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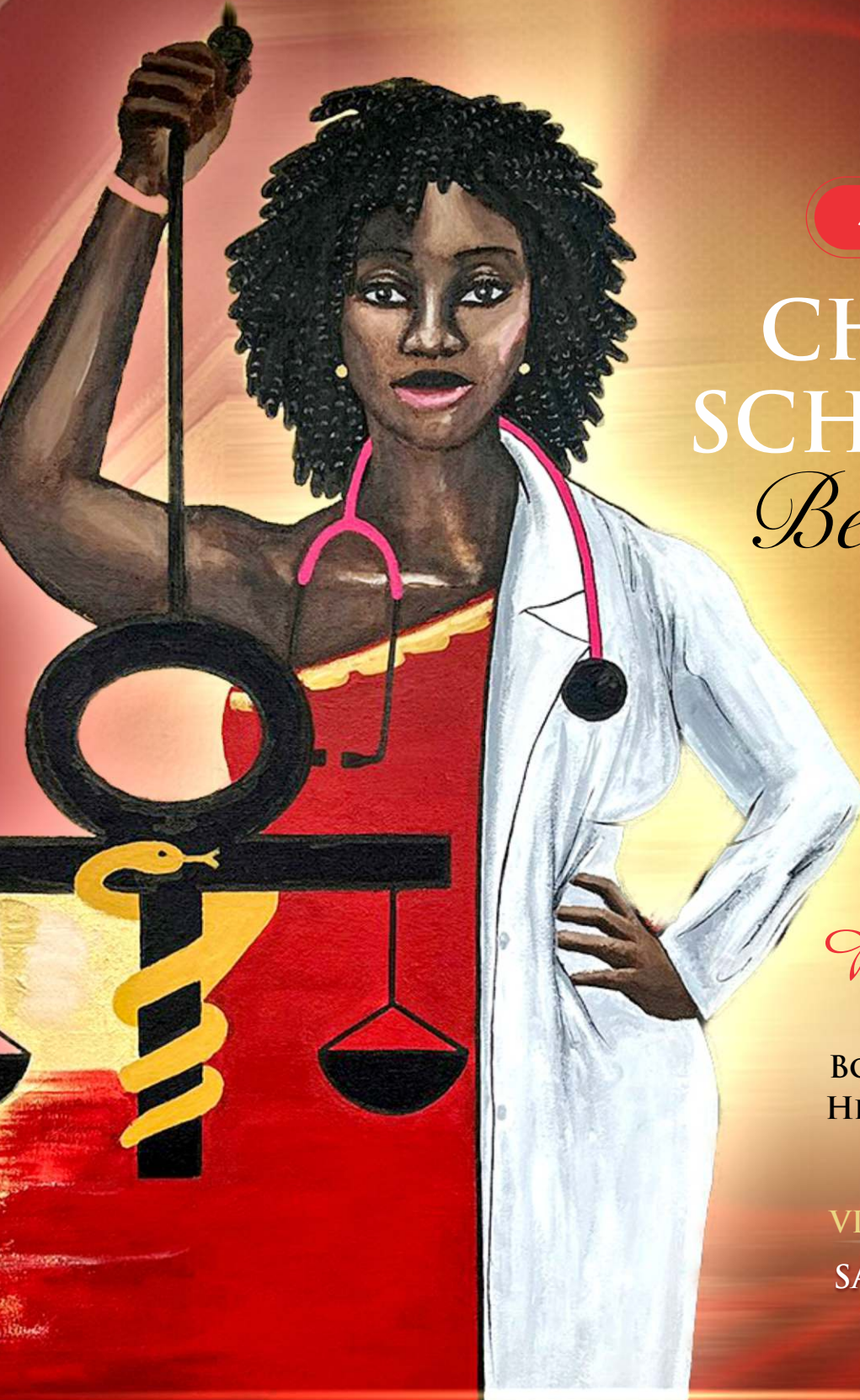
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ABWP OVERVIEW VIDEO

*Special Guest Elected Official Appearances*

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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 40 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

**O**n behalf of the Association of Black Women Physicians (ABWP), I welcome you to our 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Charity & Scholarship Benefit Gala aptly themed *Regal & Revolutionary: 40 Years of Boldly Advocating for Health Equity and Justice*.

For over four decades, the Association of Black Women Physicians (ABWP) has been the leader in medicine and public health, advocating for women physicians of color and the patients who trust us. The mission set forth by our Founding Members remains the same though our approach has evolved to keep pace with the changing times. The Association from its inception has focused on serving black and brown communities, recognizing the disparate representation of African-Americans among the physician workforce and the issues of inequity in medical care delivery systems that have long plagued us. Black women physicians have held their crowned heads high while executing the revolutionary work of challenging the status quo, unafraid to upset the “natural” order to achieve our goals.

Queenly, dignified, our member roster is replete with regal revolutionaries in healthcare such as the first African American woman astronaut, Dr. Mae Jemison, the Inventors Hall of Fame inductee who transformed cataract surgery, Dr. Patricia Bath, and Dr. Josephine Isabel-Jones, ABWP Founding Member and the first black woman Pediatric Cardiologist in the United States! Wearing white hospital coats as capes, these trailblazers defied the odds and demonstrated the beauty of excellence in diversity.

Since our last Charity Benefit, ABWP members received special recognition on myTurn.CA.gov throughout the Black History Month observance for our unwavering educational and advocacy work in the fight against COVID-19 during the California Department of Public Health's Keep It 100 campaign.

Through our partnerships with the March of Dimes and First 5 LA, Alzheimer's Association, Maria Shriver & the Women's Alzheimer's Movement, the UCLA Center for the Study of Racism, Social Justice & Health, and Gilead Sciences, ABWP established programs to combat health disparities and the public health crisis of racism. We continued to pursue equity in Black infant and maternal health while amplifying the forgotten pandemic at the other end of the lifespan, Alzheimer's dementia in the Black community. ABWP's advocacy efforts have raised awareness about the need to stop generations of institutional racism in healthcare by advancing Black participation in research, not only in the Alzheimer's space, but also regarding sickle cell disease, ensuring greater access to treatments. Our members showed up and showed out at the first KJLH Women's Health Expo since the pandemic, an opportunity to educate our core community on how to navigate a complicated healthcare system.

ABWP influenced policy efforts by endorsing tobacco and gun violence reform and stood in solidarity with the reproductive justice movement after the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, a decision that left far fewer options for anyone seeking safe reproductive healthcare in low-income and rural communities. ABWP prioritized our student members through the enhancement of our Sister-2-Sister Program, offering mentor-match experiences to our members across the nation. We've also donated to other like-minded nonprofits, including attorney activist Areva Martin's Special Needs Network, and the Jenesse Center for domestic abuse treatment.

All of these noble endeavors did not go unnoticed. ABWP recently was awarded the prestigious Frank E. Staggers, Sr., M.D., Outstanding Ethnic Physician Organization Award by the Physicians for a Healthy California (PHC) for “taking significant action in improving the health of our communities, successfully engaging physicians to be community advocates, and reducing health disparities!” As President, I am in awe of what we have been able to achieve building on the vision of the regal and revolutionary Black women physicians that came before us!

This evening is a celebration of all that is good in our industry. Congratulations to our Lifetime Achievement Award honoree, Dr. Barbara Ross-Lee, and Humanitarian of the Year honoree, Dr. Jerry P. Abraham! The Association of Black Women Physicians commends your exemplary promotion of health equity and contributions to public health. Additionally, congratulations to the future leaders of ABWP and healthcare — our scholarship recipients! You have a family for life in ABWP.

We appreciate the work of our Chairwoman, President-Elect Dr. Renee M. Poole, our Charity Benefit committee volunteers, and all who contributed to the success of this year's program! Your efforts allow our continued success.

Fundraising initiatives like today's telecast have provided much-needed scholarships to academically outstanding Black women to help reduce the financial burden of pursuing a medical degree. ABWP is able to do this work because of community partners and sponsors like SCAN, Anthem, McPherson & Sway, Optum, Blue Shield, Kaiser Permanente, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, Molina Healthcare, David Geffen School of Medicine, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, the Cooperative of American Physicians...and countless other generous benefactors.

To help expand the reach of the Association of Black Women Physicians, please share the link to this event on your personal pages and give a tax-deductible donation during our live GiveSmart campaign this evening. Thank you all for supporting our mission and gilding the crowns of future Black women physicians!

For the People,

*Cozzette  
Lyons-Jones*

Cozzette Lyons-Jones,  
MD, MPH, FACP  
ABWP President







# President-Elect's MESSAGE

**A**s chair of the 2022 Charity & Scholarship Benefit, I bring greetings and gratitude. Thank you for joining us as we honor and celebrate the past, present, and future of the Association of Black Women Physicians (ABWP).

This year, we celebrate 40 years of exemplary service and commitment to the community. This year's theme is Regal and Revolutionary: 40 years of Boldly Advocating for Health Equity and Justice.

We honor our past by celebrating the legacy of those ABWP charter members who we've recently lost. We stand on their shoulders to continue the legacy left behind.

We celebrate and honor two distinguished leaders in medicine. 2022 Lifetime Achievement Awardee, Dr. Barbara Ross-Lee, is an osteopathic medicine pioneer and is the first African American woman to serve as a Dean of a US medical school. Our 2022 Humanitarian Award is granted to a true servant leader, Dr. Jerry Abraham- the champion for vaccine equity.

ABWP's future and the future of medicine is in fact hopeful and bright. We are very proud of our 2022 scholarship recipients, an exceptional group of future physicians. To date, we have awarded over \$800,000 in scholarships to defray medical school expenses. This is only possible with your continued support.

Tonight, we hope this celebratory event will inspire you to champion our cause and to make a financial contribution. We will continue our quest and boldly advocate for the betterment of our community and support our future black physicians. Thank you again for your time and your ongoing support. Thank you to Sabra Waddy of Splendid Affairs, Paula Bond and her team of First Options Entertainment and to all those who lent their time and talents to ensure we had a successful event. Thank you.

In health and service,

*Renee M. Poole*

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# MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES



## TAMMI MAC

### KJLH RADIO PERSONALITY

**T**he 3-time NAACP award winning, Tammi Mac was hand-picked by the legendary Stevie Wonder to host the number one afternoon radio show, “The Tammi Mac Show” from 3-7pm daily on his Los Angeles owned 102.3 KJLH. “The Tammi Mac Show” is rated number one in Los Angeles with African Americans.

The Tammi Mac Show is not only relegated to radio. Mac has struck a deal with Fox TV's new digital platform Fox Soul, to bring the “Tammi Mac Late Show” to television (digitally), every night on Fox Soul.TV and KTVU San Francisco.

Mac is also a beast on the big and small screen as she has recurred on the Lee Daniels FOX TV show, STAR and recurs on the Netflix show On My Block and has co-starred on BET's Games People Play. She has appeared in over a dozen national television commercials, currently Toyota, McDonald's and even an Amazon Super Bowl commercial with Ellen DeGeneras.

Mac's one woman show, Bag Lady has garnered, Best One Person Show, Best Playwright and Best Producer awards. The show was commissioned by the AIDS Healthcare Foundation and has toured nationally. She is represented by MMV Agency and can be heard on national commercials and movie trailers. Find more on IG @TheTammiMacShow and twitter @MsTammimac.



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## SPECIAL GUEST

# CHRIS TUCKER

ACTOR, COMEDIAN  
& HUMANITARIAN

**C**hristopher “Chris” Tucker, is an American actor and comedian. Tucker was born in Atlanta, Georgia, to Mary Louise (Bryant) and Norris Tucker.

After graduating from high school, Tucker made a change to move to Hollywood from Georgia to pursue a career in show business. He found himself a frequent guest on the Def Comedy Jam (1992). Tucker was noted for doing exceptionally "clean", non-vulgar stand-up comedy routines. Tucker states his inspirations for comedy are Eddie Murphy and Richard Pryor.

Tucker made his film debut in House Party 3 (1994), alongside stars such as Bernie Mac, Marques Houston, and Khandi Alexander. In 1995 Tucker appeared in one of his most notable and hilarious films, Friday (1995), alongside Ice Cube. Tucker's character,

Smokey, was a drug addict who was an energetic and outlandish person. Films such as Friday (1995) showed Tucker's television-comedy styling was very different from his stand-up. In 1995, Tucker also appeared in another film, Dead Presidents (1995).

1997 was the busiest year of Tucker's career. He starred in three hit movies all in the same year: The Fifth Element (1997), Money Talks (1997), and Jackie Brown (1997). Tucker co-starred and exec. produced Money Talks with Charlie Sheen and appeared in Luc Besson's The Fifth Element before beginning work on the highly commercially successful Rush Hour films playing the role of Detective James Carter.

Rush Hour (1998) grossed more than \$200 million worldwide. This resulted in two additional sequels, Rush Hour 2 (2001) and Rush Hour 3 (2007). In 2006, Tucker got a deal on his Rush Hour 3 (2007) contract that paid \$25 million, making him the highest-paid actor in Hollywood at that time.

In 2001, Tucker also was in a music video with friend, pop legend Michael Jackson, in the music video, "You Rock My World."

In 2012, Tucker appeared in the Oscar nominated film "Silver Lining Playbook" with Robert DeNiro, Jennifer Lawrence and Bradley Cooper.

Tucker is also a humanitarian and spends much of his spare time traveling and working with his foundation. ABWP thanks him for his generous support of his time and contributions.





# INVOCATION



## MONICA R. CARTER-SOARIS M.B.A.

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**F**irst and foremost, Ms. Monica R. Carter-Soaris is a beautiful spirited Woman of God, consummate business woman, licensed financial strategist/realtor/real estate investor, author, and public motivational speaker. She has a human resources executive background for fortune 500 companies/entertainment. Her foundation is wealth management with coaching professionals all over the world about tax-advantage concepts for professionals, doctors, nurses, attorneys, families, business owners, athletes, etc. She is well grounded, has an infectious personality and purpose to empower women and young girls to shine. Monica is a woman who believes there are no limits to what anyone can accomplish. Her motto is.... "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me." Everything she does may look glamorous and easy, but many aspects of her life have not been without challenges or obstacles. Born in the 'Show Me State,' St Louis, MO, however, she has been in Southern California since she was four years old. and always advocating for change.

She received her M.B.A. degree in 2001. She attributes her success to differentiating herself from the norm and being a trusted advisor to her clients. Her infectious personality empowers anyone who has the opportunity to be advised by her.

She believes, faith, perseverance, tenacity, giving, knowledge, and persistence is key to accomplishing your dreams. If you never give up, stay positive and keep negativity from your mindset, there is no limit to the sky for you! Everyone has a purpose and you will fulfill it, if you stay the course in your own lane, not someone else's! Keep dreaming and believing you can and you will!



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## NIO RENEÉ

R&B RECORDING ARTIST,  
VOCALIST & SONGWRITER



**NIO RENEÉ** was born in Los Angeles, CA into a talented family in the music industry. She is the oldest daughter of Ronald Wilson formally of the Legendary groups Bloodstone and The Temptations. The apple didn't fall too far from the tree. At the age of five, she wrote her first song and it was immediately apparent to her family that she was full of extraordinary talent. Her passion for entertainment had been set ablaze and when she turned 12 years old, she embarked on her professional singing and acting career in Germany for the American Forces Network.

NIO RENEÉ has a versatile singing style that crosses many genres that bring together elements of Jazz, R&B, Soul, Blues and Funk along with Rock, Pop, Hip Hop and Dance music. Her live performances are energized, moving and exciting. She has shared her gifts with amazing artists such as Mariah Carey, Chaka Khan, Rod Stewart, Cher, Charo, Al Jarreau, Tevin Campbell, Ce Ce Peniston, Snoop Dogg and Maklemore, including China's very own Jane Zhang (Zhang Lianying).

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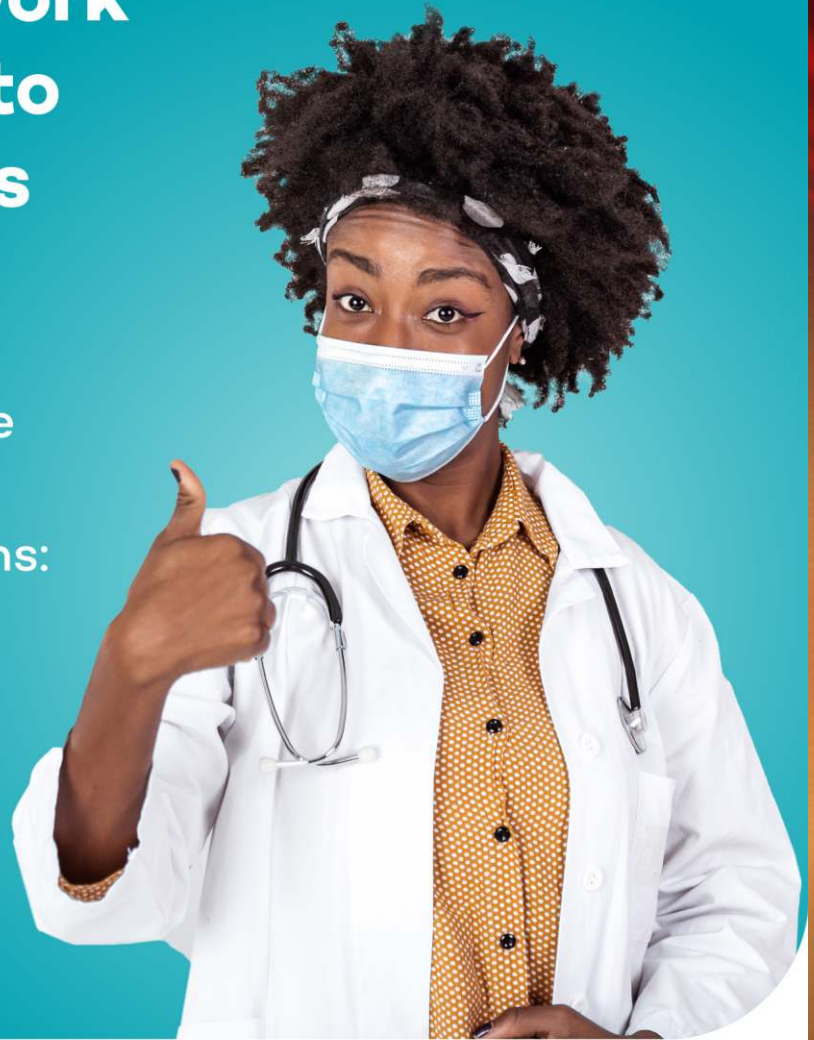
**DJ Ari-4Rari** is a passionate Los Angeles-based DJ known for her multi-genre mixing. Her love for music derives from her professional and educational background in the arts and general love of spreading joy and connecting people through music.

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. As a female DJ, she is helping to diversify the industry and get the party started along the way! Follow her on Instagram @djari4rari.



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## BARBARA ROSS-LEE D.O., FACOPP

PRESIDENT,  
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**Barbara Ross-Lee, DO** served as Vice President for Health Sciences and Medical Affairs (VPHSMA) at NYIT from 2001 until 2017. Additionally, during that time, she served as interim Dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine and interim Dean of the School of Health Professions. In November 2014, Dr. Ross-Lee became the Inaugural Dean for NYITCOM at A-State, where she also served as CEO of its Academic Health Centers and President of its Faculty Practice Plan while continuing service as VPHSMA of NYIT. Dr. Ross-Lee is a nationally recognized expert on health policy issues and serves as an advisor on primary care, medical education, minority health, women's health, and rural health care issues on the federal and state levels. She is the founding director of the AOA Health Policy Fellowship Program, which prepares mid-career osteopathic physicians for leadership roles in health care. Dr. Ross-Lee is also the Founding Director of the Training in Policy Studies (TIPS) for osteopathic resident physicians.

Dr. Ross-Lee is the first African American woman to serve as dean of a United States medical school (Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine, 1993 - 2001). She is also the first osteopathic physician to participate in the Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy

Fellowship. Dr. Ross-Lee served as a commissioned officer, United States Naval Reserves Medical Corps, achieving the rank of Captain. She lectures both nationally and internationally and has published numerous scholarly articles on a variety of medical and healthcare issues. She is the recipient of nine honorary degrees and many national awards. Most recently, the ACGME Annual Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award was named the Barbara Ross-Lee, DO DEI Award in her honor.

Ross-Lee has served as: Chair of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) Council of Presidents; Chair of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Council on Pre-doctoral Education (pre-dating COCA); and Chair of the Board of the Association of Academic Health Centers (AAHC). In 2012, Dr. Ross-Lee was appointed by the Institute of Medicine to serve as a member of the Consensus Committee on the Governance and Financing of GME which was responsible for recommending reforms to the GME system. Dr. Ross-Lee assumed the position of President-elect of the American Osteopathic Foundation in January 2021 and currently serves as President of the AOF effective January 2022.

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# Humanitarian AWARD

## JERRY P. ABRAHAM MD, MPH, CMQ

DIRECTOR & CHIEF VACCINOLOGIST  
KEDREN VACCINES



**Dr. Jerry P. Abraham** serves as an advocate for equal access to public health and healthcare for all people across Los Angeles. Throughout his time working as the Director & Chief Vaccinologist of Kedren Vaccines + Kedren Mobile, he has fought for several minority groups' right to reliable and nondiscriminatory treatment including advocacy for Black, LatinX, Asian/Pacific Islander, American Indian-Native Alaskan, and LGBTQIA+ communities. Through a mixture of avid social activism, dedicated community outreach, and an extensive history of medical experience, Dr. Abraham has spent his career working to innovate and democratize healthcare delivery in order to put patients first and to break down institutional barriers that keep underserved groups from receiving care.

Dr. Abraham is a graduate of multiple medical institutions including the Emory University Rollins School of Public Health, Harvard University School of Public Health, The University of Texas School of Medicine, and the University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine. On top of his educational history, he is also a leader of several prestigious organizations such as Councilor of the American Medical Association, member of the American Public Health Association, Delegate of the United States Pharmacopeia, Trustee of the California Medical Association, President-Elect of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, and many more.

He serves on the Faculty of the Charles Drew University School of Medicine, the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, and the USC Keck School of Medicine. As Director of Kedren Vaccines: A Division of Kedren Community Health Center Inc., he has fully repositioned Kedren Health to serve as the lead responder for COVID-19 testing, vaccinations, and therapeutics in Los Angeles County providing over 450,000 tests and over 300,000 vaccines with a keen focus to South Los Angeles, earning international and national acclaim. His program has allowed residents of underprivileged neighborhoods, those without reliable transportation, and people experiencing homelessness to be provided access not only to the vaccine itself but also a reliable patient education on vaccination safety. This effort has saved countless lives, and further kept the community

safe in these unprecedented times. Dr. Abraham has also won several awards for his dedicated clinical work including the 2021 Hero of Family Medicine Award for his passionate advocacy for patients, colleagues, and the family medicine specialty. He has also been acknowledged for his community-based efforts receiving the 2022 Community Service Award from the California Department of Public Health, the Compassionate Physician of the Year from the California Medical Association CMA, and the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles GMCLA Voice Award. In addition to his many awards and recognitions, he has also gained public esteem via multiple media appearances on national news sources such as CNN, MBC, MSNBC, and more.

His passion for furthering the rights of underserved and underrepresented communities and expanding the bounds of traditional medical care as well as his deep love for the people of Los Angeles has shaped his career. Dr. Abraham will continue to be one of the driving forces in the overall efforts to improve the public access to healthcare for all people.

Dr. Abraham specializes in the care of people experiencing housing insecurity, patients with substance use & addiction, the care of migrant workers, the treatment of chronic pain in vulnerable populations, delivering high-quality primary care to severely mentally ill patients, reintegration and re-entry care for patients with histories of incarceration. Additionally, Dr. Abraham's mobile portfolio of work includes: Public Health initiatives: increasing school-based childhood vaccination rates in South LA; increasing chronic disease, cancer, and mental health screenings; reducing Black maternal & child mortality; reducing gun-violence & inconsistent policing; addressing social determinants of health: homelessness, food insecurity, and economic empowerment; Ending the Epidemics (HIV/AIDS, STIs including congenital syphilis, Viral Hepatitis); addressing Climate Health via adaptation, mitigation, and education strategies including decarbonizing the health sector -- and now providing whole-person, total COVID-19 care including testing, vaccines, therapeutics, long-COVID care, patient education & community engagement.





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### JESSICA EKEYA

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



### JANINE CADET

**Rebecca Lee Crumpler Scholarship | Vena Ricketts/ABWP Community Service  
Sandra Bankhead Spirit Scholarship Recipient**

Janine Cadet was born and raised in Newark, NJ. She attended Princeton University with a major in Public and International Affairs. Following undergraduate schooling, she completed a one-year Princeton Fellowship by working for New Alternatives for Children, a foster care and adoption agency in New York City. She then moved to Los Angeles to attend Keck School of Medicine. During her third year of medical school, she took one gap year to complete a Master's in Public Health at USC with a concentration in Health Services and Policy. Currently, Janine is in her fourth year of medical school and applying into Emergency Medicine. She hopes to balance a career as a practicing physician and public health

professional that can improve outcomes of many communities in the future



### DAYNA GRUNDY

**Rebecca Lee Crumpler Scholarship | Carmen Parott Scholarship  
CDU School of Medicine Named Recipient**

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

Through clinical shadowing at Western's Women 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 identified disparities in the location and pricing of contraception and other reproductive services and was presented at the Society of Family Planning's 2019 Annual Meeting. In the summer of 2021, she participated in the Summer Urban Health Fellowship where she mentored high school and undergraduate students, conducted COVID-19 research, and facilitated an anti-racism curriculum. In her second year, she continued to be an agent of change by co-founding the Los Angeles Medical Student Volunteers, a program that gave students opportunities to volunteer in the greater Los Angeles area.

She has aspirations of becoming a urologist, obstetrician-gynecologist, or family medicine physician.



## 2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



### NAHID HOWARD

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

I grew up the third born out of six children in a suburban Southern California town. My father is a military veteran from the Lower 9th Ward in New Orleans. My mother is a homemaker from South Sudan who came to America in the 1980's. For my parents, providing educational opportunities for their children in America meant assimilating by physically distancing themselves from almost every aspect that defined their identities and culture. My awareness of how my parents assimilated and the severe lack of racial diversity in my hometown pushed me to look at the American educational ecosystem. Because I was the only Black student in my high school advanced placement courses, I understood that attending universities with more socioeconomically diverse populations would show me opportunities for deeper self-acceptedness and how to care for the less fortunate. When I was seven years old, I traumatically lost the vision in my left eye. Several months later, I was fitted with a prosthetic eye with a tiny red flower printed on the very top. For the next ten years, I would have more doctor visits than all my siblings combined. My healthcare team's commitment to ensuring that my loss didn't limit my capabilities ignited my curiosity into medicine. That flower eventually dug its roots into my future and blossomed into my intention to practice medicine so I could affect the lives of many in the same profound way mine had been. My path was clear; I wanted to be a doctor.



### ALLISON LEGGETT

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

Allison Gabriella Leggett, MS, is a fourth-year medical student in the combined Charles R. Drew/UCLA Medical Education Program. As a medical student, Allison has served as the Co-president of her class over the past three years where she served as a liaison between students and faculty at her university, and currently serves as the elected student representative on the Board of Trustees. Her passion for health literacy, food equity, and culinary medicine has led her to begin designing a city-wide nutrition curriculum for LAUSD's school district, laying the foundation for nutrition literacy and STEM interest among youth. She has participated in UCLA's Teaching Kitchen and has contributed to multidisciplinary discussion regarding the importance of nutrition education in medical schools. She recently obtained a MS in Bioinformatics at UCLA on full-scholarship—exploring the geographic distribution of prediabetes and SNAP in LA. She plans to continue to combat health inequities through a career in health policy and preventive medicine within primary care.



### JESSICA MALISA

**Rebecca Lee Crumpler Scholarship | Vena Ricketts/ABWP Community Service  
Optum Named 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. My goal has been to treat diverse populations using both scientific knowledge and cultural awareness to address medical issues. Experiencing the heavy feelings that come with being othered, I want to bridge the gap between scientific knowledge and cultural competency for my future patients



## 2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



### SHAMI-IYABO MITCHELL

**Rebecca Lee Crumpler Scholarship, Vena Ricketts/ABWP Community Service/CDU Named Scholarship**

Shami-Iyabo Mitchell spent her early years in Cleveland, Ohio with her father, mother, and sister and is a resident of California. Ms. Mitchell received her masters in bioethics from Columbia University as a means of identifying and appropriately addressing her own personal bias prior to entering the field of medicine. She hopes to use an interdisciplinary lens to serve the needs of patients from underserved backgrounds.

Her professional, academic, and personal pursuits are centered around her commitment to health advocacy in under-resourced communities. Growing up in East Cleveland where the median household income was 22,000 and where there was limited access to medical care, she found numerous ways of connecting and volunteering with her community then and now as a second year medical student in the UCLA/CDU PRIME Medical Education Program including being a math

teacher for adult learners, volunteering for Black Women for Wellness, the Atlanta Food Bank, the Emory Autism center, and coordinating a vaccine site amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms. Mitchell's most rewarding experience stems from the efforts she's made to reestablish trust of medicine and research within her community. Growing up in an underserved community with a historical mistrust of the healthcare system has allowed Ms. Mitchell to be more empathetic and understanding of the systems of socialization that can harm the health of many patients. She hopes to give a voice to the voiceless communities negatively impacted by the lack of access to resources which could inform their health status.



### MARIANMU OSUMAH

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

Growing up, Marianmu did not always have the resources to help her excel in school, so she had to transition into a self-sufficient learner because that is what was required. In middle school, Marianmu willingly sacrificed her lunch periods to ask her teacher clarifying questions about the course material. Since she was young, she has been adamant about understanding challenging subjects. Her zeal for knowledge has enabled her to progress through school and grow confident in her abilities. Though Marianmu was frequently the only Black student in her classes, making her feel she needed to prove she was there for good reason, she was able to graduate from the University of California, Los Angeles with a dual degree in Neuroscience and African-American studies. Her training in Neuroscience encouraged her to seek information and use logic, while African American studies provided her a keen understanding of the multidimensionality of human existence, as well as helped her build a strong foundation in critical thinking. A combination of qualities that have

allowed her to understand the scientific basis of medical research and remain inclusive while practicing medicine.

As an adult in the workplace, she learned to speak up for herself, though cognizant that many people would be put off by a vocal, Black woman, imagining her to be "angry." Marianmu's experiences were intimidating and sometimes hurtful, but pushed her to develop courage and become a stronger person and communicator. As a Black woman, she has had her competence and worthiness questioned. As a student of critical Black theory, she learned about the ways Black, female, or low-income patients are overlooked by doctors. Now as a member of a historically underrepresented group within medicine, Marianmu is working 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.



### SCOTTI SMITH

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

Scotti is originally from Detroit, Michigan, where she attended Wayne State University, obtaining a Bachelor of Science in the Biological Sciences in 2019. While at Wayne State, she participated in many extracurricular activities, volunteering opportunities, and research that sparked her interest in medicine and primary/preventative care. During her gap year from 2019-2020, she worked as an ABA technician for children with Autism at Gateway Pediatric Therapy and as a clinical team member at Michigan Spine and Brain Surgeons, both located in Metro Detroit. Currently, she is in her second year at the Keck School of Medicine of USC. She is a member of the Primary Care Program, where she has participated in community service projects within the Los Angeles area.

She has also been actively mentoring high school and undergraduate students interested in the healthcare field. Recently, she has joined the Board of the Lactation Training Initiative at USC, whose goal is to bring workshop and curriculum updates to the medical students at Keck to improve their knowledge and understanding of lactation and breastfeeding. Her current career goals include participation in efforts to further reduce the health disparities experienced by the underserved communities in our society. She is currently interested in pursuing a career in family medicine with a focus on women's health.





## 2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



### SABINA SPIGNER

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

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 fourth-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 health/healthcare, diversity, equity and inclusion, and reproductive/sexual health. Her primary goal is to improve patient care for 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 Medical Student Pride Alliance organization as its Executive Director. Most recently, she was inducted into her medical school's Charles G. Watson Chapter of the Arnold P. Gold Humanism Honor Society.

Outside of being a medical student, Sabina uses her social media platforms to mentor, inspire, and encourage underrepresented pre-medical students as they navigate applying to medical schools. In her free time, she enjoys playing video games, watching TV and movies with her Fiancée, and listening to music. Sabina is currently applying to OB/GYN residencies 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**

A 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 found a great deal of passion in serving as the coordinator for 2 community service initiatives with the goal of exposing young Black and Brown children as well as community members to medicine and dermatology: DermRISES and Dermcommunity.

Nicole just completed a fellowship in Skin of Color and Pigmentary Disorders and is applying to dermatology this year. 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 lack of skin of color in medical educational resources. Nicole plans to continue these advocacy efforts as she enters her final year of medical school and for the duration of her medical career.



### CHARNISE TAYLOR

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

Charnise Taylor is a 4th-year medical student in the Charles R. Drew/UCLA Prime-Leadership and Advocacy program. She is from Los Angeles, California and completed her undergraduate studies at Loyola Marymount University with a degree in Biochemistry. Last year, she completed a Master's In Clinical Research with a concentration in Bioinformatics. She has a passion for being involved in health advocacy and has a strong desire to be a physician for the community of South Los Angeles. As a second-year medical student, she continued advancing her leadership capabilities as the co-president of UCLA/Drew SNMA Chapter, in which her focus was to provide students of color with avenues of opportunities to foster a desire to practice medicine with vulnerable populations. Charnise's goal is to become an anesthesiologist and physician-leader informaticist, advocating for patients in the operating room and improving health technologies in the under-resourced healthcare institutions of Los Angeles.

# CHARITY & SCHOLARSHIP *Benefit Gala*

## *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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October 22, 2022

Dear Friends,

It is an honor to congratulate the **Association of Black Women Physicians (ABWP)** on their **41st Annual Charity Scholarship Gala**. ABWP has dedicated decades to enriching our community through opportunity. I thank you for your dedication to bringing the accomplishments of Black women physicians to the forefront.

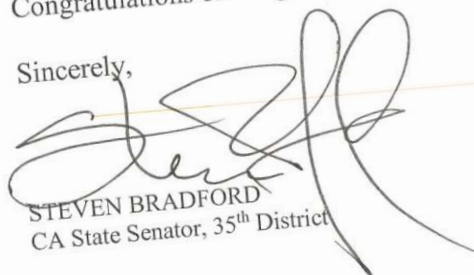
As one of the oldest nonprofit organizations of its kind, representing Black female physicians in practice and training, an association like yours is a central part of the state's welfare and economy. You create pathways for our future leaders in the medical profession and provide a platform for black women to succeed.

A special congratulations to the 2022 Lifetime Achievement Awardee, Barbara Ross-Lee, D.O., FACOPP President and Humanitarian Awardee Jerry P. Abraham, MD MPH CMQ and Director & Chief Vaccinologist. It is a delight to honor you and your accomplishments, we thank you for your continued commitment and dedication to healthcare.

You are so valued and appreciated!

Congratulations once again and best wishes for another successful year!

Sincerely,

  
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October 22, 2022

Dear Association of Black Women Physicians,

It is an honor to celebrate your 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Charity and Scholarship Benefit Gala with this year's theme, ***Regal and Revolutionary, 40 Years of Advocating for Health Equity and Justice***. The theme is fitting as you spend the evening recognizing your extraordinary professional achievements as current physicians, while also contributing to that legacy through awarding scholarships to 11 aspiring, highly competitive medical students.

In the spirit of celebrating the past, present and future of excellence and advocacy, I celebrate the two amazing physician honorees: **Dr. Barbara Ross-Lee**, receiving the *2022 Lifetime Achievement Award*, and Los Angeles' own, **Dr. Jerry Abraham**, receiving the *2022 Humanitarian Award*. Kudos to you both for your impact in health equity in the wake of a global pandemic that took so much from us. Your contributions cannot be understated, and I wish you both continued success.

On behalf of the State Senate, we thank the Association, honorees, scholarship recipients, and you, the network of supporters and donors, for the ways in which you have positively impacted the lives of people and patients from communities of color, especially those students who reside in my District. This year's Gala celebrates the ongoing commitment to this service and the growing network of Black women physicians that will continue this labor of love. Thank you again for your commitment to the District!

Sincerely,

Sydney Kamlager,  
Senator, 30th District



# Greetings



Dear friends,

I want to congratulate the Association of Black Women Physicians for their outstanding work in our community and their commitment to the development of students seeking entrance into the medical field with the support of the association's Annual Scholarship program.

Additionally, I would like to congratulate Dr. Renee Poole on becoming the newly elected President of the association. Under your leadership the organization will no doubt flourish.

I wish everyone a wonderful evening of celebration and continued success.

Sincerely,

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September 26, 2022

Dear Friends and Honored Guests:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Association of Black Women Physicians (ABWP) 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Charity & Scholarship Benefit Gala. Today, we gather to support this organization's dedicated commitment to health education programs, advocacy efforts and to honor outstanding physicians and leaders who have risen to meet the complex challenges facing our communities.

I am privileged to honor the revolutionary work of the first African American woman to serve as Dean of a U.S. medical school and the current President of the American Osteopathic Foundation, Barbara Ross-Lee, D.O. with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Ross-Lee not only excels as an expert in primary care she has also paved the way for future generations of medical professionals by working to reform the graduate medical education system.

I am proud to honor Jerry P. Abraham, MD, MPH, CMQ, with the Humanitarian Award. As Program Director of Kedren Vaccines, he has been a champion for equitable vaccine distribution in communities of color. Dr. Abraham has led Kedren's COVID-19 testing, vaccination and therapeutics program with over 450,000 tests and 300,000 vaccines delivered over the course of the pandemic.

The Association of Black Women Physicians has been instrumental in helping our communities recover from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and has worked tirelessly to care for and keep our communities safe and healthy. On behalf of the residents of the Second Supervisorial District and throughout Los Angeles County, thank you ABWP for more than 40 years of dedicated service. I wish you continued success.

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ERIC GARCETTI  
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October 22, 2022

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, welcome to the 41st Annual Charity and Scholarship Benefit Gala, presented by the Association of Black Women Physicians.

For over four decades, the Association of Black Women Physicians has been a catalyst and a force of change — providing women not only with the resources necessary to continue their studies but pushing them to improve their communities through their profession.

I commend the Association of Black Women Physicians for their dedication to the public health and welfare of communities of color throughout our city. Tonight, we celebrate their exemplary leadership and all they have contributed to our city of Angels.

I would like to congratulate tonight's honorees, recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award: President of the American Osteopathic Foundation, Dr. Barbara Ross-Lee and the Humanitarian Award: Director and Chief Vaccinologist - Kedren Vaccines, Dr. Jerry P. Abraham.

I send my best wishes for a memorable event and continued success.

Sincerely,



ERIC GARCETTI  
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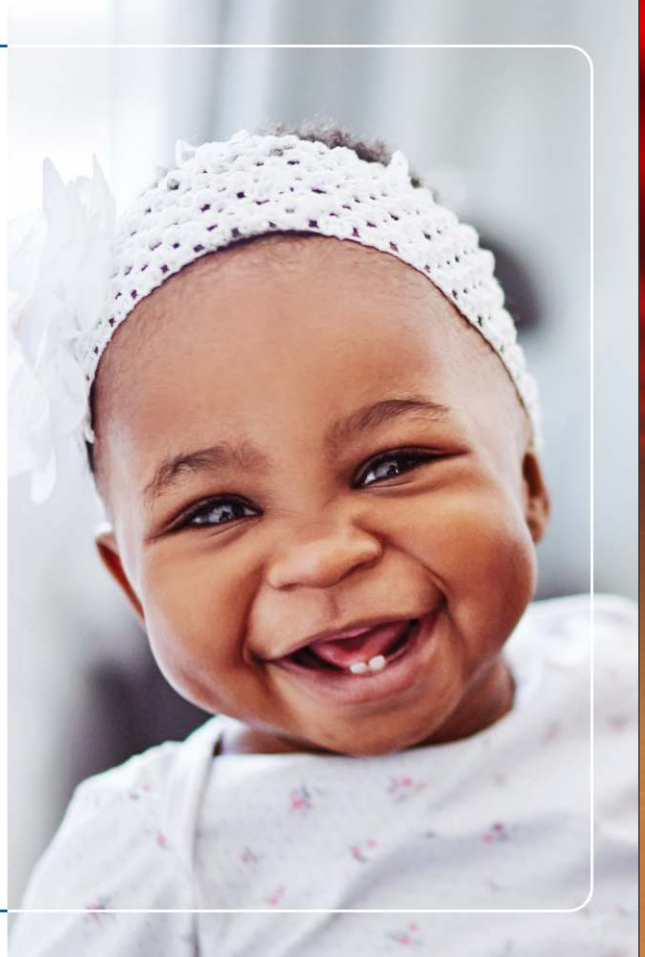


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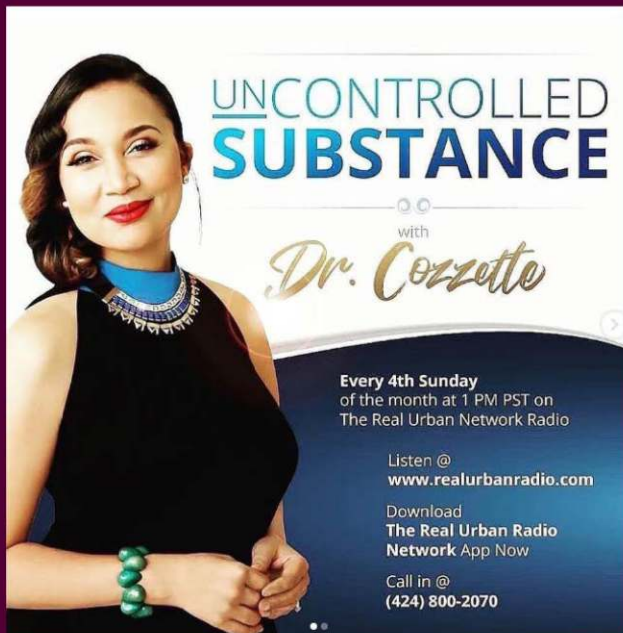
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