



# Weill Cornell Medicine

## Diversity & Inclusion

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2<sup>ND</sup> NEWSLETTER EDITION

### MESSAGE FROM ASSOCIATE DEANS OF DIVERSITY

Greetings,

Welcome to our 2<sup>nd</sup> monthly newsletter edition. We thank everyone for the positive feedback regarding our first!

Please note that our office is participating in the hosting of two upcoming events. Come to celebrate and toast our 4<sup>th</sup> year graduates and recognize those who have worked to support diversity in our community at the **Diversity Celebration May 17**. And join in reflecting on where we are as a diverse community, where we want to go and what each of us has to contribute at the **SPARC Diversity Retreat June 17**.

Please see below for more information.

Also, Weill Cornell Medicine has started its **faculty engagement survey**. Please check for the email and [respond to ensure that your voice is heard](#). It is completely anonymous. If you have not received an email then please let us know. We are hoping to have participation from all of our faculty. It takes only a few minutes to complete.

Kind Regards,



**Linnie Golightly, M.D.**



**Rache Simmons, M.D.**

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion

## WEILL CORNELL DIVERSITY EVENTS



**Weill Cornell Medicine**

**2017 Diversity Celebration**  
Toast to 4<sup>th</sup> Year  
Graduating URiM Students  
and  
Presentation of  
"Pioneers in Diversity" Awards

**May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**5:30pm – 7:30pm**  
**Belfer Research Building**  
**Room 204A-C**

**Hosted by The Office of Diversity and  
Inclusion, Office of Student Affairs, and  
Students for Equal Opportunity in  
Medicine**



**The following four awards will  
be given:**

The Ida Sophia Scudder, M.D. Award for  
Excellence

The Louis Wade Sullivan, M.D. Award for  
Excellence

The Bruce Laine Ballard, M.D. Award for  
Excellence in Mentorship  
Administrative Staff Award

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**SPARC**

**2017 Diversity Retreat**  
*Building Our Community:  
Diverse, Inclusive, and Strong*



**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Dr. Mindy Fullilove**  
The New School



**Retreat Facilitator:**  
**Sandrine Tunezerwe**  
Center for Creative Leadership

**Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**8:30AM to 5:00PM**

**Belfer Research Building**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**  
**413 East 69<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**New York, NY 10021**

*Please RSVP using the link below:*

<http://sparcdiversityretreat.eventbrite.com?s=75487680>



**Weill Cornell  
Medicine**



**Memorial Sloan Kettering  
Cancer Center**





# You're Invited!



Weill Cornell Medicine  
LGBT Steering Committee PRIDE Mixer  
Thursday, June 8, 2017  
5:00-8:00PM

Griffis Faculty Club  
Location: 521 East 68<sup>th</sup> Street

Students, Residents, Faculty and Staff are Welcome  
Email [lgbt-info@med.cornell.edu](mailto:lgbt-info@med.cornell.edu) to RSVP

## RECENT NEWS

### ***NYP/WCM Hunter College Mentoring Initiative***

Marissa Lombardo, MD, a Hunter alum, resident, and Clinical Associate in Medicine is starting



a new mentoring initiative with Hunter pre-medical undergraduate students. On March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Dr. Lombardo, Elen Gusman (3<sup>rd</sup> year medical student), and Dr. Elizabeth Wilson Anstey, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs whom are also both Hunter alumni met with the pre-med advisor of Hunter College to discuss starting her initiative with Hunter students. Dr. Lombardo hosted her inaugural meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 with the first cohort.

**Congratulations,  
Dr. Lombardo!**

## ***Health Professions Recruitment and Exposure (HPREP) 2017 Graduation Ceremony***



**HPREP Graduates** (from left to right):  
Wasi Imrose, Viva Painstil,  
Leah Naraine, and Iqura Naheed

On Friday, March 17, 2017, 94 high school students successfully completed Health Professions Recruitment Exposure (HPREP) program this spring. Dr. Linnie Golightly was the keynote speaker and Dr. Dana Zappetti gave welcoming remarks to open the ceremony. Originally, this student-run program, HPREP, was created by the Weill Cornell Medicine Chapter of the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) to address the issue of the declining enrollment rates of underrepresented groups in medical school in 1989. As a result, HPREP officially graduated its first class in 1990. This ten week program held in spring semesters provides high school students with opportunities to engage in discussions with physicians where a wide

range of medical issues are addressed. Students were able to attend several panels that featured a physical therapist, a healthcare consultant, a genetic counselor, and a researcher. In addition, these students gained insight into the college application process including how to write a research paper, applying for financial aid, and writing a personal statement. This year's HPREP coordinators: Jonathan Galati, Nicole Luche, Jae Seong No, Edwin Rosendo, and Iyan Younus offered direction for these high school students in writing their research papers, college essays, the common application.

### **Congratulations to the 2017 HPREP Graduates!**



(From left to right): Dr. Capello, Dr. Golightly, Iyan Younus, Nicole Luche, Dr. Zappetti, Edwin Rosendo



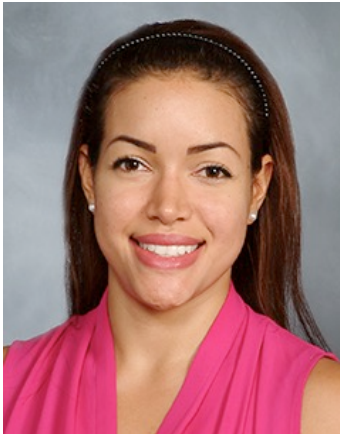
### ***Grenada Visit: Live Healthy Me, Inc.***

Live Healthy Me, Inc. an organization in the leadership of Dr. Carol McIntosh, F.A.C.O.G., O.B.E., who has vast experience in women's health and gynecological issues spearheaded this five-day visit to Grenada. The organization was supported by the Ministry of Health and Social Security under the leadership of Hon. Minister Nikolas Steele. Dr. McIntosh was also accompanied by renowned Gynecologic Oncologist, Dr. Kevin Holcomb, F.A.C.O.G. who is the Director of the Gynecologic Oncology and Director of Minimally Invasive Surgery in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at New York Presbyterian Hospital. Dr. Holcomb along with other members of the health team performed surgeries on patients diagnosed with cancer and precancerous lesions. All surgeries were performed in St. Georges General Hospital (SGH). Dr. Holcomb also gave lectures on cervical cancer caused by Human Papillomavirus (HPV). Lectures were tailored to the audience, one addressed to medical professionals at SGH and one addressed to the community and staff at Blue Horizon Garden Resort. The team is expected to return to Grenada again on May 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2017.



**Health Team Members (from left to right):** Dr. Kevin Holcomb, Dr. Danielle Wright OB/GYN Chief Resident at Inova Fairfax Hospital, and two anesthesiologists based in Grenada

## DIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT



Nicole Cruz, M.D. has been named the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) Resident of the Year. Dr. Cruz is currently a senior resident in the Residency Training Program in Internal Medicine at the New York-Presbyterian Hospital-Weill Cornell Campus. She works with Dr. Monica Guzman of the Division of Hematology-Oncology, evaluating the expression level of CD123 in leukemic cells of AML patients to emphasize the relevance of the receptor as a potential CAR-T cell target. In addition, she serves as the Co-Chair of the Department in Medicine's House staff Committee promoting mentorship and works to strengthen diversity and community amongst peers. Dr. Cruz will begin her fellowship in Hematology-Oncology at Cornell in July 2017 and she will receive her honorary award at the NHMA National Meeting in Washington, D.C. in May 2017.

**Congratulations, Dr. Cruz!**



Anthony Watkins, M.D. was recently featured in **#WeAreWCM** campaign advertisements. Dr. Watkins is an Assistant Professor of Surgery and the Program Director of the General Surgery Residency Program. He shared his personal words in a Weill Cornell Medicine featured video: "Medicine is part of the DNA of who I am. But what I've found equally important is the human element, what drives me is this interest and desire to make a meaningful impact in people's lives."

**Congratulations, Dr. Watkins!**

To view the **#WeAreWCM** featured video, please visit the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/WeillCornellMedicine/videos/vl.1178067955599164/10158388529580481/?type=1&theater>



Carol Storey-Johnson, M.D. is the recipient of the 2017 Association of American Medical Colleges Northeast Group on Educational Affairs (NEGEA) Distinguished Educator Award. Dr. Storey-Johnson is a Professor of Medicine and the Senior Associate Dean of Education at Weill Cornell Medicine. She has contributed immensely to the field of medical education in teaching, professional development of others, and scholarship. She is to receive her award at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry on Saturday, May 6, 2017.

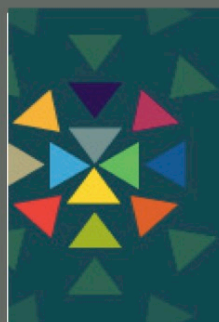
**Congratulations, Dr. Storey-Johnson!**



Fabrizio Michelassi, M.D. is the recipient of the 2017 Maurice R. Greenberg Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Michelassi is a Professor of Surgery and Chairman of Surgery at Weill Cornell Medicine. He is also the Surgeon-In-Chief at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center. The Maurice R. Greenberg Distinguished Service Award is awarded to a senior member of the medical staff at New-York Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell who has given exceptional and longstanding service. It also includes a \$50,000 grant to the recipient to use toward his or her current work. Dr. Michelassi will be honored at The Plaza on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Dr. Michelassi has been a voice in diversity at Weill Cornell Medicine. With his leadership,

WCM has been chosen as the host for the prestigious Society of Black Academic Surgeons (SBAS) Meeting in 2019. **Congratulations Dr. Michelassi!**

#### RESEARCH, GRANTS, AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



### *Grant Writers Coaching Group for NIH Awards*



Program that supports  
underrepresented faculty in medicine  
(URM) who are actively working on a  
K or R NIH grant proposal

Includes:

1 day intensive workshop, individual  
coaching, and 2 to 3 months bi-  
weekly virtual group meetings and  
on-going support

### **Apply for the 2017 Grant Writers Coaching Group of NIH Awards**

**Deadline:**

**June 21, 2017 at 11:59PM EST**

**Please visit the website:**

<http://www.cvent.com/events/2017-aamc-grant-writers-coaching-group-for-nih-awards/event-summary-cfeb3dc150264bf383f510b88009615e.aspx>

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