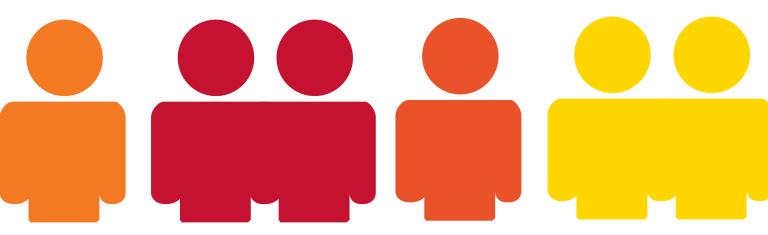


# Diversity Week



April 25-29, 2022



# I'm thrilled to welcome you to Weill Cornell Medicine's fourth annual Diversity Week!

This year's celebration brings together an exciting group of physicians, scientists, educators, policymakers, advocates, and community members who are all committed to greater equity, diversity, and inclusion within academic medicine and healthcare. We hope you take advantage of the hybrid format and are able to participate in some of the many activities taking place throughout the week. Many thanks go to all who helped organize this year's outstanding events!

We especially encourage you to attend our two keynote addresses:

- Dr. James R. Gavin, III, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Medical Officer of Healing Our Village, will be delivering the Elizabeth
   A. Wilson-Anstey, EdD Lecture on April 25 at 4:00 p.m., entitled "Confronting the Diversity Gap in Academic Medicine Leadership: A Challenge Both Noble and Daunting!"
- Dr. Carol Bradford, Dean of The Ohio State University College of Medicine and Vice President for Health Sciences at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, will be speaking on "Shattering the Glass Ceiling: Advance Your Career Without Limits" on April 27 at 4:00 p.m.

Diversity Week reflects our shared commitment to fostering a welcoming and supportive environment for our diverse community of patients, students, faculty, and staff. At all levels of our organization, we strive to make Weill Cornell Medicine a place where all individuals can thrive and feel like they belong – every day of the year.

I am proud of the progress we are making and look forward to continuing to work with all of you to achieve meaningful change together. Thank you for everything you do to help us make Weill Cornell Medicine a better place to care, discover and teach.

Sincerely,

Augustine M.K. Choi, MD

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Stephen and Suzanne Weiss Dean Weill Cornell Medicine Provost for Medical Affairs Cornell University







Rache Simmons, MD



Linnie Golightly, MD



Joy Howell



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On behalf of the Weill Cornell Medicine Office of Diversity and Inclusion, we are pleased to welcome you to the fourth Annual Diversity Week. As part of our commitment to diversity and inclusion and our vision to create a community where everyone can belong and thrive, this year's diversity week offers a range of events open to everyone across WCM. We have organized a full program of virtual, in person and hybrid events, giving our community the opportunity to connect with colleagues from different backgrounds and share their experiences. From two keynote lectures, Diversity Grand Round talks from experts in their fields, to conversations and action on topical issues, our thought-provoking sessions are organized in response to the suggestions we received from our WCM community.

As a prelude to the Diversity Week events, we are excited to share the New York State Health Commissioner Dr. Mary Bassett will be presenting on Reflections on Racial/Ethnic Disparities and COVID-19.

In addition, winners of the Ritu Banga Healthcare
Disparities Research Awards, Pioneers in Diversity
Awards, and the Jessica M. and Natan Bibliowicz Award
for Excellence in Mentoring Women Faculty and members
of our community that have been recognized nationally
will be honored during an evening celebration of diversity.

Once again it is important to note that the Dean's Diversity Week is made possible by the unwavering support of our academic leaders starting with the Cornell University Office of the President, the Weill Cornell Medicine Board of Fellows, the Dean's Office, and the numerous departmental/divisional heads across our institution for whom this week represents an opportunity to affirm their commitment to diversity and inclusion.

We invite all to attend our events and engage in discussions that bring new perspectives, and celebrate the contributions made by people of all identities and experiences.

With warm regards,

**Executive Committee on Diversity and Inclusion** 





#### Wednesday, April 20, 2022

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Reflections on Racial/Ethnic Disparities

and COVID-19

Population Health Sciences | Zoom

Mary Bassett, MD, MPH NY State Health Commissioner

#### Thursday, April 21, 2022

7:00 AM – 800 AM What has COVID-19 Taught us?

Otolaryngology Grand Rounds | WGC 2nd Floor

Conference Room/ Zoom

Jaqueline Jones, MD

Associate Professor in the Department of Otolaryngology

#### Saturday, April 23, 2022

9:00 AM – 1:30 PM **2022 BLMiM Annual Conference:** 

**The Power of Perseverance** 

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS** 

**Congressman Hakeem Jeffries** 

Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus

**Register Here** 

9:00 AM Welcome Remarks

Kevin Holcomb MD, Maurice Hinson MD, Paul Walker MS4, Dean Augustine Choi

10:00 AM KEYNOTE ADDRESS

**Congressman Hakeem Jeffries** 

Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus.

10:45 AM Questions for Keynote

11:00 AM Break

11:45 AM Panel – Personal Reflections on Perseverance

Answorth Allen, MD

Team Orthopedist, New York Knicks **Minerva A Romero Arenas, MD** Endocrine Surgeon, Weill-Cornell

Choumika Simonis, MD.

Internal Medicine resident, NYP-Weill-Cornell

Joshua Adjei

MD. Orthopaedic Surgery resident, University of

Pittsburgh Medical Center

1:00 PM Celebration of Science and leadership in Medicine

(SLiM) students

1:20 PM Closing Remarks

1:30 PM End of program

#### Monday, April 25, 2022

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM Advancing Health Equity: Moving from Ambition to Competency

Urology Grand Rounds | Zoom

Tracy Downs, MD, FACS

Chief Diversity and Community Engagement Officer, UVA Health System Senior Associate Dean of Diversity and Inclusion, University of Virginia, School

of Medicine

Professor of Urology, University of Virginia, Department of Urology

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM Perspectives on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Neurological Surgery Grand Rounds | Zoom

**Ryland McClendon** 

Executive Director, Head of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion,

Corporate & Investment Banking, J.P. Morgan

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM The PRIDE Study: Filling Gaps in Health Research with

**LGBTQ+ Communities** 

Obstetrics and Gynecology Grand Rounds | Griffis Faculty Club / Zoom

Mitchell R. Lunn, MD, MAS, FACP, FASN

Assistant Professor of Medicine (Nephrology) and, by courtesy, of

Epidemiology and Population Health at the Stanford University Medical Center

Juno Obedin-Maliver, MD, MPH, MAS, FACOG

Assistant Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at

Stanford University School of Medicine

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Health Equity Now

Surgery Grand Rounds | Uris Auditorium

Jennifer Tseng, MD, MPH Chair, Department of Surgery,

James Utley Professor, Boston University School of Medicine

Surgeon-in-Chief, Boston Medical Center

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM NIH All of Us Research Program: Initial Release of 100,000 Whole

**Genome Sequences to Researcher Workbench** 

All of Us Research Program | Zoom

Danielle Wilfong, MS

Vanderbilt University Medical Center





**ELIZABETH A. WILSON-ANSTEY, Ed.D. LECTURE** 

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Confronting the Diversity Gap in Academic Medicine Leadership:

A Challenge Both Noble and Daunting! | Zoom

James R. Gavin III, MD, PhD Clinical Professor of Medicine Emory University School of Medicine

Chief Medical Officer, Healing Our Village, Inc.

5:00PM – 6:00PM Celebration of Diversity | Zoom

**Pioneer in Diversity Awards** 

Ritu Banga Healthcare Disparities Research Awards

Jessica M. & Natan Bibliowicz Award for Excellence in Mentoring

**Women Faculty** 

#### Tuesday, April 26, 2022

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM **DEI in Dermatology: Where are we now?** 

Dermatology Grand Rounds | Zoom

Henry W. Lim, MD, FAAD

Former Chair

Department of Dermatology

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Henry Ford Health System

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Over a Way That With Tears Has Been Watered: Building Health

**Equity Through Trust and Partnership** 

Pediatric Grand Rounds | Zoom Ray Bignall II, MD, FAAP, FASN

Assistant Chief Diversity and Health Equity Officer

Nationwide Children's Hospital

Director, Kidney Health Advocacy and Community Engagement

Division of Nephrology and Hypertension Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics The Ohio State University College of Medicine

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM **Experiences of First-Generation Students** 

at Elite Campuses | Weill Greenberg Center, 1305 York Ave., 2nd Floor,

Conference Rooms / Zoom

Keith LaScalea, MD

Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine Weill Cornell Medicine

Maria K. Papadakis, EdD

Program Manager Princeton University

3:00 PM – 4:15 PM Model Minority Myth

Office of Staff Diversity & Inclusion | Zoom

**Kim Tran, PhD** Equity strategist 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Pathology: in the front line of patient care for Precision Oncology

Pathology and Laboratory Medicine I Zoom

Juan Miguel Mosquera, M.D., M.Sc.

Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Program Director, Genitourinary Pathology Fellowship

Director of Research Pathology at the Englander Institute for Precision Medicine

Weill Cornell Medicine

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Lessons learned from climbing the proverbial academic ladder

Graduate School and Social Justice Anti-Racism (SJAR) | Griffis Faculty Club

Cornelius Taabazuing, PhD

Assistant Professor

Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics

University of Pennsylvania

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM The PRIDE Study & PRIDEnet: Engaging LGBTQ+ Communities in

**Health Research** | Zoom

Mitchell R. Lunn, MD, MAS, FACP, FASN

Assistant Professor of Medicine (Nephrology)

Assistant Professor of Epidemiology and Population Health, By courtesy Co-Director, The PRIDE Study Stanford University

School of Medicine

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM **Networking Hour with Dr. Cornelius Taabazuing** 

Office of Student Diversity and Social Justice Anti-Racism (SJAR)

Griffis Faculty Club

Mitchell R. Lunn, MD, MAS, FACP, FASN Assistant Professor of Medicine (Nephrology)

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM Diversity Mixer

Harkness Courtyard | York Avenue between 69th & 70th Streets

Space is limited to the first 100 RSVPs, registration required. Please RSVP to: Facultydevelopment@med.cornell.edu.

Indicate if you are a Faculty or Staff member

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Making My Mark: Lessons Learned Along My Journey as an

**Academic Surgeon and Beyond** 

Office of Student Diversity and Student National Medical Association | Zoom

Patricia Turner, MD, MBA, FACS

**Executive Director** 

American College of Surgeons

Clinical Associate Professor, University of Chicago Medicine





#### Wednesday April 27, 2022

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Systemic Inequity, Structural Racism and Lessons Learned

**Regarding Infectious Diseases** 

Medicine Grand Rounds | Zoom

Bisola Ojikutu, MD, MPH, FIDSA

Commissioner of Public Health, City of Boston Executive Director, Boston Public Health Commission Associate Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM A Tale of Two Cities: Youth Suicide in the Black Community

Psychiatry Grand Rounds | Zoom

Tami Benton, MD

Attending Psychiatrist, Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
Director of Education, Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
Psychiatrist-in-Chief and Chair - Department of Child and Adolescent
Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Site
Director, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Research Institute, Lifespan Brain
Institute, Site Director, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Research Institute

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Gender Compensation Gap

President's Council of Cornell Women | Zoom

Moderator:

Maria Fernandez

Former lawyer at IBM

Dr. Susan Klugman - CALS '84

Director of the Division of Reproductive Genetics

Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Jennifer Leeds - CALS '91

Executive Director at Novartis Head, Search and Evaluation,

West Coast and Canada

Jessica Baker Fletchner - CALS '93, PhD CALS 2000

Chief Scientific Officer, Genocea Biosciences

Dr. Geetanjali Akerkar - ALS '88, WCM '93

Gastroenterologist

Elizabeth Forminard - A&S '92

Worldwide VP, General Counsel

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM A More Just Future for Medicine and Public Health

David Rogers Health Policy Colloquium | I Zoom

Michelle Morse, M.D., M.P.H.

Chief Medical Officer

Deputy Commissioner

Center for Health Equity and Community Wellness (CHECW) New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene 2:30 PM - 3:45PM The Intersection of Inclusivity, Belonging and Wellbeing

Office of Staff Diversity & Inclusion | I Zoom

**Toni Howard Lowe** 

GVP of Diversity Equity & Inclusion at Huge

#### **WOMEN KEYNOTE LECTURE**

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Shattering the glass ceiling: Advance your career

without limits | Uris Auditorium / Zoom

Dean Carol Bradford, MD, MS, FACS

Dean, The Ohio State University College of Medicine

Vice President for Health Sciences, The Ohio State University

Wexner Medical Center

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM **Pushing Cool: Big Tobacco, Racial Marketing, and the** 

**Untold Story of the Menthol Cigarette** 

The Heberden Society | Zoom Michelle Morse, M.D., M.P.H.

Chief Medical Officer

Book Club discussion scheduled for April 28th at 1:00PM

#### Thursday, April 28, 2022

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Health Disparities Among Individuals with Disability

Rehabilitation Medicine | Zoom

Amy Houtrow, MD, PhD, MPH

Professor, Pediatric Rehab Medicine Division Chief

Vice Chair in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

for Pediatric Rehabilitation Medicine Vice Chair for Quality and Outcomes.

Chief of Pediatric Rehabilitation Medicine Services University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and UPMC

Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Cancer genetics - Scope of current healthcare disparities and

innovative strategies to address this critical issue

Radiation Oncology Grand Rounds | Zoom

Melissa Frey MD

Assistant Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Division of Gynecologic Oncology

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM Global Maternal-Child Health: from Research to Policy

Women in Global Health Initiative | Zoom

Giny Fouda, MD, PhD

Associate Professor, Weill Cornell Medicine

Mallika Alexander, MBBS

Project Manager, Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Government Medical College





Judi Miller

Program Officer, Maternal Health Department of NIAD/DAIDS

Tania Lombo, PhD

Health Program Officer, Maternal Health Department of NIAD/DAIDS, NIH

Moupali Das, MD

HIV Prevention Clinical Development Lead, Executive Director, Gilead Sciences

Dorothea Obiri, MPhil, PhD

Research Fellow, Department of Immunology, Noguchi Memorial Institute for

Medical Research, College of Health Sciences, University of Ghana

Julia Bunting

President, Population Council

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Pushing Cool: Big Tobacco, Racial Marketing, and the Untold Story

of the Menthol Cigarette Book Club by Keith Wailoo, PhD

Medical Archives and Samuel J. Wood Library | Zoom

1:00 PM – 2:00PM **Vector Salivary Proteins: From Basic Science to** 

**Translational Research** 

Microbiology and Immunology I Zoom

Jesus Valenzuela, PhD

Chief, Vector Molecular Biology Section

NIH National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

4:00 PM - 5:00PM Reevaluating Endogenous Opioids: A 21st Century Perspective

Feil Family Brain and Mind Research Institute | Weill Auditorium C-200

**Daniel Castro, PhD**Washington University

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Exploring the Global Landscape of Human Rights Issues: Refugees

Abroad and At Home

Weill Cornell Center for Human Rights Student Leaders (WCCHR/ OSD) | Zoom

5:00PM – 6:00PM Anti-Semitism, Past and Present

Office of Student Diversity/ JSOC | Zoom

Paola Tartakoff, PhD

Chair, Department of Jewish Studies

Professor, Department of Jewish Studies and Department of History

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM Improving Workforce Diversity in Ophthalmology: the Current State

and Future Directions

Ophthalmology Grand Rounds | Weill Greenberg Center, 1305 York Ave., 2nd

Floor, Conference Rooms B & C

Fasika Woreta, MD, MPH

Associate Professor of Ophthalmology

Residency Program Director Director, Eye Trauma Center

Wilmer Eye Institute

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

6:30 PM – 8:00PM **Diversity Mixer** | Belfer Research Building, 3rd Floor

Office of Student Diversity and Diversity Center of Excellence

#### Friday, April 29, 2022

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Practicing Cultural Humility When Serving Latinx/Hispanic

**Communities: A Pathway to Providing Equitable Care** 

Emergency Medicine I Zoom

David Acosta, MD

Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer

Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Healing from Anti-Asian Hate

Pediatrics/ Ad Hoc Committee / Office of Student Diversity | Zoom

JoAnn Yoo

Executive Director of the Asian American Federation

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM **Health Equity Driving Radiology Care Transformation:** 

The Future is Now

Radiology Grand Rounds | Zoom

Efrén J. Flores, MD

Associate Chair, Equity & Community Health, MGB Enterprise Radiology

Assistant Professor of Radiology, Harvard Medical School Radiologist, Thoracic Division, Massachusetts General Hospital Scholar in Diagnostic Excellence, National Academy of Medicine

Faculty, The Mongan Institute

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM Breaking Bread: Conversations about the Underground Railroad

**Project at Cornell, Ithaca** 

Biochemistry and Cell Biology | Zoom

Renee Alexander, PhD

Former Associate Dean of Students and Director, Campus Climate Initiatives,

Cornell University Ithaca. Founder, "Breaking Bread" community

**Gerard Aching** 

Professor of Africana and Romance Studies

Co-Principal Investigator, Rural Humanities Initiative

Cornell University

Sushmita Mukherjee, PhD, MS

Associate Professor of Research in Biochemistry

Co-Director, Microscopy and Image Analysis Core Facility

Diversity Champion, Departments of Biochemistry and Cell Biology

Weill Cornell Medicine

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Know Your Rights Training for our International Population

Students in Healthcare Advocating for Incarcerated Persons and the Office of Internal Students Services | Weill Greenberg Center, 1305 York Ave.,

Conference Room A

Ms. Lymari Casta, Esq

The Casta Law Office







#### Carol R. Bradford, MD, MS, FACS

Dean, The Ohio State University College of Medicine Vice President for Health Sciences, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Leslie H. and Abigail S. Wexner Dean's Chair in Medicine Professor of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery

#### Wednesday April 27 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM I Uris Auditorium / Zoom

#### Shattering the glass ceiling: Advance your career without limits

An internationally recognized head and neck cancer surgeon scientist and leader in academic medicine, Carol R. Bradford, MD, MS, FACS, is the dean of The Ohio State University College of Medicine, vice president for Health Sciences of The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, the Leslie H. and Abigail S. Wexner Dean's Chair in Medicine and a professor of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery. Dr. Bradford specializes in head and neck cancer surgery, focusing her research on identifying and evaluating biomarkers that can predict outcomes. She also pioneered the use of sentinel lymph node biopsy as a safe and reliable tool to stage patients with melanoma of the head and neck. She has published more than 300 peer-reviewed articles and authored more than 20 book chapters.

Her many awards include a Clinical Excellence Award from Castle Connolly National Physician of the Year Awards in 2009 and the Women in Otolaryngology Helen F. Krause Memorial Trailblazer Award in 2019. In 2012, she was inducted into the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. She was elected as the first woman president of the American Head and Neck Society in 2012, and received a Presidential Citation from this society in 2021. She was inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society in 2021.

In 2020, she became the president of the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery for a one-year term. She is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, American Head and Neck Society, Triological Society and American Laryngological Association.

#### Elizabeth A. Wilson-Anstey, Ed.D.



James R. Gavin III, MD, PhD
Clinical Professor of Medicine
Emory University School of Medicine
Chief Medical Officer, Healing Our Village, Inc.



### Confronting the Diversity Gap in Academic Medicine Leadership: A Challenge Both Noble and Daunting!

James R. Gavin III, MD, PhD is clinical professor of medicine at Emory University School of Medicine. He also serves as Chief Medical Officer of Healing Our Village, Inc. He served as President and CEO of the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, was a senior scientific officer at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI). Before joining HHMI, he was chief of the Diabetes Section, and William K. Warren Professor for Diabetes Studies at the University of Oklahoma. He is a past president of the American Diabetes Association (ADA), and belongs to many organizations, including the National Academy of Medicine (NAM), the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE), the American Society of Clinical Investigation, and the American Association of Physicians. He is a Trustee Emeritus for Emory University, serves on the Trustee board at Livingstone College, and is Chairman Emeritus of the Board for the Partnership for a Healthier America. He serves on the board of the Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists (ADCES). He is past national program director of the Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program of the RWJF (1993-2013). He was named a "Living Legend in Diabetes" by AADE in 2009, received a Lifetime Achievement Award for Diabetes Research from ADA in 2015, a lifetime Meritorious Achievement Award from the National Medical Association, and is the 2021 recipient of the Laureate Mentor of the Year Award from the Endocrine Society. He has published more than 250 articles and abstracts and three books. He received a BS in Chemistry from Livingstone College, a PhD in Biochemistry from Emory University, and his MD from Duke University.







## Diversity Awards Ceremony and Reception

#### Monday, April 25

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM | Zoom

This year's recipients will be formally announced will be formally announced at the Celebration of Diversity ceremony.

#### Ritu Banga Healthcare Disparities Research Awards

The Ritu Banga Healthcare Disparities Research Awards support excellence in research to improve the health of women and underrepresented minorities and/or to reduce health disparities in healthcare systems and in clinical settings, either locally or globally.

#### Jessica M. and Natan Bibliowicz Award for Excellence in Mentoring Women Faculty

The Jessica M. and Natan Bibliowicz Award for Excellence in Mentoring Women Faculty recognizes outstanding men and women faculty at Weill Cornell Medicine who demonstrate commitment to advancing the academic careers of women in the areas of clinical care, research, or education. The individual must have a track record of providing strong mentorship, as well as fostering a nurturing and supportive environment for all faculty.

#### **Pioneers in Diversity Awards**

The Ida Sophia Scudder, MD Award for Excellence in Public Service recognizes an MD, PhD, MD-PhD, or PA student who has made significant contributions in the field of community service and providing care to the underserved.

The Bruce Laine Ballard, MD Award for Excellence in Mentorship is presented to a faculty member who demonstrates a commitment to improving student life and to fostering a nurturing and supportive environment where students are able to thrive and succeed.

The Louis Wade Sullivan, MD Award for Excellence in Public Health Advocacy honors a resident or postdoctoral fellow who has been an outspoken champion for health promotion and a public health advocate, especially for medically underserved populations.

The **Administrative Staff Award** recognizes staff members who embody the spirit of cultural diversity and service. This award honors staff members who have gone beyond the call of duty to make sure the environment is inclusive, engaging and welcoming, and whose efforts may often go unnoticed.

**Marie Metoyer, MD Award** recognizes faculty or alumnus of the medical college who has gone above and beyond to serve communities despite difficult conditions.

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