Greetings,

We hope everyone had a lovely summer and we welcome back our returning students and incoming 2017 class to Weill Cornell Medicine. This summer we hosted many students from several summer programs: Travelers Summer Research Fellowship (T-SRF), Weill-Ithaca Summer Experience in Research (WISER), ACCESS, and Gateways to the Laboratory Summer Programs. All students were invited to attend our SPARC Jr. conference as they learned about different career areas in medicine and science.

In September, the Governor General of Antigua and Barbuda, Sir Rodney Williams, MBBS will be coming to Weill Cornell Medicine (please see Weill Cornell Diversity Events for more information).

And please note the new section on diversity events at the Ithaca campus. These were forwarded by some of you as of interest and worthy of a trip to Ithaca. Please do keep your suggestions and information regarding upcoming events coming!

Kind Regards,

Linnie Golightly, M.D.

Rache Simmons, M.D.

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WEILL CORNELL DIVERSITY EVENTS

Honor Above Wealth: Healing the Body and the Society
The Personal Experiences of Sir Rodney Williams, MBBS
Governor General of Antigua & Barbuda

What are the unique challenges facing doctors working in a developing country? Please join us for this fascinating discussion about bringing together diverse stakeholders to effect positive change in this small island nation.

Wednesday
September 20, 2017, 4 p.m.
Uris Auditorium
1300 York Avenue
New York, NY 10065

Reception immediately following in the Griffis Faculty Club

For more information, please see wellcornellbrainandspine.org/antigua
**CORNELL UNIVERSITY DIVERSITY EVENTS**

**Professor F. Michael Higginbotham**

Joseph Curtis Professor of Law  
Former Interim Dean of University of Baltimore School of Law  
“Saving the Dream for All”  
Tuesday, September 12th, 2017  
4:30PM-6:00P.M.  
Rhodes-Rawlings Auditorium, Klarman Hall  
Cornell University, Ithaca

**Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum**

President Emerita  
Spelman College  
“Racial Identity”  
Wednesday, September 13th, 2017  
3:00PM-4:00PM  
Sage Chapel  
Cornell University, Ithaca

Co-Sponsored by Center of Teaching Excellence, Engaged Cornell, the Graduate School, Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives, and Office of Faculty Development and Diversity
On Monday, July 24th, 2017, students gathered at Rockefeller University to learn about different careers in science. Russell Ledet, SPARC Jr. keynote speaker, a graduate student at New York University (NYU) shared his personal journey and experiences being a father and student. He elaborated extensively on the obstacles he encountered and what eventually influenced him to attend graduate school.

Students had breakout sessions regarding careers in pediatrics, biomedical science, and those of physician-scientists. They also had an opportunity to hear different perspectives from minority medical and graduate students, residents, and fellows about their journey in the sciences.
Dr. Olaf Andersen, Director of the WCM MD/PhD program spoke with this year's WISER students about pursuing studies as a physician-scientist and why it is important. He also discussed the different paths students can explore to see if they are interested in pursuing a dual degree. The WISER students took the opportunity to ask what would a Weill Cornell Medicine MD/PhD program look for in a prospective MD/PhD candidate.

Summer students met with Vice Dean of Research, Dr. Gary Koretzky to discuss about their interests in pursuing sciences. Dr. Koretzky advised the students to explore options available in the sciences and also look for experiences such as internships or mentors to further enhance their interests.
Summer students successfully completed this year’s programs. Students presented their independent research in front of Weill Cornell Medicine faculty mentors, students, and staff. Congratulations to all of our ACCESS, T-SRF, WISER, and Gateways summer students. Wishing you all the best in your future endeavors!
FACULTY AND STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Tracy K. Paul, MD was appointed Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine and Assistant Attending Physician in the Division of Cardiology. Dr. Paul is an alumna of two Weill Cornell Medicine’s pipeline programs! She participated in both the Health Professions Recruitment and Exposure Program (HPREP) and Travelers Summer Research Fellowship (T-SRF) Program.

Congratulations Dr. Paul! And Welcome home!

Joy Dean Howell, MD was appointed Vice Chair of Diversity in the Department of Pediatrics. She is an Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at Weill Cornell Medicine and Associate Attending Pediatrician at the NewYork-Presbyterian Komansky Children’s Hospital at the NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center. In her new role, she will be overseeing the department’s diversity initiatives for pipeline programs, students, and faculty.

Congratulations Dr. Howell!

WE WISH THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY OF THE MUSLIM FAITH A HAPPY EID AL-ADHA

EID-UL-ADHA-AL-MUBARAK
Dr. Elaine Barfield
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics
Publishes Research on Fecal Microbial Transplantation (FMT) in Children

Dr. Barfield and colleagues describe their experience at WCM with performing fecal microbial transplantation (FMT). FMT is the transfer of stool from an individual with a healthy combination of gut bacteria to a patient with an abnormal make up of gut bacteria, known as dysbiosis. FMT has been used in patients with recurrent and refractory *Clostridium difficile* infection and is known to be effective in the treatment of recurrent *Clostridium difficile* in both adults and children. While there is more literature available on FMT in the adult population, more and more pediatric centers are performing FMT in children at this time.

“Young to the Bank: Fecal Microbiota Transplantation in Pediatrics”
Elaine Barfield, MD, Lesley Small, MD, Lauren Navallo, MD, Aliza Solomon, DO
View at: http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0009922817721159