

WOMEN *in* MEDICINE



INAUGURAL EDUCATIONAL LUNCHEON

Awkward is Better than Silence:
Conversations on Advancing Health Equity

Florida State University College of Medicine



PROGRAM



WELCOME

Alma Littles, M.D.

Joan Y. Meek, M.D., M.S.

VIGNETTES

Cynthia Harris, Ph.D.

Juliette Lomax-Homier, M.D.

FSU AMWA, SNMA, LSMA, SSTRIDE Students

PANEL DISCUSSION

Joedrecka Brown Speights, M.D.

Elena Reyes, Ph.D.

Jean Moorjani, M.D.

Camara Phyllis Jones, M.D., M.P.H., Ph.D.

Moderator: Lauren Rowe, President Rowe Communications

WRAP UP AND CONCLUDING REMARKS

Tanya Anim, M.D.

WELCOME

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Thank you for joining us for the inaugural Women in Medicine Educational Luncheon. We are delighted to be initiating this program alongside our community, healthcare and academic supporters. It is our goal to provide our audience, women and men alike, from all walks of life, professions, and geographic areas, with relevant and timely information on topics of common interest, while simultaneously raising much-needed scholarship funds for under-represented medical students at the Orlando campus.

While we would have enjoyed gathering in person for this inaugural event, the health and safety of our community takes precedence. We are thankful that we can come together virtually and look forward to the future when we can gather face to face.

Today's program, "Awkward is Better than Silence: Conversations on Advancing Health Equity," is designed to be both educational and thought provoking. We have gathered a panel of experts who will share their personal experiences, passions and academic pursuits. They will help us see how far we have come in the furtherment of equitable care for all individuals and provide us with tangible take-aways that we may employ in our daily lives. They will empower each of us to continue the conversation.

We want to extend our heartfelt appreciation to our speakers, sponsors, donors and virtual guests who have joined us today. We would also like to thank the event committee and all those who contributed significant time and energy to helping make this event a success. Thank you for your commitment to this important cause.

All the Best,
Women in Medicine

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE SUPPORTS AND PROMOTES DIVERSITY AND HEALTH EQUITY

“This medical school was founded with a mission of producing future physicians who would help meet the health-care needs in communities that have traditionally struggled to have adequate access to care.... we are true to that mission, and we are succeeding in producing the physicians Florida — as well as the rest of the U.S. — needs most.”

– John P. Fogarty, M.D., Dean FSU College of Medicine



- The FSU College of Medicine received the 2021 Health Professions Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award from INSIGHT into Diversity magazine for the fifth consecutive year.
- The FSU College of Medicine is among the top 5% nationally for graduation of Black/African American students, the top 9% for Hispanic, Latino and Spanish students and the top 6% for alumni practicing in medically underserved areas.

PANEL



Elena Reyes, Ph.D.

Dr. Reyes is a Professor at the Florida State University College of Medicine and a clinical psychologist with specialty in pediatric psychology, cross-cultural medicine, health disparities and integrated primary care. She received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Florida State University and completed Internship at the Baylor College of Medicine. She is a founding faculty member of the Florida State University College of Medicine. Dr. Reyes has over 30 years experience in medical education and clinical health psychology education and currently serves as the Regional Director for the College of Medicine in Southwest Florida where she oversees the educational and research programs at the Isabel Collier Read Medical Campus.



Jean Moorjani, M.D.

Jeannie S. Moorjani, M.D., FAAP, is a board-certified pediatrician at Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children. She is a member of the medical education faculty that works with the pediatric residency training program. Her areas of focus include breastfeeding, asthma and children with special healthcare needs.



Joedrecka Brown Speights, M.D.

Dr. Brown Speights is Professor and Chair of Family Medicine and Rural Health at Florida State University College of Medicine and a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. As a board certified family physician, she serves patients at FSU Primary Health. She is the 2018 recipient of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Distinguished Service Award at Florida State University. She is an inaugural fellow of the George Washington University Leaders for Health Equity International Fellowship, now Atlantic Fellows for Health Equity and a 2021 Gold Humanism Honor Society inductee. She leads the community engagement core at FSU for the UF-FSU Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA). Her interests include advancing health equity through community-engaged research, clinical care, advocacy, and education. She is also focused on faculty vitality, mentoring, wellness promotion, and empowerment of women and girls. In 2021, she became a diplomate of the American Board of Obesity Medicine.

Camara Jones, M.D., M.P.H., Ph.D.

Camara Phyllis Jones, M.D., M.P.H., Ph.D. is a family physician, epidemiologist, and Past President of the American Public Health Association whose work focuses on naming, measuring, and addressing the impacts of racism on the health and well-being of our nation and the world.

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

She taught six years as an Assistant Professor at the Harvard School of Public Health (1994 to 2000), served fourteen years as a Medical Officer at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2000 to 2014), and continues as an Adjunct Professor at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University and as a Senior Fellow and Adjunct Associate Professor at the Morehouse School of Medicine.

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



CONTRIBUTORS



Tanya Anim, M.D.

Tanya Anim completed her undergraduate and medical education at Florida State University. She completed her Family Medicine Residency at Halifax Medical Center in Daytona Beach, FL. She also completed a Women's Health and Obstetrics Fellowship at Florida Hospital in Orlando, FL. Dr. Anim serves as core faculty at the FSU Family Medicine Residency Program at Lee Health and practices full scope family medicine, including obstetrics. Her clinical interests include procedures, obstetrics, women's health, underserved populations, graduate medical education, and organized medicine.



Cynthia Harris, Ph.D., DABT

Dr. Cynthia M. Harris is Director and Professor of the Florida A&M University Institute of Public Health. Dr. Harris has over (25) years of research and service experience in health disparities, community-based participatory research, and environmental toxicology and health risk assessment. She currently serves on the Association of Schools and Programs in Public Health (ASPPH) Board of Directors, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Charter Science Advisory Board, and is Vice-President of the Trust for America's Health Board of Directors. She is also a former councilor of the national public health accrediting body, the Council on Education for Public Health.



Juliette Lomax-Homier, M.D.

Dr. Lomax-Homier completed her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Boston City Hospital, completing her Chief Resident year in 1986. She relocated to Fort Pierce Florida after residency to fulfill a commitment to the National Health Service Corps from 1985-1989. As a staff obstetrician and gynecologist at a Federally Qualified Health Center in Fort Pierce, Florida she served the underserved and migrant population of Fort Pierce. She founded Just Ladies Healthcare, PA as a solo Obstetrician Gynecologist in Fort Pierce in 1989, Dr. Lomax-Homier became the first Clerkship Director in Obstetrics and Gynecology for the Fort Pierce Regional Campus of the Florida State University College of Medicine in 2007 and served in that capacity until she transitioned into the role of Regional Campus Dean.



Joan Younger-Meek, M.D., M.S.

From 1994 to 2014, Dr. Meek was on the teaching faculty of the Pediatric Residency Training Program at Orlando Health/Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children, where she served as the Program Director from 2004 to 2012. Throughout her professional career, Dr. Meek has been actively involved in pediatric resident and medical student education. She served as the Pediatric Clerkship Director for the Orlando Campus of the FSU College of Medicine from 2002-2014. Dr. Meek is a Registered Dietitian and an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant. She previously served on active duty as a pediatrician in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. Her clinical interests include infant and pediatric nutrition, human lactation and breastfeeding support, and newborn care. She has given numerous professional presentations in these areas.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

PRESIDIO®

PRESIDIO®

—
**THINKING, DOING,
MANAGING, GLOBALLY.**

We specialize in designing, implementing and managing agile, secure digital platforms that enable customers to move their businesses at a faster pace and innovate in the way they interact with their customers, employees and partners.

Learn More

presidio.com

ORLANDO HEALTH®

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE HONOREES.**

Orlando Health is proud to sponsor the Women in Medicine Scholarships of Florida State University Foundation. Thank you for your hard work and compassion in support of a healthy, diverse community.

ORLANDO HEALTH®

OrlandoHealth.com



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

Mark Chaet, M.D.

INTEGRATED INDEPENDENT
PHYSICIANS NETWORK
IP NETWORK



American Medical Women's Association
The Vision and Voice of Women in Medicine since 1915



THANK YOU

TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THIS EVENT:

Alexandra Nowakowski, Ph.D., M.P.H.

Alumni Giving at FSU Foundation

Council on Diversity and Inclusion FSU

College of Medicine

FSU COM Public Affairs Team

FSU Foundation

FSU Foundation Special Events

George Rust, M.D., M.P.H.

James McNeill

Kema Gadson, Ed.D.

Latarsha Jones

Mark Bauer

Panera

Sally Schule

Seminole Club of Greater Orlando

Shenifa Taite

SSTRIDE

Susan Sarna

Suzanne Harrison, M.D.

And anyone else we neglected to list here. . .

thank you so much!

SPECIAL THANKS

Women in Medicine Panelist:

Elena Reyes, Ph.D.

Jean Moorjani, M.D.

Joedrecka Brown Speights, M.D.

Camara Jones, M.D., M.P.H., Ph.D.

Joan Younger-Meek, M.D, M.S.

Juliette Lomax-Homier M.D.

Cynthia Harris, Ph.D.

Florida A&M University

Alma Littles, M.D.

Amber Post

Miriam Smith



You can HELP SUPPORT, under-represented students at the FSU College of Medicine Orlando Regional Campus.

With FSU, I had the opportunity to work in under-served areas like traveling to Immokalee. This allowed exposure to minorities I aim to serve in the future and reminded me of why I am doing this. Donors who make that opportunity accessible have been tremendously encouraging and kept me going despite all the challenges. I am forever grateful.

--Stenia Accilien
Scholarship recipient

To say thank you for the opportunities this scholarship provides simply doesn't feel like it could ever be enough. With no familial support, it can seem insurmountable on my own. This scholarship is such a blessing for me as I embark on this journey. It helps alleviate some of that burden so I can focus on becoming the best doctor for my patients and to provide them the best possible care and support.

--Sean Gabany
Scholarship recipient

My family never had the opportunities or financial capabilities to attend college, but they always wanted to make it happen for my siblings and me. Through your generous donations, you have relieved some of my financial burdens. I am incredibly grateful that I will be able to focus more on my clinical work and mastering the skills to assure quality care to my future patients. Your altruism has already inspired me to give back to the medical school community once I begin my career.

--Guivens Joseph
Scholarship Recipient

Total Scholarships awarded to students at the College of Medicine For Calendar Year 2021:

216 AWARDS totaling
\$714,026

You can make an impact in a students life now and forever with the gift of scholarship.

DONATE NOW!



 **SCAN ME**

Scan this QR code with your cell phone or visit this link fla.st/3VARV3KH to make your 100% tax deductible gift today. Every dollar matters, every dollar helps, your support helps us provide opportunities to under-represented students at the Orlando Regional Campus pursuing a medical degree. Thank you!



**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN BECOME
MORE INVOLVED WITH THE FSU COLLEGE OF MEDICINE OR
FUTURE WOMEN IN MEDICINE EVENTS, PLEASE CONTACT:**

Amber Post

Senior Development Officer

Phone: 813-758-3257

Miriam Smith

Orlando Campus Administrator

Phone: 407-835-4103

WOMEN *in* MEDICINE

Thank You for joining us!



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE