



BLACK MEN IN WHITE COATS

YOUTH SUMMIT hosted by **HSC**

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FOUNDER and KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Greetings!

My name is **Dr. Dale Okorodudu**, and I am the founder of **Black Men in White Coats**. I am so excited to welcome you to the 2024, Fort Worth, Texas, BMWC Youth Summit - hosted by **The University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth**. The team at HSC has worked tirelessly to make sure this event is memorable and transformative for all participants.

BMWC was founded in 2013 after alarming data revealed the number of Black men applying to medical school was decreasing. It was obvious that addressing the problem started with our youth. We made it our goal to increase their exposure to health care careers and access to mentorship. Since then, we have been on a mission to provide these essential elements of success to our communities nationwide.

With the help of our incredible partners, we are humbled to serve you through educational activities, networking and fellowship. You'll meet like-minded individuals who are destined to impact society. You'll practice medical skills taught by brilliant clinicians. In all this, our hope for you today is that you leave inspired!

I want you to know that the work we do is for you. We envision a nation with a health care system that truly cares for everyone and better reflects the patient population it serves. Noting this, our efforts are not limited solely to increasing the number of Black men in medicine. We want to increase overall diversity in medicine. All are welcome.

I'd like to thank this year's host, HSC, for graciously providing us a space for our event and for the time spent helping us prepare. BMWC would not be possible without the support from our community, and for that I am grateful.

With love and respect,
Dr. Dale Okorodudu (aka Dr. Dale)



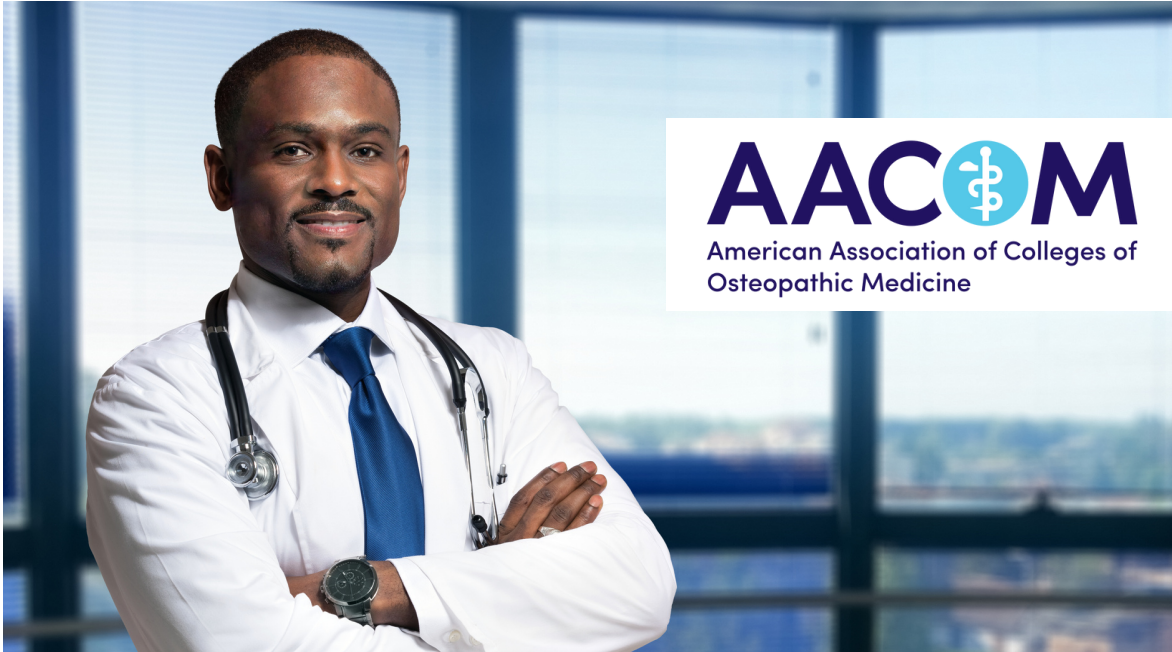


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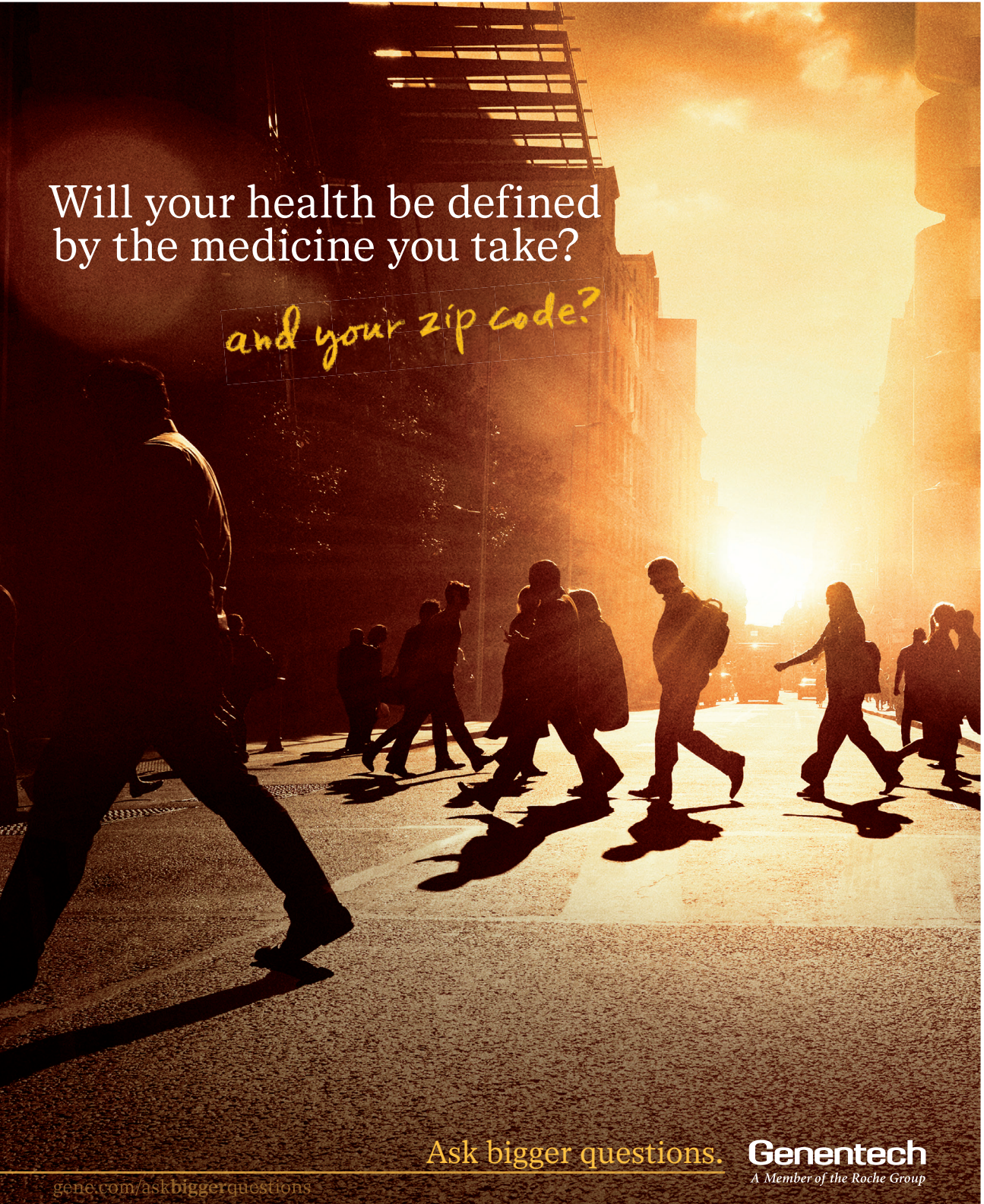
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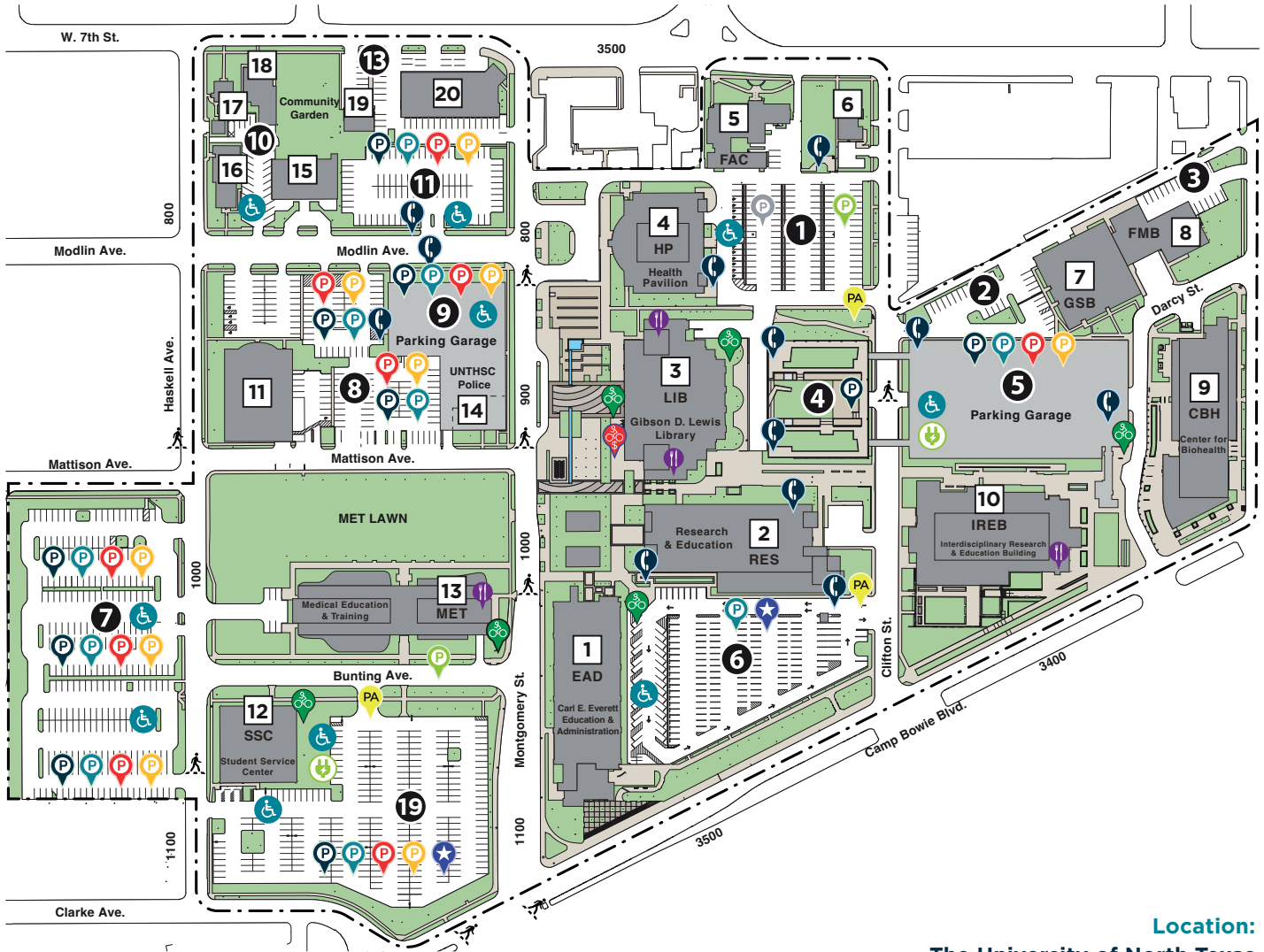
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CAMPUS MAP



Location:
The University of North Texas
Health Science Center at Fort Worth
Medical Education & Training Building
1000 Montgomery St., Fort Worth, TX 76107





AGENDA

Black Men in White Coats at HSC

Time	Description					Location
7:30 a.m.	Volunteer Check-In					MET Lobby
8:15 a.m.	Check-In – Participants (up to 500 attendees)					MET Lobby
9:00 a.m.	Welcome Host Institution Welcome (HSC President Dr. Sylvia Trent-Adams) Introduce BMWC Founder (HSC President Dr. Sylvia Trent-Adams)					MET 124/125
9:15 a.m.	Founder’s Address (Dr. Dale Okorodudu)					MET 124/125
10:00 a.m.	Q & A with Dr. Dale					MET 124/125
10:15 a.m.	Black Men in White Coats Moderated Panel					MET 124/125
11:15 a.m.	Overview of Lunch Pick-up					MET 124/125
11:30 a.m.	Lunch					MET Building
12:15 p.m.	Dismiss for Breakout Sessions					MET 124/125
12:30 to 1:15 p.m.	BREAKOUT SESSION #1					
Breakdown by Group	3 rd – 5 th	6 th – 8 th	9 th – 12 th	Undergrads	Parents / Advisors	
Session Title	Heart Organ Tour and Activity Stations Or Lung Organ Tour and Activity Stations	Osteology Lab Or CPR Techniques	Intubation / Heart Sounds (Simulation Lab) Or Look at Organs & Body Systems (Anatomy Lab) Or Cheek swabs	Presentation and Panel (need a title)	Student Stories: My Journey to the White Coat Or Experiential Learning for Black Men	
1:15 p.m.	Transition to Breakout Session # 2					
1:30 to 2:15 p.m.	BREAKOUT SESSION #2					
Breakdown by Group	3 rd – 5 th	6 th – 8 th	9 th – 12 th	Undergrads	Parents / Advisors	
Session Title	Heart Organ Tour and Activity Stations Or Lung Organ Tour and Activity Stations	Osteology Lab Or CPR Techniques	Health Professions Career Exploration Presentation	Mentorship Round Table	Important Factors to Support Future Doctors Panel (confirm title) Or Tour the Simulation Center	
2:15 p.m.	Transition to MET for Afternoon Activities					
2:30 to 4 p.m.	Afternoon Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Resource Fair & HSC Fair • Photo Booths: 360 Photo Booth and Photo Opportunity in a White Coat • 97.9 Street Team Radio Promotion 					MET Building
4 p.m.	Youth Summit Concludes					





BREAKOUT SESSION SUMMARIES

Adults: Parents and Educators

My Journey to the White Coat

As students explore higher education and a professional degree, they will likely encounter several barriers. In this session, parents and educators will hear personal stories from students and practicing doctors about their struggles and challenges and what helped them be successful.

- **Speakers: HSC students: Kristopher Ingram, Gavin Verdier**
- **Speakers: Practicing Doctors: Drs. Van Johnson and Elijah McLaughlin**
- **Moderator: HSC staff: Jeremy Joseph, Director of the Student Assistance Resources Center**
- **Building/room: EAD 108**

Important factors to support future doctors

Supporting future physicians from marginalized communities is crucial for fostering diversity in the medical field. The panelists for this session, all physicians practicing in the DFW metroplex will discuss the factors that parents and educators should consider when supporting their future physicians. The moderated panel will include questions for the panelists that will provide advice and solutions to help overcome barriers to success for students interested in pursuing a career in medicine.

- **Moderator: HSC staff: Tina Martin, PhD**
- **Building/room: RES 100**

3rd - 5th grades

Heart and Lung Tour and Activity Station

Embark on a thrilling journey through the heart of human biology with our interactive inflatable exhibits! Our young explorers will get a larger-than-life glimpse inside the heart and lungs, discovering the wonders of our respiratory and circulatory systems. It's a hands-on adventure that brings science to life, sparking curiosity and inspiring future health care heroes!

- **Facilitator: HSC students, HSC volunteers**
- **Building/room: EAD Atrium**





BREAKOUT SESSION SUMMARIES *(cont.)*

6th - 8th grades

Osteology lab

In this lab session, students will explore various bones in the human body. Students will have the opportunity to view both healthy and unhealthy bones and compare the difference between the two.

- **Facilitators: HSC students, HSC volunteers**
- **Building/room: Anatomy lab**

CPR session

The students will become aware of the functions of the lungs in our bodies. They will also learn the basics of CPR. They will learn to recognize and respond appropriately to a person experiencing cardiac arrest, breathing and first aid emergencies.

- **Facilitator: HSC volunteers**
- **Building/room: RES 114**

Reflex Lab

In this interactive session, students will delve into the fascinating world of human reflexes. They'll get hands-on experience, testing both common and uncommon reflexes, and learn to understand the vital messages our body sends from brain to muscles.

- **Facilitator: HSC volunteers**
- **Building/room: EAD 514**

9th - 12th grades

Intubation/heart sounds

In this simulation session, students will practice medical procedures like intubation and listening to heartbeats in the 2-D virtual reality room. The manikin-based simulation will allow students to react and practice clinical skills in an environment where they can make mistakes and get feedback.

- **Facilitator: HSC students, HSC volunteers**
- **Building/room: SIM lab**





BREAKOUT SESSION SUMMARIES *(cont.)*

Look at organs & body systems

In this lab session, students will explore various organs in the human body. Students will have the opportunity to view both healthy and unhealthy organs and compare the difference between the two.

- **Facilitators: HSC faculty: Rachel Menegaz, PhD**
- **Building/room: Anatomy lab**

Health professions career exploration

Students will learn about health care careers through the presentations from HSC students from multiple colleges across campus. They will also apply the information they have learned to an interactive game.

- **Speaker/facilitator: HSC volunteers**
- **Building/room: RES 100**

Students in higher education (college and university students)

Leadership Empowerment Forum: Wisdom for Future Health Care Leaders

Health care leaders in the Dallas-Fort Worth area at various stages of their careers provide wisdom on becoming a leader in healthcare gleaned from their own experiences, challenges, and accomplishments, with a focus on meaningfully encouraging the next generation of healthcare professionals.

- **Moderator: Peter Mosley, PhD**
- **Building/room: EAD 406**

Mentorship Roundtable

Health care leaders engage in one-on-one conversations with aspiring high school and undergraduate students regarding futures as health care professionals. The focus is on creating a welcoming space for productive networking by the high school and undergraduate students in attendance at the summit.

- **Facilitator: Peter Mosley, PhD**





HSC PRESIDENT



Dr. Sylvia Trent-Adams became the seventh president of The University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth in September 2022. She began her extensive health care career in 1987 in the U.S. Army. In 1992, she joined the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps before ultimately retiring in 2020 with the rank of Rear Admiral Upper Half. She has held the positions of Deputy Associate Administrator for the HIV/AIDS Bureau in the Health Resources and Services Administration, Deputy Surgeon General, Acting Surgeon General and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health.

HSC PROVOST



Dr. Charles Taylor, PharmD, is the provost and executive vice president of academic affairs at the Health Science Center at Fort Worth. In this role, Provost Taylor oversees all areas reporting to the Office of the Provost, including six schools and colleges, the Division of Student and Academic Affairs, the Division of Academic Innovation and the Gibson D. Lewis Library. Provost Taylor provides strategic direction and promotes academic excellence in teaching, research and service. Under his visionary leadership, HSC has developed several new graduate degree and professional certificate programs in response to local workforce needs. Additionally, the university launched its first undergraduate program, a bachelor's in biomedical sciences, in August 2022.





SPEAKERS



Cassie Jo Ardry, MS, CCSP, serves as the assistant director of the Career Readiness Center. She has more than decade of experience in higher education administration and student support services. Ardry's interests lie in professionalism and leadership. She holds a Master of Science in Management and Leadership from Tarleton State University and a Bachelor of Science in General Business and Psychology, also from Tarleton. She holds the distinction of being a Nationally Certified Career Services Provider. She is pursuing her Doctor of Strategic Leadership from Liberty University. In her leisure time, she is an avid estate fanatic, a self-described urban chicken farmer and Brené Brown's biggest fan girl.



Razaq Badamosi, MD, FCCP, graduated medical school in 1997. He has completed extensive postgraduate training, including residencies and fellowships, predominantly at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. Badamosi holds certifications from the American Board of Internal Medicine in several specialties: internal medicine, pulmonary medicine, critical care medicine and neurocritical care medicine. He Joined the JPS Health Network in 2017. His professional interests are diverse, focusing on process improvement, quality, critical care ultrasonography, the management of critically ill cancer patients and pulmonary hypertension. Badamosi is currently the vice chair of internal medicine and medical director of pulmonary and critical care medicine. He is also an associate professor of medicine at the TCU Burnett School of Medicine. He has been recognized for his outstanding teaching abilities at both UT Southwestern in Dallas and the JPS Health Network. He was recently appointed as the interim vice president of quality/chief quality officer of the JPS Health Network.





SPEAKERS



Dr. Brian R. Benson, DPM, MS, MPH, AACFAS, DABPM is a fellowship-trained podiatric foot and ankle reconstructive surgeon. Benson specializes in advanced reconstruction of the foot, ankle and lower leg, including total ankle joint replacements, external fixation, limb lengthening, supra-malleolar osteotomies, minimally invasive surgery, foot and ankle trauma, orthoplastic techniques, arthroscopic cartilage repair, diabetic limb salvage and complex deformity correction. He is board-qualified by the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery in foot, as well as reconstructive rearfoot & ankle surgery. Additionally, he's a board-certified diplomate by the American Board of Podiatric Medicine. Benson has been an attending surgeon at Beauregard Health System in DeRidder, LA, since 2021 and serves as an orthopedic device consultant and design surgeon for various orthopedic implant companies. He has lectured at various national conferences and is currently engaged in multiple research projects. Most recently, Benson was appointed as associate professor at Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine - Monroe Campus.



Dr. Michael Brooks is a long-time resident of Fort Worth who was born and raised in the Stop Six section of the city. He graduated from Nolan Catholic High School and then attended Howard University in Washington D.C. Brooks completed his undergraduate degree and medical degree in a six-year combined program. He trained as a general surgeon at Howard University Hospital and then returned to Fort Worth in 1990 to join his father, Dr. Donald Brooks in private practice. He has continued to practice surgery in Fort Worth and Dallas for the past 32 years. He served as vice chief of staff then chief of staff at Medical City Fort Worth hospital. He also held medical staff leadership positions at other Fort Worth hospitals including vice chief of surgery and member of the physician health and rehab committee at Texas Health Fort Worth. He was chair of the Medical Advisory Board and member of the governing board at Plaza Day Surgery. His community service has included serving as a volunteer for the UNCF telethon committee. He has served as a board member for several organizations including Cassata Learning Center, Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce and Living Hope Ministries. He has traveled to Kenya with The Potter's House on a medical mission trip. Brooks also traveled to rural Nigeria several years with Living Hope Ministries on medical mission trips.





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Dr. James L. Carlisle, MD, is the founder and owner of Omega Rehabilitation and Spine, an outpatient physical medicine & rehabilitation pain management medical facility with two locations in Southlake and Ennis. Carlisle has never forgotten that patient care is the central factor in medical practice. He has developed a practice model that puts the patient first while delivering knowledgeable, efficient and thoughtful care. He is actively involved in community outreach through multiple civic organizations, including serving as the vice president - formerly president - of the C.V. Roman Medical Society, the DFW Chapter of the National Medical Association and Chair of Health and Wellness for the 100 Black Men of Greater DFW. Carlisle is a graduate of Morehouse College, Meharry Medical College, Vanderbilt University - Medical Scholars Program and completed a PM&R residency at UT Southwestern Medical Center.



Dr. Nnyekaa Collins is a native of Fort Worth, Texas, where she is the lead physician of the Magnolia Health Center, an outpatient geriatric clinic within the John Peter Smith Health Network. She is a clinical faculty member at the JPS Geriatric Fellowship. After obtaining her bachelor's degree from Howard University, she attended medical school at Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia, PA. She completed her residency in family medicine, and fellowship in geriatric medicine at JPS. She is board certified in family medicine with additional certification in geriatrics.





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Shafik Dharamsi, PhD, currently serves as the dean of the School of Public Health at HSC. He brings a strong interdisciplinary background and extensive international and community development experience as an educator, scholar and administrator with 25 years of teaching, research and leadership experience integrating the natural, social and health sciences in a humanities context. Born in Tanzania, Dharamsi was 11 years old when his family migrated to Canada in 1976. A first-generation college graduate, he is deeply committed to student success and educational equity. He began his career as an inner-city school teacher. Dharamsi's research focuses on transformative learning and high-impact educational practices in relation to the question of how to better educate the next generation of health professionals to be responsive to health inequities and the social determinants of health, and to take an inclusive, diverse and community-centric approach to address these challenges.



Dr. Kayla Fair, DrPH, MPH, RN, is an assistant professor of public health at HSC. As a registered nurse, public health educator and researcher, Fair has more than 15 years of experience in clinical, community, academic and organizational settings. As an early career nurse, she pursued a public health career after witnessing the devastating effects of chronic medical conditions on patients and their families, especially among uninsured and vulnerable populations. Fair's research and practice interests include increasing the capacity of organizations to effectively deliver health promotion strategies that address the social determinants of health and promote health equity.



Frank Filipetto, DO, CPPS, FACOFP, is the dean of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine at the HSC. Board certified in family practice by the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians, Filipetto's academic contributions have been recognized for his nearly 30 years of work in family medicine. Filipetto oversees all aspects of medical education and the osteopathic training of over 900 medical students. He works collaboratively with students, faculty and staff to execute TCOM's strategic initiatives and goals. Under Filipetto's leadership, TCOM earned a 10-year Accreditation with Exceptional Outcome, the highest level of accreditation given by the American Osteopathic Association's Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation.





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Dr. Emanuel George III, PharmD, also known as DrEG3, is a highly accomplished pharmacy leader, speaker and high-performance coach. He currently serves as the executive director of inclusive diversity and associate professor at HSC. He is also the faculty advisor for the Black Professional Pharmacist Association. A native of New Orleans, George holds a Doctor of Pharmacy from Xavier University of Louisiana and a master's in leadership from Luther Rice College and Seminary. Prior to joining the college, he gained valuable experience working in multiple pharmacy practice settings, including as a regional pharmacy supervisor for a community pharmacy chain. George is passionate about small-group education, one-on-one patient counseling, professional leadership and health care professional education.



Dr. Melanie L. Hafford is the director of bariatric surgery at UT Southwestern's Frisco campus. She is board certified by the American Board of Surgery, a fellow in the American College of Surgeons and a fellow in the American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgeons. Growing up outside of Atlanta, her interests in medicine and public health were cultivated at Emory University and The Medical College of Georgia. After completion of her surgical residency at UT Southwestern, she pursued specialty training in bariatric and minimally invasive surgery at The Methodist Hospital in Houston, making her an expert in the comprehensive care of bariatric patients. Hafford's practice includes robotic bariatric surgery, medical weight loss, anti-reflux surgery, advanced upper endoscopy and minimally invasive general surgery. She has been honored annually in D Magazine's Best Doctors in Dallas and Best Doctors in Collin County since 2021, and was named a D Magazine Woman of Influence in 2022 and 2023. She is the president of the DFW National Medical Association chapter, The C. V. Roman Medical Society – a nonprofit organization that represents the interests of more than 500 black physicians in the DFW metroplex.





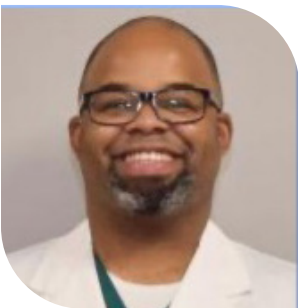
SPEAKERS



Nia Hinds, BSA, is a third-year pharmacy student at HSC. She was born in Brooklyn, NY, and was raised in Desoto, Texas. She graduated from The University of Texas at Austin in 2020 with a Bachelor of Science and Arts in Nutritional Sciences. Hinds is a member of the Black Professional Pharmacists Association and Christian Pharmacist Fellowship International she is also a social chair officer in the Pediatric Pharmacy Association and a recruitment and education committee co-chair for the HSC chapter of the Phi Delta Chi Fraternity. She hopes to be an educator in the future because she likes helping others and has a passion for education.



Kristopher S. Ingram, PGY-2, is passionate about inspiring leadership and helping others succeed in their unique ways. As a dual-degree student at HSC in the PharmD program and Master of Science in Applied Outcomes Research, he leads the Black Professional Pharmacy Association and Phi Delta Chi Pharmacy Fraternity as vice president. In addition to those organizations, he is part of Phi Lambda Sigma and the Student National Pharmaceutical Association. Alongside academics, he works as a pharmacy intern at Walmart Pharmacy and JPS Health Network. After earning his Doctor of Pharmacy, he plans to pursue a pharmacy residency to further his development in emergency medicine pharmacy or pharmacy administration.



Dr. Marc Johnson, MD, is a primary care and HIV specialist at the JPS Healing Wings HIV clinic in Fort Worth, Texas. Johnson is a true son of the South, as he was born in Plano, Texas, and raised in New Orleans, LA. He specializes in both primary care and HIV medicine after obtaining his medical degree from Meharry Medical College and completing residency training at the University of Arkansas. He strives to educate as well as treat his patients as they advance through the joy and chaos that is life. He practices with the vision that his patient is the captain of their own ship and he is their first mate. His and his partners' goals are to make HIV and other infectious diseases a minimal issue in the lives of their fellow community members.





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Melva Landrum, MEd, serves as the director for the Office of Medical Student Success in HSC's Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. In this role, Landrum oversees the career development curriculum, contributes to student and faculty development through the TCOM Advisory Colleges Program, and serves as a facilitator for diversity, equity, inclusion and antiracism. Landrum has a Master of Education in Student Development and Leadership in Higher Education from Angelo State University and a Bachelor of Science in Journalism and Strategic Communications from the University of Kansas.



Nyjah Lane has a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science and a Master of Science in College Student Affairs. Her time at Eastern Illinois University was marked by multifaceted engagement as she balanced the rigors of academia with extracurricular involvement. As a student-athlete, resident assistant, National Pan-Hellenic Council president and member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Lane embodied the spirit of leadership, service and community engagement. Following her undergraduate studies, Lane embarked on a career in admissions as an admissions counselor, where she honed her skills in student outreach and support. However, Lane's thirst for knowledge and passion for empowering students led her to pursue further education. She is pursuing her PhD in Higher Education and Administration at the University of North Texas. Lane currently serves as career consultant at HSC. In this capacity, she works to equip students with the tools and resources necessary for professional development, empowering them to navigate their career pathways with confidence and competence.



Dr. Daeija Lewis, PGY-2, is currently completing her residency at the Methodist Charlton Family Medicine center in Dallas. She is an alumna of HSC and completed her undergraduate studies at Texas State University, where she was a 2014 Terry Scholar. In 2020, she was the recipient of the Impact Award for the BMWC summit. She is a proud mentor and positive role model for young girls who also wish to enter the health care field. Her advice to youth is to "Reflect on who you were yesterday and make that person proud of who you are today."

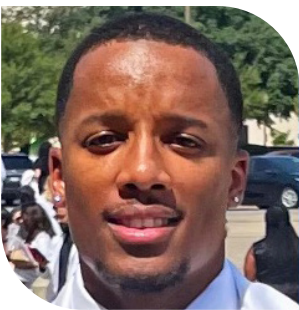




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Dr. Kyle Lewis, MD, is currently a first-year family medicine resident at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas, from Slidell, LA. He attended high school at Isidore Newman School in New Orleans followed by Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge for undergrad where he obtained a bachelor's degree in Kinesiology. Prior to medical school, he had the opportunity to work in an urgent care clinic in an underserved area in New Orleans. Although an urgent care clinic, many of the residents in the area utilized the clinic for primary care needs. This experience not only served as a catalyst for him to pursue a career in medicine but highlighted the importance of providing comprehensive primary care especially to under-resourced communities. This experience, along with his clinical experiences during his third year of medical school, led him to family medicine as his specialty of choice. In addition to providing primary care, Lewis also plans to pursue a fellowship in Sports Medicine.



Jameon Love is a first-year medical student at HSC's Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. Love is originally from Garland, TX. In 2018, he graduated from Texas A&M with a Bachelor of Science in Nutritional Sciences and a biology minor. Following this, he spent nearly four years as a research technician at UT Southwestern in a Histology-Pathology lab. Continuing his educational journey, he earned a Master of Medical Science from HSC in 2022. Before attending TCOM, he worked as a pharmacy technician-trainee and a home health care aide. His commitment to diversity, inclusion, and mentorship drives his passion for making a positive impact in the health care field.



Brizeek Martin is a pharmacy student born and raised in Lake Charles, LA. He moved to Dallas, where he attended Cedar Hill High School and later attended Texas Southern University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a minor in chemistry. Now attending HSC, he is the treasurer for Pharmacy Student Government Association and secretary for the Black Professional Pharmacy Association. He is also a pharmacist intern for Baylor Scott and White Healthcare System.





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Tina Martin, PhD, is an assistant director for medical student success at the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. She is a proud new residence of Fort Worth, Texas, but was born and raised in Kansas City, MO. During the past two decades, her career has been dedicated to the field of human services. Martin's mission has always been to enhance the lives of individuals from all walks of life by implementing a comprehensive, person-centered approach. Martin's passion lies in advocating for diverse populations and working tirelessly to improve their quality of life. She approaches her work with unwavering dedication, grounded in a compassionate approach that fosters trust and respect. Her goal is to create a positive impact in the lives of all the populations she encounters.



Peter Mosley, PhD, serves as residency assistant director of career development in the Office of Medical Student Success at HSC's Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. He holds a BA and MA in english from Northern Arizona University and a PhD in english from Texas Christian University. He has been working in higher education for more than 20 years, and he served the HSC campus as its writing specialist from 2012 to 2016 and again from 2018 until entering OMSS in November 2021. His background includes teaching composition and literature courses to undergraduates, tutoring center supervision, and providing writing support at universities to graduate students, faculty and alumni. Through his background in literature, he has nurtured a strong interest in helping health care professionals positively mold their stories and impact communities, which has led him to a fulfilling focus in career development at TCOM.





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Jared Mitchell is working toward his Doctor of Pharmacy at the Health Science Center at Fort Worth and earned his Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry from the University of North Texas. His passion for helping others is what led him to pursue his PharmD. He hopes to use his diverse skills and experience to become an inpatient pharmacist.



Arthur Nguimatsa is a second-year TCOM student. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from West Texas A&M University. As a first-generation high school and college student, he worked several jobs before and during college. He is open to gaining experience and knowledge as he proceeds through the process of being a successful medical student. He looks forward with tremendous hope for the future as he seeks to inspire the next generation of health care professionals. He has voiced that he'll be forever glad if even one more black man attending this event can one day say, "Black Men in White Coats is the reason I became a physician."



Dr. Tonychris Nnaka is the associate dean for research and an associate professor for the HSC College of Nursing. His research focuses on improving health outcomes and compliance to complex self-management and preventive health behaviors among ethnic minority populations living with hypertension, heart failure and vascular dementia through digital therapeutics. His research uniquely investigates the tailoring of digitized cardiovascular disease prevention, self-management, and treatment methods to meet the unique cultural needs and treatment preferences of ethnic minority groups. His goal is to contribute towards bridging racial and ethnic disparity gaps in cardiovascular disease health outcomes through an intentional health equity intervention design and implementation.





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Dr. Nekesha Oliphant, MD, CPE, is board certified in family medicine and psychiatry. She completed a family medicine residency at UPMC McKeesport and a psychiatry residency at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic in Pittsburgh, PA. She currently serves as vice chair of operations in the psychiatry department at John Peter Smith Hospital, vice chair of inpatient psychiatry and medical director of outpatient services. Additionally, Oliphant serves as the medical director of Grapevine Valley Hope Treatment Center and on the Elsevier Practice Update Primary Care Advisory Board. Oliphant was voted Physician of the Year for JPS Health Network in 2023. Other awards include Outstanding Leader, Fort Worth Top Doc, Department of Psychiatry Educator of the Year and Department of Psychiatry Physician of the Year.



Dr. Kellee Randle is a graduate of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine at the Health Science Center at Fort Worth. She is board-certified in internal medicine and completed her residency at Broward Health Medical Center in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Randle returned to the DFW Metroplex and is currently working in both inpatient and outpatient settings. In 2018, she was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Internists for her contributions to the field of Internal Medicine. Randle is an associate professor at HSC, working with first and second-year medical students. She is committed to ensuring the next generation of osteopathic physicians is prepared to provide excellent medical care for an ever-changing, diverse world.





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Dr. Christina Robinson, MD, has taken a leadership role in providing health care directly to children in Fort Worth’s most underserved communities. As the medical director of the HSC Pediatric Mobile Clinic, she is helping provide high-quality health care at no cost to families in a 40-foot “doctor’s office on wheels” that offers wellness visits, physicals, episodic visits, immunizations, screening and laboratory testing. Her work aims to improve underserved patient populations’ and communities’ health and well-being. As a clinician, she has translated the discoveries and recommendations of the scientific community into education and guidance for patients and families. However, with these endeavors Robinson hopes to transition using her clinical perspective to investigate specific solutions for populations facing disparities and barriers to access health care. She has served as a preceptor for student research in epidemiology, maternal and child public health, nursing and medicine.



Dr. Simisola Williams received his Bachelor of Science in Exercise Physiology as a student-athlete from the University of Houston, a Master of Science in Human Physiology from the University of North Texas and graduated with honors from HSC with his Doctor of Physical Therapy. In pursuit of certification to become a neurological specialist, Randall has dedicated his career to service and being an advocate for his patients while being steadfast in his contributions to their lives and the advancement of patient care. Williams holds many professional designations and serves on multiple higher education boards and committees that exist to usher progression towards the future of this great. He began his career in an outpatient clinic serving those with neurological impairments but in the summer of 2020, Williams co-founded ‘All in All Neuro Rehab and Wellness’ where he is the acting CEO and Clinical Liaison. With much to gain and with many more efforts to pour into, he truly believes that he has the best job of anyone who’s ever had one.





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Veda Womack, MBA, PA-CPA, graduated from Touro College in Bayshore, N.Y., with a Bachelor of Science in Physician Assistant Studies, followed by a surgical residency at Montefiore Medical Center in 2001. She later completed her MBA in 2014 at George Washington University. Womack has worked in various subspecialties in New York, Southern California and Texas, including general surgery, renal transplant, urology, emergency medicine and critical care. A majority of her experience has focused on plastic and reconstructive surgery, specifically lymphatic surgery and complex reconstruction. Womack enjoyed teaching and training staff, residents and students during her clinical practice so much that she decided to switch to academia full time in February 2018, when she joined HSC's PA Studies program as an assistant professor and began teaching women's health and clinical skills.

