have resources to help me excel in school so I had to become a self-sufficient learner. In middle school, I stayed after-class to ask questions and I attempted to understand challenging subjects. As I excelled in school, I grew more confident. However, I was frequently the only black student in my class, making me feel I needed to prove I was there for good reason.

As an undergrad, I gained a balanced academic perspective through my dual majors. Neuroscience trained me to question, seek information, and use logic, while African American studies provided me a keen understanding of the multidimensionality of human existence, as well as a strong foundation in critical thinking. A combination of qualities that will enable me to both understand the scientific basis of medical research, and remain inclusive while practicing medicine.

As an adult in the workplace, I learned to speak up for myself, though cognizant many people would be put off by a vocal, black woman, imagining me to be "angry." Though my experiences were intimidating and sometimes hurtful, I pushed through with courage and have become a stronger person and communicator.

As a black woman, I have had my competence and worthiness questioned. As a student of critical black theory, I learned about the ways black, female, or low-income patients are overlooked by doctors. As a member of a historically underrepresented group within medicine, I hope to gracefully combat historical trends and be amongst a generation of doctors who can finally remedy this disparity. As COVID-19 claims a disproportionate number of lives of color, awareness of health inequity is more crucial than ever.





## 2021 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



### **JULIANA PAUL**

**Rebecca Lee Crumpler Scholarship | Vena Ricketts/ABWP Community Service | Jeanette Mcpherson Gates Memorial**

I am a fourth-year medical student at the Keck School of Medicine of USC and come from Pasadena, California. I have had a strong interest in medicine since childhood, with an initial fascination with the human body and science. With time, I became increasingly drawn to the aspects of medicine that were not always at the forefront, as well: advocacy, public health, and education.

As I want to uplift traditionally marginalized and silenced voices that are largely Black and Latinx, I majored in Spanish as an undergraduate and concentrated my efforts to help these communities primarily through mentorship, tutoring and teaching. To gain a better sense of public policy, structural competency, and how to analyze populations from a global perspective, I pursued a master's degree in Global Medicine before medical school.

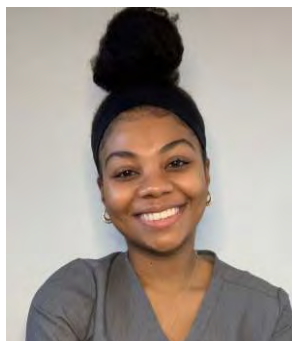
At Keck, I have contributed to initiatives to increase minority representation in medicine as the co-chair of the Minority Health Conference and community service chair of the Student National Medical Association, hosted events to explore issues surrounding social justice and advocacy as co-founder and president of the Social Justice in Medicine Coalition and student leader of the student affairs division of Keck's Anti-Racism Task Force, and am working to address health disparities at LAC+USC Medical Center as a member of the Anti-Racism in Patient Care Task Force. I am currently applying into psychiatry, with the goal of normalizing minority mental health and a special interest in women's mental health and reproductive psychiatry.



### **JASMINE PETERS**

**Rebecca Lee Crumpler Scholarship | Vena Ricketts/ABWP Community Service | Patricia Bath Memorial Scholarship**

Jasmine Peters is a 4th year MD/MPH student at Keck School of Medicine of USC. She was raised on the west side of Akron, OH and went on to study at The Ohio State University where she obtained a degree in Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering. While there she also pursued a minor in Spanish and studied abroad to improve her fluency so that she would be able to connect with her future patients. After starting medical school, she wanted to better understand our healthcare system and study healthcare disparities, so she completed her Master's in Public Health. She developed a research interest in burn care, global health disparities, and public policy. Her goal is to become a reconstructive plastic surgeon who uses her engineering background to push innovation and leverage technology to serve the underserved and improve access to surgical care for ethnic minorities. When not working on her academic pursuits she enjoys doing CrossFit and spending time with her husband and 2 daughters ages 3 and 8 months.



### **SCOTTI SMITH**

**Rebecca Lee Crumpler Scholarship | Vena Ricketts/ABWP Community Service**

I am a third-year medical student at the Keck School of Medicine of USC and come from Pasadena, California. I have had a strong interest in pursuing medicine since childhood, with an initial fascination with the human body and science. With time, I became increasingly drawn to the aspects of medicine that are not always at the forefront, as well: advocacy, public health and education.

As I want to uplift traditionally marginalized and silenced voices that are largely Black and Latinx, I majored in Spanish as an undergraduate and concentrated my efforts to help these communities. To gain a better sense of public policy, structural competency, and how to analyze populations from a global perspective, I pursued my master's degree in Global Medicine at Keck.

At school, I have been a part of initiatives to increase minority representation in medicine as the co-chair of the Minority Health Conference and community service chair of the Student National Medical Association, events to discuss important issues like police brutality and Black maternal mortality rates as co-founder and president of the Social Justice in Medicine Coalition, and am working to address health disparities at LAC+USC Medical Center as a member of the Anti-Racism in Patient Care Task Force, with one of our proposals advocating for the elimination of race in eGFR. Due to the need for more efforts to combat the ongoing disparities disproportionately affecting Black women's health, I would like to specialize in obstetrics and gynecology.





# *Association of Black Women Physicians*

## 2021 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



### **SABINA SPIGNER**

**Rebecca Lee Crumpler Scholarship | Vena Ricketts/ABWP Community Service Scholarships  
Beverly James Memorial Scholarship**

Sabina Spigner is originally from Southern California but has lived in Pennsylvania since 2012 for her college and graduate education. She holds an M.S. in Biology from Chatham University and an M.P.H. from the Jefferson College of Population Health. She graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 2016 with her Bachelor's degree in Neuroscience and Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies. She is currently a third-year medical student at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Sabina's passions align with her research efforts in the fields of medical education, sexual and gender minority healthcare, diversity, equity and inclusion, and reproductive health. Her primary goal is to improve patient care of minoritized and marginalized populations by advancing medical education. Sabina has held leadership roles in her institution's chapters for: Medical Students for Choice, Pitt Medical Student Pride Alliance, and the OBGYN Interest Group. Nationally, Sabina leads the LGBTQ+ medical student organization, Medical Student Pride Alliance, as their Executive Director. Most recently, she was nominated for and awarded the Sally Miller Award for Advocacy on Behalf of the Medically Underserved through her medical school.

Outside of being a medical student, Sabina mentors, inspires, and encourages underrepresented pre-medical students as they navigate applying to medical schools. In her free time, she enjoys pet-sitting for friends, watching TV and movies, and listening to music. Sabina plans to pursue a career as an OB/GYN and aspires to continue working in academic medicine to inspire the next generation of physicians.



### **NICOLE SYDER**

**Rebecca Lee Crumpler Scholarship | Vena Ricketts/ABWP Community Service Scholarships  
Carmen Parrott- Memorial Scholarship**

A rising fourth-year medical student at the Keck School of Medicine of USC, Nicole Syder has demonstrated a strong commitment to working for the advancement of underserved communities of color. Nicole graduated from Stanford University in 2016, double majoring in Human Biology and Africana Studies. After graduation, she completed a Post-Baccalaureate Premedical Program at Bryn Mawr College and was awarded a fellowship to conduct research at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health. As a medical student, she has served as President of the Student National Medical Association, an organization committed to supporting minority medical students and addressing the needs of underserved communities. This year, she is very excited to be serving as the coordinator for a pipeline program called DermRISES, an initiative to expose young Black and Brown students to medicine and dermatology.

Nicole is currently completing a fellowship in Skin of Color and Pigmentary Disorders. She has been committed to expanding the literature on skin of color through her research that has sought to investigate topics such as vitiligo and makeup use, sunscreen use in the Black community, and the differential treatment of patients of color with acne complaints as compared to their white counterparts. Nicole plans to continue these advocacy efforts as she serves on the student advisory board for VisualDx, a widely used platform with the goal of enhancing medical education by providing access to web and application-based learning materials depicting skin conditions in various skin tones.



### **BETSEGA WOLDE**

**Rebecca Lee Crumpler Scholarship | Vena Ricketts/ABWP Community Service Scholarships**

I am a first generation Ethiopian-American that was born and raised in the Northern Virginia area. I received my B.A. in Psychology from The George Washington University and was honored to work in Alzheimer's research at Johns Hopkins after graduation. Shortly after, I moved to Southern California to complete a post baccalaureate program at California State University-Los Angeles. From there, I worked as a medical assistant for a dermatologist in Beverly Hills while applying to medical school.

In the summer of 2018, I started medical school at the Keck School of Medicine at USC. It was here that I found my passion for promoting diversity in medical school and the medical field altogether. I discovered my love for anesthesiology, and I am currently applying for residency. I have hope that I will be able to stay in Southern California and pursue my dream of working in underserved populations here.



# *Congratulations*

*40th ABWP Annual Charity & Scholarship Benefit*

*2021 Rebecca Lee Crumpler Scholarship Recipients*

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*and*

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*Founding Director and Founding President  
Association of Black Women Physicians, Los Angeles*



## *Special Scholarship Awards*

### REBECCA LEE CRUMPLER, MD AND VENA RICKETTS, MD/ABWP COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS



The Association of Black Women Physicians (ABWP) established the Rebecca Lee Davis Crumpler, MD Scholarship Awards in recognition of the first Black woman physician in the United States. Dr. Crumpler graduated from New England Female Medical College in 1864, one year before the end of slavery. The scholarship provides assistance to women medical students, and is awarded based on academic merit, financial need and commitment to the ABWP mission, "...improving public health and welfare through the advancement of knowledge concerning women and community health." Deep appreciation is extended to our donors, supporters and friends whose efforts have enabled us to give over \$600,000 in scholarship awards since 1982.

### CARMEN PARROTT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. Carmen Parrott was a practicing dermatologist in Los Angeles, CA. She grew up in Maryland and completed her training at University of Pennsylvania. After establishing her practice in Los Angeles, Dr. Parrott was very active and engaged with the Association of Black Women Physicians, including a leadership position on the executive board. She was kind, passionate, engaging and a friend to everyone she met. Her humble and kind spirit combined with her brilliance and skill left an indelible impression on the organization. A memorial scholarship in her name was initially established by her mother who understood her commitment to ABWP, and it has continued to be funded by members of the organization each year since its inception.

### ANNA SMITH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. Smith was a beloved psychiatrist and an Association of Black Women Physicians lifetime member. She also raised a daughter, Dr. Anne Staveren, who is a charter member and past-president of the organization. Dr. Smith was dedicated to addressing disparities in mental health for people of color and enhancing wellness in underserved communities. Her memorial scholarship was created to honor her career and commitment to these concerns and is meant to support a student with similar passion and dedication.

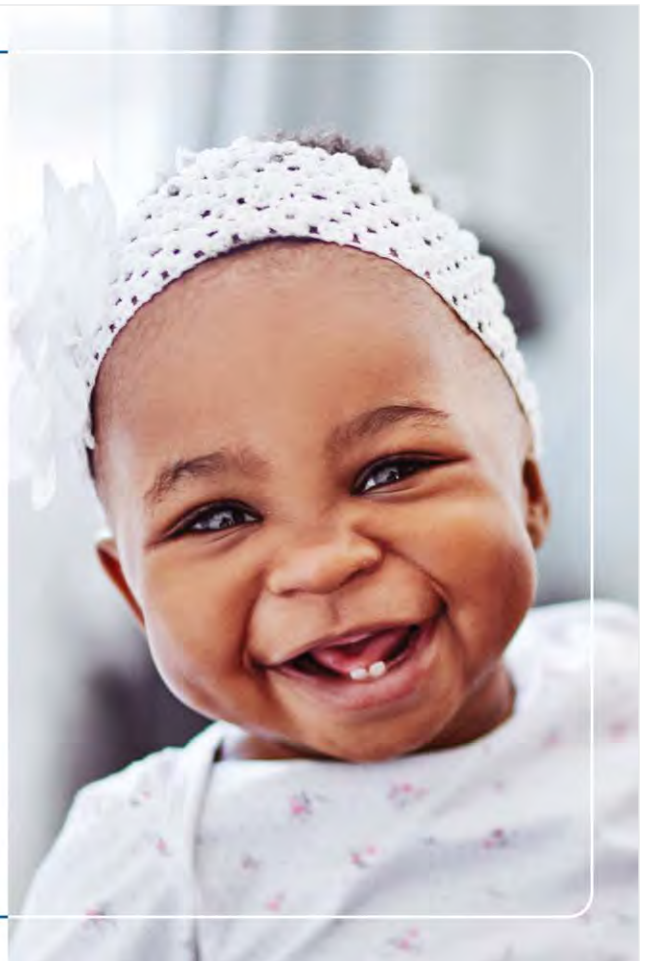


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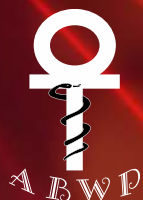
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October 23, 2021

Dear Friends,

I am proud to greet the **Association of Black Women Physicians** as its members gather to celebrate its *40<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity and Scholarship Benefit*.

Founded in 1982 by fifty Black women physicians, the organization focuses on two areas of activity. First, it strives to improve public health and welfare, especially for under-served women and their families, through community education and health advocacy. Second, it aims to provide organized support for Black women pursuing a profession in medicine through networking, mentorship, and awarding scholarships to medical students.

I would like to congratulate the young women receiving ABWP scholarships tonight, as well as this evening's honorees:

- ❖ Dr. Nadine Burke Harris, *Lifetime Achievement Award*
- ❖ Dr. Camara Phyllis Jones, *Lifetime Achievement Award*

I appreciate ABWP's efforts to lift up the value that Black women bring to the practice of medicine; to encourage Black female students in their study of medicine; and to address health disparities across the region. You have my best wishes for a memorable event!

Sincerely,

*Karen Bass*

Karen Bass  
Member of Congress



# Greetings

## California State Senate

SENATOR  
STEVEN C. BRADFORD  
THIRTY-FIFTH SENATE DISTRICT



October 23, 2021

Dear Friends,

It is an honor to congratulate the Association of Black Women Physicians (ABWP) on their **40<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Scholarship Gala**. ABWP has dedicated decades to serving the community by advocating, educating & creating opportunities. I applaud your commitment to bringing the accomplishments of Black women physicians to recognition.

As one of the oldest nonprofit organizations of its kind, representing Black female physicians in practice and training, an association like yours is a central part of the state's welfare and economy. You educate tomorrow's leaders and provide pathways for success through awarding medical students scholarships and mentoring them in your Sister-to-Sister program. Thank you for your impact in our community.

A special congratulations to the 2021 Lifetime Achievement Awardees, Dr. Nadine Burke Harris and Dr. Camara Phyllis Jones. I celebrate with you and your families today and thank you for your continued indispensable work as healthcare workers and mentors. You are so valued and appreciated!

Congratulations once again and best wishes for another successful year!

Sincerely,

STEVEN BRADFORD  
CA State Senator, 35<sup>th</sup> District



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October 23, 2021

**Association of Black Women Physicians**  
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Dear Friends:

It is with distinct honor that I offer congratulations to the Association of Black Women Physicians as you host your 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity & Scholarship Benefit Gala.

It is my honor to congratulate today's honorees Dr. Nadine Burke-Harris and Camara Phyllis Jones for their Lifetime Achievement Awards.

I also join you in recognizing the outstanding work that the Association has been doing through mentorship, legislative advocacy, and health and wellness. I commend the work you are doing to help shape the future of our community.

On behalf of the residents of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District, I applaud all of you for your exemplary accomplishments and I offer my best wishes for continued success in the years ahead.

With warmest regards,

**AUTUMN R. BURKE**  
Assemblywoman, 62<sup>nd</sup> District





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September 30, 2021

Dear Friends and Honored Guests,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Association of Black Women Physicians for their 40th Annual Charity Benefit Fundraiser.

Today, we gather to support the organization's health education programs, advocacy efforts and honor outstanding physicians and community leaders, including our Lifetime Achievement Honorees, State of California Surgeon General Dr. Nadine Burke-Harris, and Physician, Epidemiologist, and Anti-racism Activist, Dr. Camara Phyllis Jones.

As the COVID-19 pandemic disproportionately continues to affect our Black and Brown communities, they have both showed exemplary leadership in their fields and are doing vital work in these unprecedented times. Thank you for all your hard work and congratulations on your recognition!

I also want to commend ABWP for your work this past year and through the decades. Your organization has been instrumental in helping our communities recover from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic as you've all worked tirelessly to care for and keep our communities of color safe and healthy.

On behalf of the residents of Los Angeles County and the Board of Supervisors, I want to congratulate ABWP for more than 40 years of dedicated service and wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

*H. Mitchell*

Holly J. Mitchell  
Supervisor, Second District



# Greetings



ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

October 23, 2021

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, congratulations to the Association of Black Women Physicians on their 40th Annual Charity & Scholarship Benefit.

Since 1982, ABWP has placed an emphasis on women's health and recognizes the importance of education for Black women in the health and wellness community. Tonight, we celebrate their exemplary leadership and all they have contributed to our city of Angels..

I would like to congratulate tonight's honorees, recipients of Our Lifetime Achievement Award State of California Surgeon General, Dr. Nadine Burke Harris, and Physician, Epidemiologist, and Anti-racism Activist, Dr. Camara Phyllis Jones.

I send my best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

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