



BLACK MEN IN WHITE COATS

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FOUNDER



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 2023, Fort Worth, Texas, BMWC Youth Summit - hosted by **The University of North Texas Health Science 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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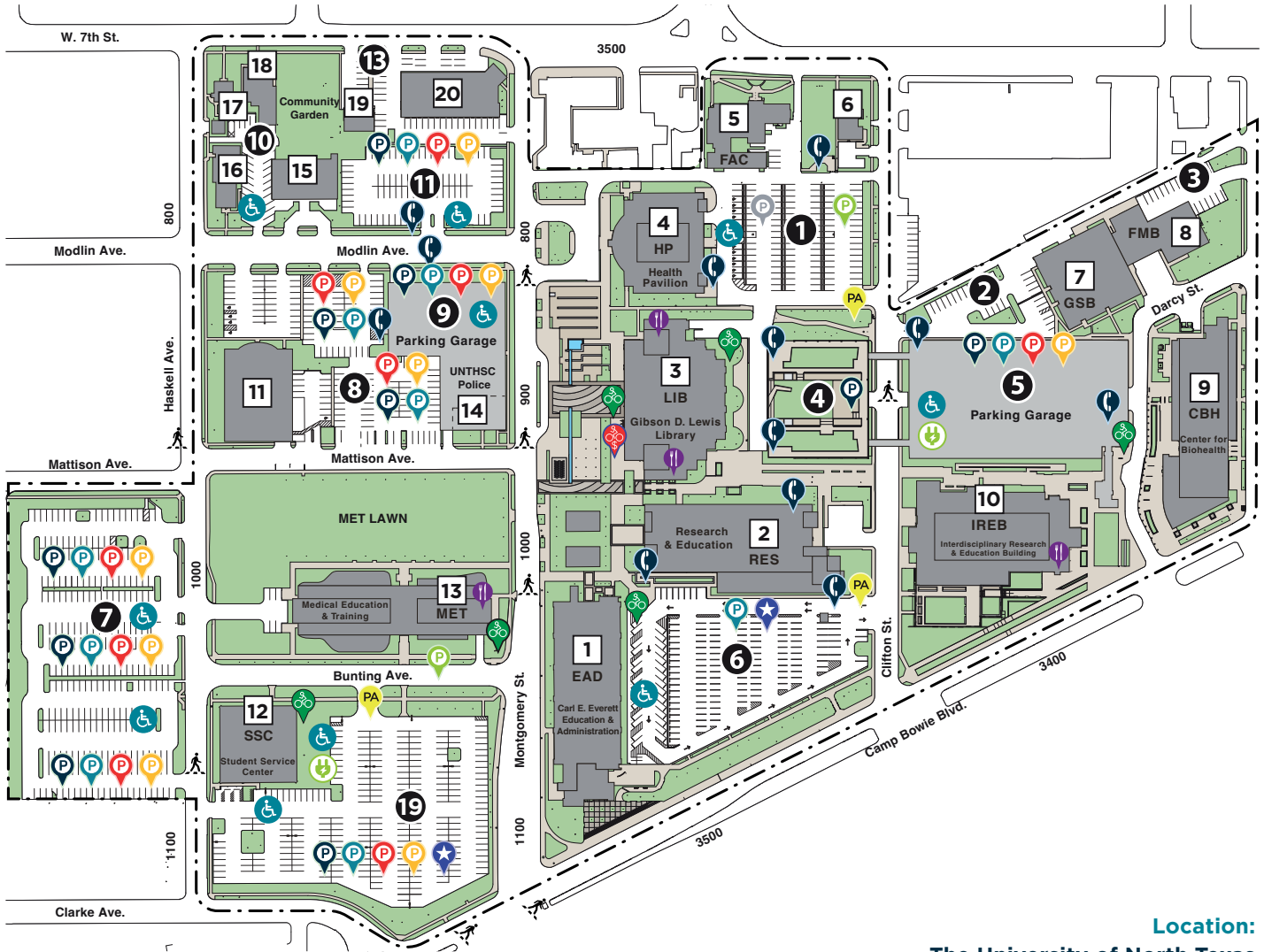
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CAMPUS MAP



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





AGENDA

Time	Description					Location
9:00 am	Check-In & Breakfast					MET 1 st & 2 nd Floor
9:45 am	The BoykinZ Live Music Performance of Single: 'Girl's Night'					MET 124/125
10:00 am	Welcome - Melva Landrum & Damian Torres Honorary Conference "Chair" Presentation - TCOM Dean Dr. Filipetto HSC President Welcome - Dr. Sylvia Trent-Adams					MET 124/125
10:30 am	Founder's Address - Dr. Dale Okorodudu					MET 124/125
11:00 am	Transition to Breakout Sessions					MET 124/125
11:15 am to Noon	BREAKOUT SESSION #1					
Breakdown by Group	3 rd – 5 th	6 th – 8 th	High School	College Students	Parents / Educators	
Session Title	Mini Medical School Or Skeletal System Exploration	Osteology Lab Or CPR Techniques	Health Profession Career Exploration Presentation	Suture Clinic	Student Stories Experiences: Journey to the White Coat	
Noon – 12:45 pm	Lunch					
Lunch Location	3 rd – 5 th	6 th – 8 th	High School &	College Students	Parents / Educators	
Optional Lunch Presentation for Adults	The Importance of a Happy, Healthy Brain Melissa Petersen, Ph.D. – Institute for Translational Research					
12:45 – 1:30 pm	BREAKOUT SESSION #2					
	3 rd – 5 th	6 th – 8 th	High School	College Students	Parents / Advisors	
Session Title	Mini Medical School Or Skeletal System Exploration	Osteology Lab Or CPR Techniques	Intubation/heart Sounds Or Look at Organs & Body Systems Or X-Ray and Ultrasound	Mentorship Roundtable	Maximize Success for Youth to Gain the White Coat Or Important Factors to Support Future Doctors	
1:30 pm	Transition back to Main Building (MET) for the Following Activities 97.9 The Beat Street Team Radio Promotion 360 Photo Booth with Hashtags BoykinZ autograph of rally rags /photo ops Community Resource Fair HSC info Fair					MET 1 st & 2 nd Floor
2:00 pm	Introduction of Keynote Speaker - Dr. Peter Mosley Keynote Address - Dr. Garth Graham					MET 124 / 125
2:45 pm	Black Men in White Coats Moderated Panel Introduction of Moderator & Panelists - Dr. Emanuel George Moderator: Dr. Jabraan Pasha					MET 124 / 125
3:45 pm	Closing Remarks - Dr. Charles Taylor					MET 124 / 125
4:00 pm	Adjourn					
4:15 pm	Optional Tour Led by HSC Student Ambassadors					





BREAKOUT SESSION SUMMARIES

Adults: parents and educators

Student stories & experiences • 11:15 a.m. - Noon

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 about their struggles and challenges, and what helped them be successful.

- **Speakers: HSC students:** Edsteve Celestin, Brizeek Martin
- **Facilitator: HSC staff:** Alexandria Cooper, MS
- **Building/room:** MET 124/125

The importance of a happy healthy brain: lunch presentation for adults • 12:15 - 12:45 p.m.

This presentation will focus on factors related to brain aging while emphasizing research on health disparities. It will also focus on ways to keep your brain healthy and happy.

- **Speaker/facilitator: HSC faculty:** Melissa Petersen, PhD
- **Building/room:** MET 124/125

Maximize success for youth to gain their white coat • 12:45 - 1:30 p.m.

In this session, the medical director for the HSC Pediatric Mobile Clinic will speak from the faculty and will advise how to support children in their own educational journeys — whether they are still in high school or already in college!

- **Speakers: HSC faculty:** Shafik Dharamsi, PhD, and Christina Robinson, MD
- **Facilitator: HSC staff:** Lauren Goodpaster, MS
- **Building/room:** MET 124/125

Important factors to support future doctors • 12:45 - 1:30 p.m.

It can be intimidating when entering college and/or choosing an unfamiliar major. Guidance in planning a future career is crucial. Today's speakers will talk about what they wished their support systems would have told them when they were starting out and how parents, advisors and mentors can be more effective in helping students reach their goals.

- **Speakers: HSC students:** Nia Hinds, Kristopher Ingram, Serah Sulaiman
- **Facilitator: HSC staff:** Casandra Luna, Med
- **Building/room:** MET 109-111





BREAKOUT SESSION SUMMARIES *(cont.)*

3rd – 5th grades

Mini medical school • 11:15 a.m. - noon and 12:45 - 1:30 p.m.

Mini-medical school will expose students to various topics of medicine that are entertaining and enriching. They will be able to have hands-on interactions with medical equipment and gain a deeper understanding of the human body. We hope to increase our youth's interest in medicine as a future career.

- **Facilitator: HSC student:** Asya Pitre
- **Building/room:** Simulation Center: sim lab or teams room

Skeletal system exploration • 11:15 a.m. - noon and 12:45 - 1:30 p.m.

We're returning to the basics of what makes us human. The skeleton puzzle activity will give students an idea of how their body is structured and provide digestible insight into what occurs underneath the skin.

- **Facilitator:** Elizabeth Burleson, PhD
- **Building/room:** Simulation Center: sim lab or teams room

6th – 8th grades

Osteology lab • 11:15 a.m. - noon and 12:45 to 1:30 p.m.

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:** Indya Thompson & Courtney Miller
- **Building/room:** Anatomy lab

CPR session • 11:15 a.m. - noon and 12:45 to 1:30 p.m.

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:** Katy Wyszynski
- **Building/room:** RES 100





BREAKOUT SESSION SUMMARIES *(cont.)*

9th - 12th grades

Health professions career exploration • 11:15 a.m. - noon

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:** Cassie Jo Ardry, MS, CCSP
- **Building/room:** EAD 108/Luibel Hall

Look at organs & body systems • 12:45 - 1:30 p.m.

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, and Nicole Crowe, MS, PA
- **Building/room:** Anatomy lab

Intubation/heart sounds • 12:45 - 1:30 p.m.

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 student:** Sijay Abongwa
- **Building/room:** SIM lab

X-ray and ultrasound • 12:45 - 1:30 p.m.

Students can participate in activities where they can see X-ray and ultrasound images.

- **Facilitator:** Taylor Robertson, PhD
- **Building/room:** RES 114





BREAKOUT SESSION SUMMARIES *(cont.)*

Students in higher education (college and university students)

Suture clinic • 11:15 a.m. - noon

This breakout session will help undergraduate students learn basic suturing techniques from an emergency medicine physician. Participants will gain knowledge on suturing while building connections with each other and with graduate students in health care.

- **Speaker: HSC faculty:** Frank Papa, DO, PhD
- **Facilitator:** Peter Mosley, PhD
- **Building/room:** MET 520

Mentorship roundtable • 12:45 - 1:30 p.m.

This session will empower college and high school participants to have conversations and develop connections with health care professionals who can provide them key insights into a wide range of health care career paths. Meet more than a dozen health care professionals passionate about interacting with participants and sharing advice gleaned from their backgrounds and experience.

- **Facilitator:** Peter Mosley, PhD
- **Building/room:** Four-Star Cafe





THE BOYKINZ



The BoykinZ, a sister quartet hailing from the suburbs of Atlanta with deep southern roots, is known to media nationwide as the “**Black girls of the country.**”

As influencers and content creators, they successfully launched their fusion country music brand January 2022 on TikTok, which went viral. **Though singing for 10 years** prior to their digital online explosion, The BoykinZ, Kylan (21), Anale (20), Nytere (18) and Alona (15) have amassed more than 60 million views, nearly a half-million followers and more than 10 million likes and growing daily.

They are accredited songwriters with a unique sound, blending soulful harmonies that infuses country with pop, rock, soul and hip-hop. **Fortune 100** brands and others have acknowledged their success nationally. The BoykinZ have created and delivered social media campaigns for T-Mobile, Nike, Universal’s Minions movie, Conair Man, Neon Cowboys and Cash App. They recently were named the ambassadors for the Gibson Guitar app.

Their first single, “Girl’s Night©,” is available on all streaming platforms with a recognized engaging line dance that is picking up steam with fans across the U.S.

The BoykinZ will sign rally rags (in your participant bag) during the afternoon activities.





KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Dr. Garth Graham

Director and global head of
Healthcare for Google/YouTube

Graham is a cardiologist, public health expert and a leading authority on social determinants of health and health equity. He has led several national efforts to tackle health disparities and social determinants of health and has dedicated his career to improving the lives of minority and underserved communities.

He previously served in two U.S. administrations as U.S. deputy assistant secretary for health and was assistant dean for health policy and chief of health services research in the Department of Medicine at the University of Florida School of Medicine.

Graham earned a Doctor of Medicine at the Yale University School of Medicine and a Master of Public Health at the Yale School of Public Health. He studied internal medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital and went through a cardiology fellowship at Johns Hopkins University. He holds three board certifications, including internal medicine, cardiology and interventional cardiology. He also holds an honorary Doctor of Laws from Regis College and is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine.





MODERATOR & PANELISTS



Sijay Abongwa, OMS-IV

Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine

Panelist

A native from Cameroon, Sijay Abongwa is a current fourth-year medical student at TCOM, who is interested in anesthesiology. He completed a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from the University of North Texas. He has worked and volunteered with the Black Men in White Coats Organization for the past four years and is determined to be involved in changing the narrative for the next generation. He has a passion for teaching and mentoring. His goal is to go as far as he can so he can bring others further.



Wari Allison MD, Ph.D., FACP, CPE, FIDSA

HSC vice president of Health Policy

Executive director of the Center for Health Policy

Panelist

Dr. Allison is vice president of Health Policy at The University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth and executive director of the HSC Center for Health Policy. She attended Imperial College School of Medicine, London, completed internal medicine residency at New York Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center and infectious disease fellowship at NYU. She holds a Ph.D. in Public Health and Community Medicine from the Kirby Institute, University of New South Wales, Australia. She is an elected fellow of both the American College of Physicians and the Infectious Disease Society of America. Dr. Allison is passionate about improving access to health care for disadvantaged populations, whether that disadvantage is geographical, racial, cultural, gender-based or economical. She successfully secured continuous federal funding for her work, which includes directing the National Rural Telementoring Training Center and a project to integrate the National HIV Curriculum e-Learning Platform into Health Care Professions Programs.





MODERATOR & PANELISTS *(cont.)*



Brian R. Benson, DPM, MS, MPH, AACFAS, DABPM

**Foot & Ankle Reconstructive Surgeon
Beauregard Health System**

Panelist

Dr. Benson is a fellowship-trained podiatric foot and ankle reconstructive surgeon, specializing 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. Benson 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.



Mark Cunningham, PhD, MBA

**Assistant professor of physiology and anatomy
School of Biomedical Sciences**

Panelist

Dr. Cunningham is an assistant professor of Physiology and Anatomy at the Health Science Center. He is active in the American Heart Association and the American Physiology Society, serves as editor on numerous scientific journals and has over 45 peer-review publications. He enjoys teaching, mentoring, ministry, learning, traveling and community service. Dr. Cunningham is a native of the Atlanta, GA. metropolitan area and a proud graduate of Morehouse College. He attended the University of Florida for graduate school and the University of Mississippi Medical Center for his postdoctoral training and as faculty. His research focus is on maternal





MODERATOR & PANELISTS *(cont.)*

health and fetal programming. More specifically, the Cunningham lab examines the mechanisms for dysfunction of blood vessels in the brain, cardiovascular diseases and high blood pressure in females during and after pregnancy and in their children. The clinical implications of this work are to study sex differences in the children of hypertensive moms and to provide insights for therapies and approaches to improve the lives of both the mother and her baby during pregnancy and beyond. Dr. Cunningham's motto is "Excellence in all things."



Kristopher S. Ingram, PGY-2

Doctor of Pharmacy Candidate/Master of Science in Applied Outcomes Research, 2025

Vice president Black Professional Pharmacy Association

Panelist

Ingram 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. To decompress from academics and organization work, he either watches anime or dives deep into all things aquatic.





MODERATOR & PANELISTS *(cont.)*



Harlan P. Jones, PhD

**Associate professor, microbiology, immunology & genetics
School of Biomedical Sciences**

Panelist

Dr. Jones is keenly aware of the value of ensuring that underrepresented minorities and individuals from underserved backgrounds have opportunities to pursue career paths in the biomedical research and health professions fields. He is humbled to contribute to the scientific workforce in ways that others may not have had the opportunity. He has published over 65 peer-reviewed publications in his field of research and is a recipient of the HEARD Endowed Scholarship from the Minority Health, Education, Research and Outreach endowment by the National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities. Dr. Jones co-leads several NIH and non-NIH training programs focused on diversifying the biomedical and behavioral science research workforce. These programs sustain HSC's Coordinate Plan for Diversifying the Biomedical Research Workforce in addressing health equity. He currently leads HSC's diversity efforts as executive director of Diversity Training Initiatives in the Institute for Health Disparities.



Jabraan Pasha, MD, FACP

**Vice President of Health Equity and Medical Director
Juno's Healthcare Center, Historic Greenwood District**

Moderator

Dr. Jabraan Pasha is an internal medicine physician and educator who is dedicated to the promotion of health equity. He currently serves as vice president of health equity for Juno Medical, as well as medical director for Juno's health care center in the Historic Greenwood district in Tulsa, Okla. Having presented more than 150 times nationally and internationally, he is an experienced diversity, equity and inclusion facilitator whose compassionate, empathetic and disarming presentation style has helped many individuals and organizations grow closer to becoming their best selves. In fall 2022, the American College of Physicians awarded Jabraan the W. Lester Henry Award for Diversity Equity and Inclusion.





MODERATOR & PANELISTS *(cont.)*



Kellee L. Randle, DO, FACOI

Equity Ventures Plus LLC, Chief Executive Officer

Panelist

Dr. Randle is a board-certified internal medicine physician, founder and CEO of Equity Ventures Plus LLC, equity and inclusion consultant, author, speaker and health care coach. She has 10 years of clinical experience in both academic and community-based health care systems with over 50,000 hospital patient encounters. She is well respected by her colleagues and patients for her medical opinion. She is also known for her ability to make complex medical concepts understandable for her audiences. She is the creator of “My Medical Journey: Personal Healthcare Management Journal.” She received her undergraduate degree in biological sciences from Southern Methodist University in Dallas. She earned her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from The University of North Texas Health Science Center and went on to complete her internal medicine training at Broward Health Medical Center in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Randle is currently working as a hospitalist and providing care within the community. As the founder and CEO of Equity Ventures Plus LLC, her mission is to educate health care professionals about implicit bias and empower minority communities to advocate for themselves in health care settings. Randle is well rounded and equipped to offer strategies to educate health care professionals about implicit bias, help health care systems decrease costs and improve patient outcomes.



Randall Williams, PT, DPT, MS

**Founder/CEO/Doctor of Physical Therapy
All in All Neuro Rehab and Wellness**

Panelist

Dr. Williams received his bachelor’s in exercise physiology in 2012 as a student-athlete from the University of Houston. He earned a master’s in human physiology in 2014 from the University of North Texas and graduated with honors in 2017 from The University of North Texas Health Science Center, where he received his Doctor of Physical Therapy. In pursuit of certification to become a neurological specialist, Dr. Williams has dedicated his career to





MODERATOR & PANELISTS *(cont.)*

selfless service and being an advocate for his patients, while being steadfast in his contributions to their lives. Dr. Williams holds many clinical designations while being an APTA Certified Clinical Instructor and serves on multiple higher education boards and committees that exist to actively pursue progression toward the future of the profession and students in pursuit of undergraduate and graduate degrees. The beginning of his career was spent in an outpatient clinic serving those with neurological impairments. Dr. Williams co-founded All in All Neuro Rehab and Wellness, where he is the acting CEO and clinical liaison while still passionate in his clinical practice. Active pursuit of greatness and service to others has been and will always remain the foundation of his intentions and efforts. 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.

SPEAKERS



Dr. Jahi Anderson, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist with clinical expertise in treating adolescent, adult and geriatric patients. Dr. Anderson received his medical degree from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn. He completed his psychiatric training at the UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School/Cooper University Hospital. Anderson has over 10 years of experience treating patients with mood, anxiety, psychotic, traumatic and substance use disorders. He served as the medical director of the adolescent unit of a free-standing psychiatric hospital while also treating adults in an emergency and inpatient capacity. He was twice voted Inpatient Physician of the Year by hospital staff and his peers, highlighting his reputation for exceptional patient care and communication with patients, staff and administration.

(Participant: Mentorship Roundtable Session)





SPEAKERS *(cont.)*



Cassie Jo Ardry, MS, CCSP, serves as the assistant director of the Career Readiness Center. She has over a decade of experience in higher education administration and student support services. Cassie Jo's interests lie in professionalism and leadership. She holds an 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.

(Speaker: Health Professions Career Exploration)



Dr. Jeremy D. Brown, DO, MS, completed his undergraduate education at Texas A&M, College Station. He then completed a Master of Science in Clinical Research Management at HSC, which allowed him to learn about what a Doctor of Osteopathy truly was. Dr. Brown was accepted into HSC's Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. He navigated through a family medicine residency at Methodist Charlton Medical Center in Duncanville. He is very blessed to have a beautiful wife and two children.

(Participant: Mentorship Roundtable Session)



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 the DFW Metroplex: Southlake and Ennis. Dr. Carlisle has never forgotten that patient care is the central factor in medical practice. Dr. Carlisle 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 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. Dr. 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.

(Participant: Mentorship Roundtable Session).





SPEAKERS *(cont.)*



Dr. Crystal Cassimere, DO, MPH, is a native of Beaumont, Texas, and the first physician in her family. She is currently a first-year resident at UT Southwestern Family Medicine Residency. She completed her medical degree at HSC's Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine while simultaneously completing her Master of Public Health degree with the HSC School of Public Health. She obtained her bachelor's degree in social work from The University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Cassimere worked on various international service projects in Ghana, Papua New Guinea and Costa Rica prior to medical school. She is devoted to serving marginalized populations and plans to continue this commitment after residency.

(Participant: Mentorship Roundtable Session)



Edsteve Celestin, SPT, was born and raised in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He has a younger sister and an older brother. In 2016, he attended Broward College in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., to earn his associate degree in arts. In 2018, he attended Florida International University in Miami, Fla., and received his bachelor's degree in exercise science. What propelled him to go to physical therapy school was after a friend's father suffered a massive stroke. At the time, he would observe physical therapists work with him at the hospital and at home. It inspired him to see health care professionals' positive impact, not only on his friend's father but on us as a family.



Dr. Courtney Crawford is a board-certified retina specialist practicing ophthalmology for over 15 years. Prior to private practice, he proudly served as a physician in the U.S. Army for 10 years, attaining the rank of Major. Dr. Crawford is passionate about health care and helping patients have better access to health care services. He has conducted nearly 10 international surgical eye missions for those who cannot afford medical care. Dr. Crawford and his team have successfully restored sight to hundreds of blind patients. After completing undergraduate studies at Washington University in St. Louis, Dr. Crawford completed his Medical Degree at Michigan State University. He also served as OIC of the Pentagon Health Clinic in Washington, D.C. He was also accepted to serve as a White House aide. His internship and residency in ophthalmology were completed at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Wash. His vitreo-retinal disease and surgery fellowship was completed at Tufts/OCB in Boston, Mass.

(Participant: Mentorship Roundtable Session)





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Dr. 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, Dr. 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. Dr. 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.

(Speaker: Maximize Success for Youth to Gain their White Coat)



Dr. Dralves Edwards, DO, was a pre-med major at North Texas State University in the early 1970s and graduated in 1973. He earned his master's degree at Prairie View A&M and was accepted to TCOM in 1976. He graduated in 1980 and has four decades of medical experience in emergency medicine, sports medicine and family medicine. He is board certified by the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians and the American Board of Sports Medicine. Dr. Edwards is a Certified Medical Director by the American Academy of Home Health Care Physicians. Since 2004, he has practiced emergency medicine at Level III and IV trauma centers across the North Texas region. Currently, he is Methodist Southlake site medical director and practices with the Dallas Medical Center Emergency Department.

(Honorary Conference Chair)



Dr. Kayla Fair, DrPH, MPH, RN, is an assistant professor of public health at The University of North Texas Health Science Center. As a registered nurse, public health educator and researcher, Dr. 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. Dr. 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.

(Participant: Mentorship Roundtable)





SPEAKERS *(cont.)*



Dr. 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, Dr. Filipetto's academic contributions have been recognized for his nearly 30 years of work in family medicine. Dr. 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 Dr. 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.

(Speaker: Welcome)



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 at the HSC and an associate professor in the HSC College of Pharmacy at The University of North Texas Health Science Center. He is also the faculty advisor for the Black Professional Pharmacist Association. A native of New Orleans, Dr. 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. Dr. George is passionate about small-group education, one-on-one patient counseling, professional leadership and health care professional education.



Dr. Jacfranz Guiteau, MD, completed his undergraduate work at Georgetown University. He received a full academic scholarship to Emory University School of Medicine. From there, he completed his general surgery and abdominal transplant fellowship at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. He is currently an abdominal transplant surgeon at Medical City Fort Worth.

(Participant: Mentorship Roundtable)





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Nia Hinds, BSA, is a third-year pharmacy student at HSC. She was born in Brooklyn, New York, 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.

(Speaker: Important Factors to Support Future Doctors)



Dr. Wendell E. Jones, MD, MBA, FACP, is the network director for the Veterans Integrated Service Network No. 17 in Arlington. He is responsible for care and operations at seven VA health care facilities in Texas with a \$7.5 billion budget and 21,500 employees. Dr. Jones received his Bachelor of Science from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga., and his medical degree from Morehouse School of Medicine. He completed his internal medicine residency at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Fla. He initially worked as an emergency department physician at two hospitals in Miami. Later, he joined the Miami VA Medical Center as a staff physician in inpatient and outpatient units, where he was very involved in teaching and patient care. During this time, Dr. Jones was awarded an Executive Master's in Business Administration by the University of Miami.

(Participant: Mentorship Roundtable)



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.

(Participant: Conference Co-Chair & Speaker: Welcome)





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Dr. Kelvan Lawrence, PharmD, BCPS, is an HSC College of Pharmacy alumnus, Class of 2019. Currently, he is a clinical pharmacist at Texas Health Alliance and Baylor All Saints. He completed a PGY1 residency at Baylor All Saints and achieved a board certification in pharmacotherapy. Dr. Lawrence is married and a proud father of two sons.

(Participant: Mentorship Roundtable)



Dr. Ronald A Lester, MD, graduated in 1993 from Morehouse College. He attended Meharry Medical College and obtained his Doctor of Medicine in 1998. He completed a three-year internship and residency in internal medicine in 2001 at Methodist Medical Center and has worked in the field of internal medicine ever since. Dr. Lester's experience spans office practice, Snfist, transitional care, home visits and over 15 years as a hospitalist. He currently serves as the vice president of medical affairs of Kokoro Health and Wellness in Addison, Texas, and as medical director for Three Oaks Hospice in Fort Worth.

(Participant: Mentorship Roundtable)



Brizeek Martin, is a pharmacy student born and raised in Lake Charles, La. He moved to Dallas, where he attended Cedar Hill High School in Cedar Hill. Later, he 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. Martin is the father of one, soon to be two.

(Speaker: Student Stories & Experiences)





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Dr. Peter Mosley, PhD, serves as residency counselor and career development coordinator for third-year medical students at the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine Office of Medical Student Success. He holds a STET 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 over 20 years, and he served the HSC campus as its writing specialist from 2012-2016 and again from 2018 until entering OMSS in early November 2021.



Dr. Oluwafemi Ojo, MD, MPH, FAAP, obtained his medical degree from Nigeria and subsequently received a Master of Public Health at the Harvard School of Public Health. He then completed his pediatric residency training at Driscoll Children's Hospital in Corpus Christi, and is currently practicing as a board-certified pediatrician in Corpus Christi. He is the associate program director of the pediatric residency program at Driscoll Children's Hospital in Corpus Christi. He has a great passion for health care quality improvement and patient safety processes.

(Participant: Mentorship Roundtable)



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 Dr. 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.

(Speaker: Maximize Success for Youth to Gain their White Coat)





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Serah Sulaiman, is a second-year PA student serving as a student ambassador. She spent the past year serving as vice president of the PA Student Association. She received her bachelor's degree at Southern Methodist University and her first master's degree at the University of Salamanca in Spain. Prior to HSC, Serah worked as a bilingual teacher. The best part of her life is her kind-hearted husband, quick-witted 4-year-old, and clever 2-year-old. She loves traveling, playing tennis, writing songs and playing the guitar. She is amazed by how much information she has been able to learn so far in PA school. She is grateful for this gift of knowledge and excited to use it to help improve people's quality of life.

(Speaker: Important Factors to Support Future Doctors)



Yisa Tunde Sulaiman Jr, FNP-C, is a nurse practitioner who works with patients of all ages to treat acute problems. Over the last 17 years working in health care. Sulaiman has garnered the respect of patients and fellow health care providers by putting patients first. He has been motivated from a young age to help those in need. Sulaiman holds a master's in nursing from Texas Women's University. After graduating, he began working in Fort Worth as a nurse practitioner at local urgent care. When he is not busy, you will find him playing soccer or riding his bike around Fort Worth with his wife and two children.

(Participant: Mentorship Roundtable)



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 five 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.

(Speaker: Close)





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Dr. Frederick D. Todd II, MD, is an accomplished, seasoned neurosurgeon with a wealth of experience in the field. He earned his Doctor of Medicine in 1979 from The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School and completed neurosurgery residency in 1985 with The Ohio State University Hospitals. Throughout his career, he has held several teaching appointments, including clinical instructor at Ohio State's Department of Surgery and as an assistant professor at Texas A&M University College of Medicine's Department of Surgery. In addition, he has served in the U.S. Air Force Medical Corps as a Captain, Major and Staff Neurosurgeon. He has held several leadership positions, including the Texas Association of Neurological Surgeons' president and the American Association of Neurological Surgeons' regional director. Currently, Dr. Todd is in private practice at Arlington Neurosurgical and Spine Associates.

(Participant: Mentorship Roundtable)



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.

(Speaker: Welcome)



Damian Torres currently serves the Health Science Center community as the executive director of Student Engagement & Experience. In this role, Torres provides leadership and decision-making around diversity, equity and access concerns. He assists with designing and developing culturally relevant programs and services that address the recruitment, retention and successful completion of historically underrepresented students' identities on campus.

(Conference Co-Chair & Speaker: Welcome)





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Dr. Benecia Williams, DO, is double board certified in physical medicine and rehabilitation and sports medicine and an attending physician at PMR Fort Worth, who specializes in musculoskeletal/sports medicine, interventional spine medicine, fluoroscopic and ultrasound procedures. After receiving a bachelor's in kinesiology from the University of Sacramento, she headed to HSC for a master's in medical science and a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. After graduation, she completed an internship at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth and residency at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, excelling as chief resident in both establishments before returning to John Peter Smith for an ACGME Sports Medicine Fellowship.

(Participant: Mentorship Roundtable)



Veda Womack, MBA, PA-CPA, graduated from Touro College in Bayshore, N.Y., with a bachelor's 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 that include 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 PA Studies as an assistant professor and began teaching women's health and clinical skills.

(Participant: Mentorship Roundtable)