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Lifetime Achievement Award

Alice Tolbert Coombs, MD

Humanitarian of the Year Award

Pat Harvey

2016 Scholarship Recipients

Bianca Carson

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Featured Scholarships

Rebecca Lee Davis Crumpler, MD Awards Outstanding Community Service Awards (in honor of Vena Ricketts, MD) Antronette Yancey, MD, MPH Public Health Award Charles R. Drew Medical Society Scholarship Award

> Anna L. Smith, MD Award Carmen Parrott, MD Memorial Award Beverly James, MD Memorial Award

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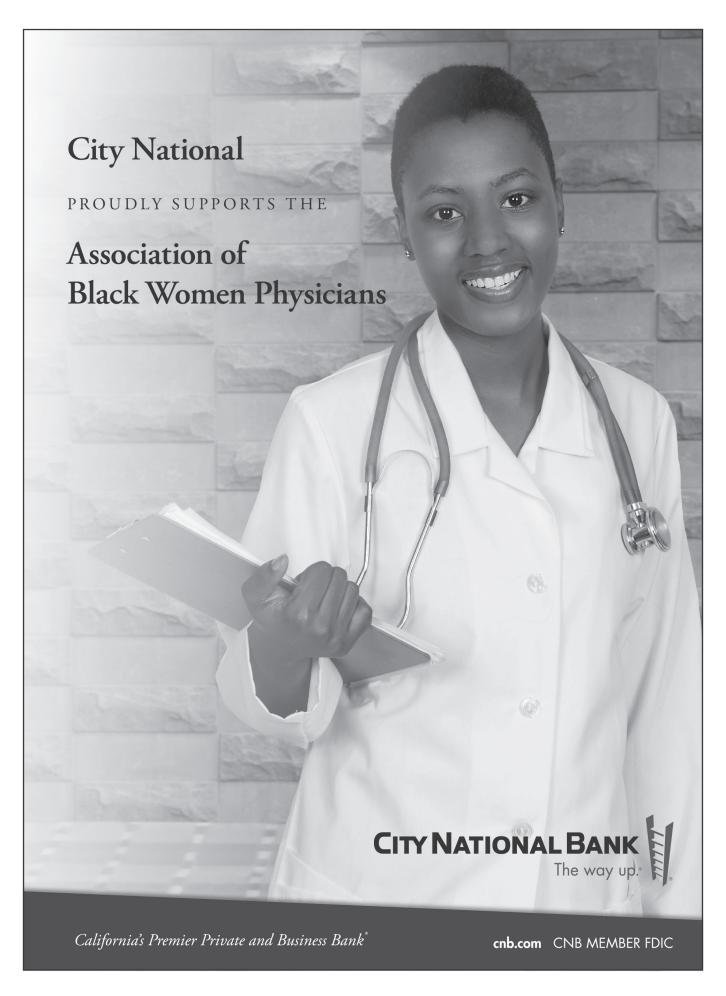
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Dr. Alice Tolbert Coombs and Pat Harvey

for their commitment to promoting healthy communities and enhancing the diversity of the medical profession







Dinner Program

Mistress of Ceremonies – Adai Lamar

Welcome and Introduction Invocation Dinner President's Remarks Scholarship Awards Presentation Organizational Highlight Diamond in the Raw Scholarship Awards Presentation Special Acknowledgments Call to Action Humanitarian of the Year Award Presentation Pat Harvey Lifetime Achievement Award Presentation Alice Tolbert Coombs, MD Scholarship Awards Presentation Announcements **Dancing**

Crystal-Penny Band Performance

DINNER MENU

First Course

Butternut Squash En Croute caramelized shallots, currants, braised apple

Main Course

Mediterranean Salmon Citrus Glazed Salmon, Chick Pea and Barley Medley, Soy Chorizo, Fava Bean and Roasted Corn Succotash, Roasted Green Grapes, and Fennel Coulis

Dessert Trio

Satsuma Curd Tart
White Chocolate Pot de crème
Dark Chocolate Raspberry Tart
Passion Fruit Sauce

Vegetarian/Vegan/Gluten-Free Upon Request

"A Spectacular Past & A Brighter Future"

"Greetings and Welcomes" to the 35th Annual Charity and Scholarship Benefit Gala

We are thrilled to have you at our landmark year gala celebration! As I reflect over this second term as president for the Association of Black Women Physicians (ABWP), I am humbled by the privilege to serve such an unwaveringly committed and rapidly growing organization of African-American women physicians. Tonight, I want you to leave ignited and inspired by our passion and ready to answer our Call to Action. Together, we Champion for Change!



Celebrating the Legacy of Our Past

ABWP began with phenomenal women like Dr. Ruth Temple (the first African-American woman to graduate from Loma Linda University and the first to open a health clinic in the medically underserved community of southeast Los Angeles); Dr. Geraldine Branch (one of the city's first African-American woman physicians); and Dr. Hughenna Gauntlett (the first African-American woman certified in general surgery). So many of our members have their own "first" experiences worth sharing but have perpetually looked beyond their accolades and achievements to continue caring passionately for our communities that remain underserved. Throughout ABWP's 35 years, members have dedicated innumerable hours of volunteer services and financial contributions to organizations such as the Jenesse Center, TeenShop, Oghene Community Resource Center, the Special Needs Network, Sojourn Services for Battered Women, OASIS (HIV/AIDS) Clinic, Black Women for Wellness, the Susan G. Komen Foundation, and 100 Black Men, Inc. ABWP's efforts have been recognized and rewarded by the California Medical Association Foundation (2016 Outstanding Ethnic Medical Organization) and the National Medical Association (2016 Women in Medicine Organizational Award).

Answering the Call to Action

Tonight, we use the hashtag, #ABWP35thGala on social media to celebrate the best in all of us. Unfortunately, we see #TamirRice #TrayvonMartin, #JohnCrawford, and #PhilandoCastile too; and we remember #JonathanFerrell, #SandraBland, #Rekia Boyd, #AiyanaJones and so many others. Violence, including racial and authoritative violence, is now a public health crisis. The reasons are complex, but the need for physicians to speak up and advocate for solutions is not. Compassion, Justice and Equity must pave the way for better physical and mental health, particularly for our underserved, marginalized and disadvantaged communities.

Championing the Change We Need for Our Future

Tonight, it is a privilege to honor Dr. Alice Tolbert Coombs and Ms. Pat Harvey because they embody the leadership, devotion, grace and humility that have benefited the communities and families we all love. It is also rewarding to acknowledge the work of sister organizations like Diamond in the RAW who utilize innovative strategies to dismantle the social determinants of health that often contribute to health disparities. Be inspired by ALL of our honored guests, especially our extraordinary scholarship recipients! Afterwards, stay engaged because you play a pivotal role in helping us champion the changes our society needs. We thank you for your support, and remain truly grateful for your commitment to ABWP.

Forever Honored to Serve,

Valencia Walker, MD President



Friends,

As this year's Chair for the Association of Black Women Physicians 35th Annual Charity Benefit, I am both humbled and excited to welcome our honored guests, supportive sponsors, and cherished members. This collective has come to be a source of strength to ABWP as we endeavor to support our important mission within the amazing communities which we serve.

This year's event, "The Star Gala: Celebrating a Spectacular Past, Illuminating a Brighter Future," promises to be an evening to remember. As we reflect on the past thirty-five years of our beloved organization, we are inspired by the tireless physicians and community activists that have participated in our free community health programs and the countless lives that have been touched by our collective service. Tonight, we celebrate Dr. Alice Tolbert Coombs, the first African-American physician of the Massachusetts Medical Society, our Lifetime Achievement Awardee and Pat Harvey, award winning journalist from CBS Studios who is the longest running anchor in prime time. These individuals have made everlasting contributions to our community. Thank you for giving of yourself to make a difference in the lives of many others.

The success of tonight's fundraiser ensures ABWP's commitment to community service programs and scholarship awards continue to expand and impact those who need it most. We all play a pivotal part for ABWP's success in providing free wellness education, supporting physicians in training and improving public health. We also encourage you to take advantage of the networking opportunities this event presents and realize the necessity of everyone's participation and the potential magnitude of our collective efforts to eliminate health disparities.

Our 35th Annual Charity and Scholarship Benefit is made possible by our sponsors who generously support ABWP's programs and share with us in acknowledging the achievements of physician icons upholding ABWP's most heartfelt core values. We could not have done this without our sponsors, donors, supporters, friends, members and you. Thank you again for joining us tonight and welcome to a brighter future for ABWP!

Sincerely,

Ana Sofia Lopes Johnson, MD President-Elect

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 35 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 Symposiums
- Breast Cancer Awareness and Education Sessions
- Network of Ethnic Physician Organizations for the California Medical Association Foundation, Member
- Health and Wellness Advocacy

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

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

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Adai Lamar

Millions of Los Angeles radio listeners tune into her every morning as a trusted source of news, information and trends. Adai Lamar is known for having the inside scoop on the issues and topics that are important to her fans. She is a style diva and sets the bar high with her famous Stiletto Strut, a widely popular fashion event conceptualized by Adai, where her fashionista fans rock fabulous stilettos and celebrate their impeccable style and love for community service in a super fun setting. The event has become such a hit in the Los Ange-



les market, Adai has been approached by fans to roll the event out nationwide. A bonified "travelista", Adai jets across the globe to review fabulous travel destinations and discover fashion treasures for her growing community of adventurists. A girly girl with a healthy dose of daredevil, you will find Adai rock climbing, swimming with sharks, joy riding on an ATV, stock car racing and digging in her heels to any given athletic challenge.

Her credo: "See Something Amazing! Do Something Amazing! Wear Something Amazing!" Adai has a healthy zeal for discovery that is contagious. She is like a trusted girlfriend who gives the inside scoop not just on news, trends and current events, but on wish list travel destinations for people who love to "go." Adai has visited and reviewed some of the most coveted travel destinations around the globe, including South Africa, Mexico, France and more. She goes with a purpose to reveal for her followers and fans the coolest bars, restaurants, attractions and natural beauty experiences to check out on their next travel excursion.

A seasoned urban radio vet, Adai wakes up more than a million Los Angeles listeners every weekday morning from 6am-10am as the local voice for the Steve Harvey Morning Show on 102.3 KJLH radio station (owned by Stevie Wonder). Trusted for her community outreach and keeping listeners in the know with an honest opinion and feedback, Adai boasts more than a decade of broadcast experience. A beloved radio personality, Adai is a trailblazer as the first African American woman to lead a Los Angeles morning radio show. She is a noted community champion and advocate for a host of important causes including, Jenesee Center, Ronald McDonald House, Boys & Girls Club, AARP, Susan G. Komen, Brotherhood Crusade and Los Angeles Job Corp.

Fans can follow Adai on Twitter and Instagram @adailamar, and like her on Facebook @adailamar1. To learn about Adai's latest fashion finds, travel discoveries, celebrity news and community projects, visit www.adailamar.com.

Entertainment

Crystal Penny

Veteran vocalists and performers, Crystal Penny, (Crystal and Penni Wilson) bring incomparable lead vocals and impeccable harmonic sounds to delight the ears of the most avid fans of real music! Performing since their young teens, the sisters have perfected their family chemistry, which has been flawlessly complimented by the collaboration with the perfectly blending voice of Michael Blackmon, also a powerful and extremely gifted



lead vocalist. Having performed on the Motown Comes Home LP and as fans of the Motown Classics, the group has absolutely perfected the Motown sound! While Classic R & B and Motown is what they're best known for in Los Angeles, their ability to cross multiple music genres is superb.

Crystal Penny has performed in numerous domestic venues and international venues, including France, Italy, Puerto Rico, the Caribbean and Canada! As a tribute to their impeccable blend, they have graced the stage, or recorded with artists such as Jermaine Jackson, Maurice White, Diana Ross, Toni Childs, Lou Rawls, The Emotions, Curtis Mayfield & the Impressions, Rick James and Barry White. A very memorable moment for the group is accompanying the late maestro and composer on The Tonight Show providing backing vocals on his ICON LP, including his mega hit "Practice What You Preach"! The group also joined Toni Childs on her Grammy performance as backing vocalists when she performed her nominated hit "Don't Walk Away", as well as on her "UNION" LP. The group has also traveled and performed with Crystal's daughter, Grammy nominated recording artist, Shanice Wilson locally and abroad, including on various television performances. Besides performing at private events for celebrities, Crystal Penny, has performed for The Congressional Black Caucus and former President Bill Clinton. At home, Crystal Penny has garnered a loyal fan base among many living Los Angeles County.

As one of the group's fans has stated, "When Crystal Penny performs I forget about my problems and I just have a really good time!" Crystal Penny looks forward to giving your listeners a time they will never forget! They can also now be seen on their family reality show featured on the OWN network's "Flex and Shanice." Contact Crystal Penny at 323-993-8500 or at Starvocalz@aol.com

Lifetimes Achievement Award



Alice Tolbert Coombs, MD

President of the New England Medical Association Past-President, Massachusetts Medical Society, 2010-2011

Dr. Coombs is a critical care specialist at South Shore Hospital and an anesthesiologist with South Shore Anesthesia Associates. She was recently reappointed (May 2015) to the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC), which is a nonpartisan legislative branch agency that provides the U.S. Congress with analysis and policy advice on the Medicare program. She also is a member of the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education & Accreditation (NCF-MEA) (reappointed May 2015) which evaluates International

Medical Schools Accreditation Procedures.

Dr. Coombs is the current President of the New England Medical Association which is the regional society Of the National Medical Association (NMA). She has served in the National Medical Association's House of Delegates, as well as on the Publications and Legislative Committees. A member of the Massachusetts Medical Society since 1990, Dr. Coombs has long been active in organized medicine. She has served as President-Elect, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Society and has been a member of its Board of Trustees and House of Delegates.

She has been a member of the American Medical Association's Commission to Eliminate Healthcare Disparities. She is former Vice Chair of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine's Patient Care Assessment Committee, a former member of the Massachusetts State Commission to Eliminate Racial and Ethnic Healthcare Disparities, and a past chair of the Massachusetts Medical Society's Committee on Ethnic Diversity.

In 2005, she received the Society's Henry Ingersoll Bowditch Award of Excellence in Public Health, an annual award given to a physician who demonstrates creativity, commendable citizenship, initiative, innovation and leadership in the public health and advocacy fields. One of her major public health activities for several years has been her annual anti-smoking program for South Shore youth, "Smoking-Don't Go There," an adaptation of a program produced by the American College of Chest Physicians. Dr. Coombs developed the program in 1999.

She is also a driving force behind the American Medical Association's Doctors Back to School Program DBTS, which brings physicians into elementary, middle, and high schools across the country to interest young men and women, particularly in minority communities, in health care careers. From 2005- 2009 the AMA DBTS reach over 100,000 students. In April 2015, Dr. Coombs was elected to American Medical Association Women Physician Section Governing Executive Board

Dr. Coombs, a Compton native, received her medical degree from the UCLA School of Medicine. She is board-certified in the medical specialties of internal medicine, anesthesiology, and critical care. She is a diplomat of the National Board of Medical Examiners and a Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians.

Humanitarian of the Year Award

Pat Harvey

Pat Harvey was named co-anchor of CBS2's 5, 6 and 11 pm broadcasts in April of 2010. She joined CBS2 following 20 years with sister station KCAL 9 as one of the original anchors of the nation's first nightly three-hour newscast. In recognition of her 20th anniversary with KCAL and contributions to the people of Southern California, the Los Angeles City Council and L.A. County Board of Supervisors declared October 30, 2009 "Pat Harvey Day" by proclamation. Most recently in 2015, Pat Harvey was a recipient of the prestigious Governor's Award from the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. In February 2012, she was inducted



into the National Association of Black Journalists Hall of Fame at the Newseum in Washington D.C. Pat has won 22 Emmy Awards (including 3 for best newscast) with a notable honor to recognize superior reporting for a half-hour perspective on the 20th anniversary of the LA riots.

In addition to her anchoring duties, Harvey has appeared nationally as a guest-co-host on the CBS Television Network daytime show, "The Talk." The veteran newswoman has covered some of the biggest local news stories, political conventions, and presidential inaugurations and traveled internationally. Pat has reported on the civil war in El Salvador, the AIDS epidemic in Eastern Africa and Russia and the first all-race elections in South Africa. She followed the works of a homeless painter in Los Angeles to the galleries of Paris and covered the installation of Pope Benedict XVI in Rome. In earlier years, Pat worked as a guest co-anchor in Brisbane, Australia.

Harvey began her career in Saginaw, Michigan at WNEM-TV as a general assignment reporter and later producer and anchor of the station's 6 and 11pm newscasts. In 1981, Harvey helped launch CNN Headline News and a year later was named co-anchor of CNN's Daybreak program.

Before joining the Disney owned KCAL, Pat was an anchor and reporter for Chicago's superstation WGN-TV. There, her series of investigative reports on faulty pap smears lead to new health legislation in Illinois and shut down a lab responsible for many of those defective smears in Tarzana, California.

Pat has dedicated her career to community service, including advocating for children, those in the special needs community, education, breast cancer awareness and victims of domestic violence. She is the recipient of two honorary PhD's from American Intercontinental University and Mt. St. Mary's College. Other awards include the Silver Star Award from the YMCA and the NAACP's Ida B. Wells Award. She was also one of several local personalities to carry the Olympic torch through Los Angeles in 2002.

Harvey was a co-founder and co-chair of the Good News Foundation. The non-profit, built by five TV newswomen, awarded grants and scholarships to area community based organizations, "good news makers" and aspiring journalists. During her tenure, the group received honors from the American Women in Radio & Television, Downtown Women's Center, Central City Business Association of LA and the LAPD Hollenbeck PAL Humanitarian Award.

She is married and has a daughter, Michelle.

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2016 Rebecca Lee Davis Grumpler, MD Scholarship Award Recipients

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 1983.



Maureen Nwaokoro – Currently in her second year at Western University of Health Sciences, Maureen aims to provide culturally competent care to the disadvantaged. As an undergrad, she was an avid volunteer for Imani clinic, a student run free clinic, where she was exposed to the complexities of providing community-based care to a diverse population in which social, economic, and medical issues are intimately intertwined. As a health educator for IHEOP (Imani Health Outreach program) she educated patients of all ages in nutrition, diabetes, drug abuse and cardiovascular diseases. She is a clinic coordinator for Montclair clinic (providing medical care to the low-income population). Maureen is part of the nutrition in medicine certificate program where she learns to incorporate nutrition, exercise and

lifestyle medicine to guide patients to reach desired health outcomes. She was founding president of MASS (Mentorship Association of scholarly Students), an organization that encourages and provides minority students with the resources to go into the STEM field. In medical school she continues to tutor minorities at elementary schools, teach anatomy and mentor youth. Maureen also studies the mechanisms transforming a normal breast cell to a tumor then metastatic breast cancer - to help identify therapeutic and diagnostic options. Maureen hopes to ensure optimal testing is available to all African-American women who often die from breast cancer due to late detection. Maureen wants to pursue Pediatrics after completing school. She was also selected to receive the ABWP Outstanding Community Service Award honoring the career of Dr. Vena Ricketts.

Kindred Harris – Currently in her third year at David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, Kindred is interested in surgery, global health, and working with underserved populations. She recently published a manuscript in Nature Reviews Endocrinology. Her publication explored post-cessation obesity and other adverse post-cessation metabolic effects that often lead to smoking relapse. She is passionate about advocating, educating, and caring for underserved populations. She is an active member of the Student National Medical Association (SNMA), the oldest and largest medical student organization dedicated to serving underserved populations and diversifying the face of medicine. In the past she served as the UCLA/DREW Chapter Treasurer and as a SNMA Future Leadership Fellow. Currently, she serves



on the national SNMA Board of Directors as the Academic Affairs Co-chair and on the Region 1 SNMA Board of Directors as the Community Service Liaison. Additionally, Kindred is a member of the UCLA Women in Surgery Interest Group and the UCLA Christian Medical and Dental Association. She also volunteers with Food Forward (collect fresh produce for individuals and organizations in need). Kindred's professional goal is to become an orthopedic surgeon, continue advocating for disadvantaged patients and work to increase diversity in specialty fields. She was also selected to receive the ABWP Outstanding Community Service Award honoring the career of Dr. Vena Ricketts.

2016 Rebecca Lee Davis Grumpler, MD Scholarship Award Recipients



Adia Scrubb – Currently in her fourth year at the Charles R. Drew University/UCLA PRIME program, Adia is also a current second year public policy student at the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs. She was raised in Oakland, California and received her Bachelor of Arts in Comparative Literature from the University of California, Berkeley. Her experiences of growing up in a medically underserved community motivated Adia to become a physician. Her first steps toward a career in medicine began with mentoring and tutoring at-risk youth who were interested in healthcare careers, and she later moved on to breast cancer research. She continued to volunteer and served as a board member for a non-profit that helped first time juvenile offenders clear their arrest record. However, it was her expo-

sure to the administrative side of healthcare, while working in Legal and Government Relations, which inspired Adia to pursue a career where she could craft health policy and contribute to the improvement of healthcare delivery for underserved communities (like the one of her childhood). She was also selected to receive the Beverly James, MD Memorial Award.

Bianca Carson – Currently in her fourth year at Howard University College of Medicine, Bianca was born in Los Angeles, Ca and graduated from Price High School. She attended University of California, Berkeley and received a bachelor's degree in Integrative Biology. Throughout college, Bianca demonstrated her commitment to teaching and mentorship through her involvement in non-profit organizations serving Oakland Unified School District. She was inspired and excited by witnessing her students' "aha" moments of understanding. These interactions ignited her passion to teach medical and health education in some capacity. She aspires to specialize in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation and become a clinical professor at a teaching hospital. Bianca wants to help instill a more patient-centered



approach to medicine in future healthcare providers. Now residing in Washington DC, she continues to participate in outreach efforts fostering health promotion in local and global communities. She was also selected to receive the Anna L. Smith, MD Award.



Shannon Sullivan – In the fall, Shannon will join the Class of 2020 at Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, DC. She received her B.S. in Biomedical Engineering from Columbia University. Shannon has applied her engineering knowledge and background to a wide range of medical fields from neonatology to neurosurgery. She has also solidified her commitment to serving those from disadvantaged backgrounds and underserved communities through her mentoring and volunteer experiences. An ABWP member since 2013, Shannon is truly grateful for the mentorship that she has received. Through ABWP programs such as Sister-to-Sister, she found a core group of women who support one another while reaching for their goals and dreams. Shannon strives to be a socially responsible

person, engineer, and physician that is conscious of not only the final result, but also the final impact on society at large. Shannon intends to pursue a career that integrates her passions for medicine and engineering and draws from her life experiences to promote quality care to diverse patient populations. She was also selected to receive the Carmen Parrot, MD Memorial Award.

2016 Rebecca Lee Davis Grumpler, MD Scholarship Award Recipients



Tamandra Morgan – Currently in her second year at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine, Tamandra earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Stanford University in 2009. As an undergrad, Tamandra served as student body government senator and a sexual health peer resource counselor. During her junior year, she completed a study abroad program in Human Genetics at Oxford University. After Stanford, she matriculated at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health/National Human Genome Research Institute in the Genetic Counseling Training Program. Her master's thesis project was a research study examining comprehension and communication of hereditary cancer risk among African-American women. Prior to entering medical school, Ms. Morgan worked as a genetic counselor at a genetic and rare disease information center and a clinical genetic testing laboratory. Tamandra now participates in the Urban Medicine

program and volunteers at the Male Health Forum on Chicago's South Side. This summer, she began working with the HERiTAGe (Helping Educate about Risk: Improving Access and Awareness of Genetic Testing) project to increase awareness and access to hereditary cancer risk assessment among high risk African-American women. She is receiving the Antronette Yancey, MD, MPH Public Health Award.

Etuajie Oiyemhonian – Currently in her second year at Western University of Health Sciences, Etuajie is interested in Dermatology, and her background comes from varying facets of healthcare including operations, administration, informatics, health policy and public health. She is a part of the AOA Sigma Sigma Phi Academic Honors Society. In 2016, organizations led by Etuajie have received numerous awards (SNMA WesternU - Chapter of the Year and SNMA Osteopathic Medical School of the Year). Additionally, she is dedicated to eliminating disparities through her active engagement in health fairs, mentorship conferences and WesternU minority recruitment for various programs. Etuajie also does research in the realm of skin cancer and the efficacy of beta blockers on skin carcinogenesis. She hopes to transform her research into outreach opportunities for prevention of skin cancers in minority populations. She believes that a physician with



broad experiences and knowledge in healthcare is uniquely positioned to effect meaningful change for patients and society at large. Etuajie attributes her success to her family, friends and mentor at WesternU, Dr. Beverly Guidry. She is receiving the ABWP Outstanding Community Service Award honoring the career of Dr. Vena Ricketts.



Ozioma Obiwuru – In the fall, Ozioma will join the Class of 2020 at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine. She is a Nigerian American who her early years just south of Watts and learned firsthand about the importance of embracing diverse patient populations. She attended USC with undergraduate studies in Health Promotion & Disease Prevention and also minored in Spanish. After shadowing in inner city clinics and leading medical brigades to Honduras, Ozioma realized the importance of coupling medical aid with health education – especially in underserved communities. She also completed a graduate degree at USC in Global Medicine, tackling topics such as cultural competence and maternal/child health. She spent two years working full-time for the USC Stroke Program, leading a stroke support group and working as an assistant researcher exploring ethnocultural perceptions held by Hispanics and African-Americans with Multiple

Sclerosis (MS). Ozioma is extremely passionate about finding unique ways to champion for community and minority health. She is receiving the ABWP Outstanding Community Service Award honoring the career of Dr. Vena Ricketts, and the Charles R. Drew Medical Society Scholarship Award.

Association of Black, Momen Physicians Special Scholarship Awards



ABWP Community Service Award honoring Dr. Vena Ricketts – Dr. Vena Ricketts is ABWP's 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. As a UCLA professor, Dr. Ricketts received multiple awards for her dedication and excellence in teaching, community service, and patient care. Dr. Ricketts' passion has always been to help the sick and suffering and to give back to the community at large. As a founding member and past President of the Olive View-UCLA Medical Center Foundation and later Vice President of Development, Dr. Ricketts established several award-winning programs targeting the Spanish-speaking population in the San Fernando Valley. For more than 20 years, Dr. Ricketts also led volunteer medical teams to Ghana, The Gambia, Nigeria, Haiti, Armenia, Cambodia, Nepal, Bulgaria, Sri Lanka, Jamaica, the Philippines, the Western Sahara Desert, and Morocco with over 140,000 people served. Dr. Gerianne Dudley and Dr. David Griffin financially

supported many of her international volunteer teams. After attending the 2015 ABWP Charity Benefit Gala, they generously donated \$10,000 towards scholarships for students with outstanding community service to personally honor Dr. Ricketts' esteemed career.

Beverly James, MD – The scholarship is presented in memory of and in celebration for Anatomic and Clinical Pathologist Dr. Beverly James. Dr. James' pathology career focused on diagnostic techniques related to breast cancer. As bright and gifted as she was professionally, she was a humble, caring, fun-loving and unassuming person with a gentle and welcoming spirit. She lived an active life style, traveled widely, loved sports, music and the arts. She was a devoted member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Apart from Medicine, Dr. James discovered a burning passion for real estate development and became an extremely shrewd businesswoman working along with builders and contractors yet remained very sensitive to the needs of tenants. In February 2014, Dr. James made passed away. In her honor, friends and family developed this scholarship in 2014 to memorialize her endearing spirit, and funds from their donation continue to sustain this scholarship until exhausted.





Antronette Yancey, MD, MPH – The public health scholarship is presented in memory of Dr. Antronette Yancey. She was nationally-recognized for her imperative that people take an "instant recess" for 10 minutes to get fit. A well-published researcher and UCLA professor, Yancey wrote dozens of academic articles about obesity, nutrition, physical fitness and chronic disease prevention, but she was also committed to real-life solutions to public health problems. She was considered a "rock star" in the public health community, but she was also a poet and spoken word artist. In 1997, she published a book of poetry entitled, "An Old Soul with a Young Spirit: Poetry in the Era of Desegregation Recovery." Dr. Yancey passed away in 2013, but her tireless advocacy for and commitment to physical fitness and good nutrition for young children is her enduring legacy. In her honor, this scholarship was developed in 2013 by her life partner, Darlene Edgley and a

generous grant from the office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas.

Association of Black, Momen Physicians Special Scholarship Awards

Carmen Parrott, MD Memorial Award – 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 L. Smith, MD – 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.

Charles R. Drew Medical Society Award – As a partner organized medical organization in Los Angeles, the Charles R. Drew Medical Society has provided additional scholarship support to the Association of Black Women Physicians' Annual Charity and Scholarship Benefit Gala for many years. The purpose of this scholarship is to recognize and honor a student with clear dedication to addressing and eliminating health disparities that disproportionately affect communities of color. The Association of Black Women Physicians is grateful to the Charles R. Drew Medical Society for their ongoing support, similar goals and shared mission.



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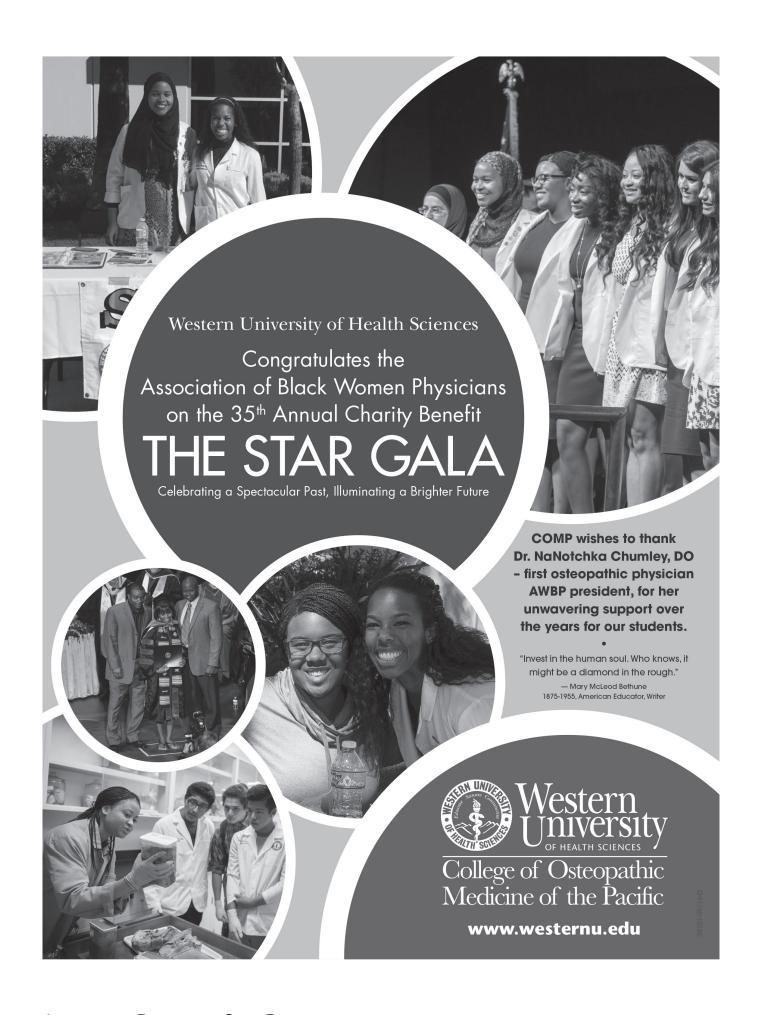
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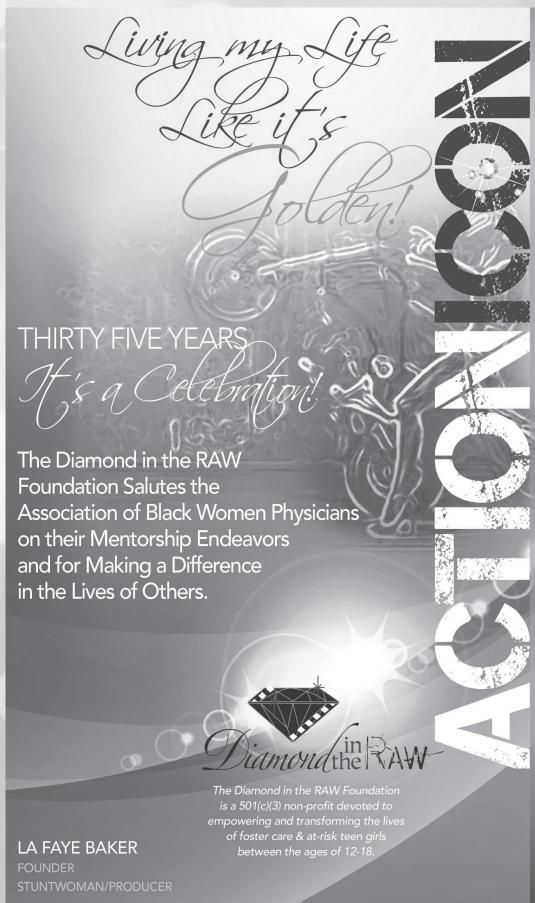


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Message from Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard

October 1, 2016

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the Association of Black Women Physicians' (ABWP) 35th Annual Charity and Scholarship Benefit Gala.

The ABWP annual gala celebrates the accomplishments of amazing black women physicians and supports the career goals of aspiring young medical students. I commend the ABWP for creating and nurturing a strong network of black women physicians and for their steadfast commitment to educate communities on health issues prevalent among African-Americans and other underserved populations.

I also join all of you in recognizing and congratulating tonight's honorees: Pat Harvey, famed broadcast journalist; Dr. Alice Tolbert Coombs, Past President of the Massachusetts Medical Society; and the eight accomplished female medical students being honored with generous scholarships.

Best wishes for an enjoyable and successful evening.

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Association of Black Women Physicians' (ABWP) 35th Annual Charity and Scholarship Benefit Gala.

Since 1982, the Association of Black Women Physicians has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to improving the public health and welfare of our community. ABWP continues to fulfill their mission of developing various programs that foster leadership and empowerment among their members, as well as providing invaluable public service to the entire community.

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate Pat Harvey, recipient of the Humanitarian of the Year Award, Dr. Alice Tolbert Coombs, who is honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award, and the eight outstanding young women receiving scholarships today, as they are all recognized for their dedication to serving others and their work to uplift our community.

Enjoy this wonderful event.

Sincerely,

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October 1, 2016

Dear Friends:

I would like to welcome to Los Angeles, all the attendees for the 35th Annual Charity and Scholarship Benefit Gala, "The Star Gala: Celebrating a Spectacular Past, Illuminating a Brighter Future," held by the Association of Black Women Physicians (ABWP).

Join me in congratulating tonight's honorees, CBS-TV Los Angeles Anchorwoman, Pat Harvey who is receiving the Humanitarian of the Year Award and Dr. Alice Tolbert Coombs, Past President of the Massachusetts Medical Society, who is receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award, and also the eight medical student scholarship recipients.

The Association of Black Women Physicians should be commended for its advocacy and work to improve public health and welfare in California and for its support and mentoring of women physicians of color. Congratulations again to all of tonight's honorees.

I wish ABWP and its members continued success.

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October 1, 2016

Dear Friends,

I am proud to greet the **Association of Black Women Physicians** as its members gather to celebrate its *35th Scholarship and Charity Benefit*. This evening's theme is *The Star Gala: Celebrating a Spectacular Past, Illuminating a Brighter Future*.

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 is

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:

- ❖ Pat Harvey, Humanitarian of the Year Award
- ❖ Dr. Alice Tolbert Coombs, 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

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Karen Bass

37th District of California



ERIC GARCETTI MAYOR

October 1, 2016

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Association of Black Women Physicians' (ABWP) 35th Annual Charity and Scholarship Benefit Gala.

I am so proud that this influential and impactful organization makes Los Angeles its home. ABWP is committed to strengthening young women entering the field of medicine through generous scholarships and mentorship opportunities. As Los Angeles continues its efforts to support the educational development of its young women, organizations like ABWP serve a vital role in this effort.

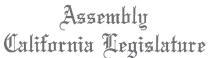
I congratulate ABWP and its leadership on celebrating 35 years of success and advocacy. I send my best wishes for a memorable event.

Sincerely,

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October 1, 2016

Dear Friends,

I extend my congratulations to the Association of Black Women Physicians (AWBP) on the occasion of the 35th Annual Charity and Scholarship Benefit Gala. Your work advocating for the health and wellness of African-American women and families, and providing opportunities for young African-American women are important contributions toward better health and wellness in our community.

The work of ABWP gives me tremendous inspiration and I am honored to have partnered with ABWP on the Crenshaw HealthFest. I look forward to our continued partnership in raising the Health IQ of South Los Angeles at next year's 3rd annual Crenshaw HealthFest. I offer my congratulations to Humanitarian of the Year award winner Pat Harvey, Lifetime Achievement Award winner Dr. Alice Tolbert Coombs and to the young women who have been awarded scholarships.

It is my hope that this gala is celebratory and empowering for all in attendance.

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Dear Friends,

As the State Assemblymember for the 41st Assembly District, it is my pleasure to offer my warmest greetings to the attendees of the 35th Annual Charity and Scholarship Benefit Gala hosted by the Association of Black Women Physicians (ABWP).

For over 35 years, the ABWP has been inspiring black women physicians and medical students, leading the charge to improve public health and welfare in our community.



I join ABWP in congratulating Pat Harvey, recipient of the Humanitarian of the Year Award and Dr. Alice Tolbert Coombs, recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award. These two individuals are well deserving of the recognition because of their dedication to the empowerment of black women.

I would also like to congratulate the eight young women who are receiving scholarships to continue your education in medicine. You are the next generation of leaders and I wish you great success in the future.

I extend my best wishes for an enjoyable evening and a successful event!

Sincerely,

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35th Annual Charity & Scholarship Benefit Gala The Star Gala: Celebrating a Spectacular Past, Illuminating a Brighter Future

As President of the Los Angeles City Council and on behalf of the residents of the 10th Council District, I am pleased to extend my congratulations and appreciation to the Association of Black Women Physicians (ABWP) for hosting its 35th Annual Scholarship Benefit. The proceeds from this event will allow ABWP to continue providing scholarships to qualified and dedicated doctors in training as well as provide funding and active support to community health education/wellness programs and appropriate charitable endeavors.

Since its inception, ABWP has been dedicated to addressing the needs and concerns of African American women physicians by striving to remove the cultural, social and economic barriers which have hindered African American women from entering the medical field. ABWP continues to develop the presence of African American physicians by uniting current and established doctors and specialists with up-and-coming doctors to exchange ideas, provide guidance and strengthen the African American medical community. I commend ABWP's continued leadership to provide African American women physicians the opportunity to continue their education and dedication to the improvement of healthcare in the African American community.

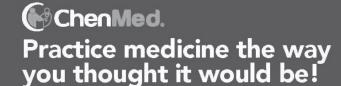
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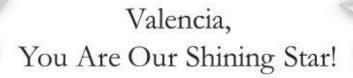
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She played a lead role in planning an ambulatory health care center, later known as Martin Luther King/Drew Hospital. She also paved the way for the Watts Health Center, and held leadership roles in the Watts Health Foundation, a nonprofit health plan, until the early 1980s.

Dr. Branch was married to Robert, a dentist, and they had two children. She received a honorary degree from Charles Drew University and a Lifetime Achievement award from the Association of Black Women Physicians.



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CALENDAR OF ABWP ACTIVITIES

You are invited to join us at our remaining activities for 2016 and mark your calendar for 2017

October 2016

13th: Annual Breast Cancer Awareness and Education Program
(Fall Symposium with Black Women Lawyers)
7PM – 3774 Crenshaw Blvd, LA, CA

November 2016

5th: General Membership Meeting
(Nomination for Officers)
Time and Venue TBD

8th: Election Day (Be Sure to Vote!)

29th: "Giving Tuesday" (Include ABWP in your charitable contributions)

December 2016

5th: Official Voting for 2017-2019 ABWP Executive Board Opens

9th: Holiday Party and Toy Drive (Co-Hosts: Charles R. Drew Medical Society and Miller Lawrence Medical Dental Society) 7PM – Charles R. Drew House

16th: ABWP Office Closes for the Holidays

January 2017

4th: ABWP Office Reopens

5th: Official Voting for 2017-2019 ABWP Executive Board Closes

TBD: General Membership Meeting and Installation of Officers

February 2017

TBD: Annual Membership Retreat

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- · Know questions to ask at your next doctor's visit
- Claim gifts and prizes
- · Enjoy refreshments

When: Thursday, October 13, 2016

Where: Lula Washington Dance Theatre

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