

CDU Expands Pathways to Medical Education in the Greater Los Angeles Area Through Agreement with San Gabriel Valley Institution

CDU signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with East San Gabriel Regional Occupational Program and Technical Center (ROPTC) on May 22 as a part of the University's continuing efforts to grow its student population over the next five years. The signing is yet another example of CDU's dedication to create more access to health professions education while graduating additional healthcare professionals who will practice in chronically underserved communities.

The event, which featured addresses from CDU President Dr. David Carlisle and East San Gabriel Valley ROPTC Superintendent Dr. Sherryl Carter, was well-attended by members of the CDU and East San Gabriel ROPTC communities. "Our role at CDU is to train people to go into various health professions," Dr. Carlisle said in his opening remarks. "We encourage our new partners at East San Gabriel Valley ROPTC to think about what you can accomplish here."

East San Gabriel Valley ROPTC students Destenee Lemus and Ashley Martinez took the podium to discuss their respective journeys that led them into the health profession, and extended their thanks to CDU for stewarding a partnership aimed towards expanding their opportunities to continue their studies in medicine and health.

Sana Abbasi, incoming president of the CDU Student Government, welcomed the East San Gabriel Valley ROPTC community to the CDU family, and assured them that they would be in good hands at CDU. "If you want to go to a school where you can be yourself, and are more than just a student that pays tuition, then you should come to CDU. [The University] doesn't only teach you how to be a good student, they teach you how to be a good person."

Dr. Sherryl Carter, East San Gabriel Valley ROPTC Superintendent, also expressed her excitement about the partnership, noting that the day was "monumental" for her institution and students. "This partnership with CDU will leave a legacy on our students who want to move forward in their careers."

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President's Message

Greetings,

As always, it's a busy time for Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science.

We recently concluded elections for the 2018-2019 cabinet of the Charles Drew University Student Government (CDUSG), and offer our sincere congratulations to incoming president Sana Abbasi and vice president Abdu Mahmoud. We also thank Shenita Anderson and Daniel Maryanov for their excellent service as president and vice president, respectively, for the 2017-2018 school year.

Our renowned Saturday Science Academy II was recently selected out of a pool of 140 proposals as one of 25 finalists with the chance to win \$200,000 in funding over the next two years. The opportunity comes by way of the My LA2050 Activation Challenge, which is an open call for ideas that will make Los Angeles the best place to learn, create, play, connect and live. The next phase, which is the voting period, will begin Tuesday, June 19. Let's put them over the top! Visit our proposal [at this link](#) and vote for them, or visit the official LA2050 website under the "Learn" category, and vote for them there.

Congratulations are in order to Dr. C. Freeman, psychiatry residency program director, who is slated to become the first ever African American president of the Los Angeles County Medical Association (LACMA), which represents Los Angeles County physicians from every medical specialty and practice. Additionally, following her official installation next month, Dr. Freeman will become one of only five women to have served as the organization's president. CDU is proud to celebrate the historic accomplishments of Dr. Freeman and looks forward to her tenure as LACMA's president.

Lastly, CDU is well on the way to concluding another successful academic year, and we look forward to graduating the next group of future healthcare professionals during Commencement on Monday, June 4, at the StubHub Center in Carson, California. We hope to see you there.

David M. Carlisle, MD, PhD
President & CEO

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Help Saturday Science Academy II Win \$200,000!

Saturday Science Academy II, CDU's renowned weekend community pipeline program, has been selected out of 140 applications as one of 25 finalists to win \$200,000 in funding over the next two years via the My LA2050 Activation Challenge! The challenge is an open call for ideas that will activate 100,000 Angelenos to make LA the best place to learn, create, play, connect, and live.

The voting period begins Tuesday, June 19, and the proposal with the most votes will be selected as the winner. View our proposal [here](#), or visit the official LA2050 website under the "Learn" category to get more information and help us make Los Angeles the best place to learn!



Dr. Carlisle Appointed to Board of Leading Organization in Healthcare Philanthropy

The California Health Care Foundation (CHCF) announced the appointment of CDU President/CEO David Carlisle, MD, PhD, to its board of directors on May 4. Dr. Carlisle has served on the California Future Health Workforce Commission, which is supported by CHCF, since summer 2017 to develop a blueprint to modernize California's health workforce.

"It is a tremendous honor to be selected to join the California Health Care Foundation board of directors," Dr. Carlisle said. "Their goals and mission — to increase access to health care and improve the state's health care delivery system, particularly in underserved areas — align well with my personal values, and with the goals of [CDU]. I look forward to adding my voice to their esteemed board."

Psychiatry Residency Program Director Makes History As First Ever Black President of LACMA



Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science (CDU) is pleased to congratulate C. Freeman MD, MBA, director of the University's recently accredited Psychiatry Residency Training Program, on her historic appointment as the first every African-American president and, by proxy, first African-American female president of the Los Angeles County Medical Association (LACMA). Upon her official installation on June 21 at the organization's Annual Installation of Officers in Marina Del Rey, Dr. Freeman will become one of only five women to have served as the organization's president in its 147 year history.

"As the first African American LACMA President, I am both proud of the organization's evolution to effect such a pivotal change in its traditional leadership and honored to lead our group in what is shaping up to be a year of new levels of inclusion and active advocacy," Dr. Freeman stated. "[This] increases the value for more physicians and has the highly desirable side effect of stimulating growth in membership, involvement, affiliations, and impact."

LACMA is a professional association representing Los Angeles County physicians from every medical specialty and practice. Since 1871, LACMA has been at the forefront of the science, business and politics of medicine, ensuring that its members are represented in the areas of public policy, government relations, innovation, and healthcare research and delivery.

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MPH Grads Report Back On Cuba Trip

The College of Science and Health's Master of Public Health (MPH) graduates were able to share their experiences and key takeaways from their recent trip to Cuba, as a part of the Cuba Health Exchange Conference on May 17 and May 18. Led by Dr. Bitá Amani, the student team was comprised of Simon Alarcon, MBS, MPH; Saleemah Glover, MPH; Nicoyia Hurt, MPH; Shaemion McBride, MPH; Juan Mendez, MPH; Alexander Molina, MPH; Emma Negula, MPH; and Janae Oliver, MPH; Tiffany Polar, MBS, MPH; Linda Wright, MPS, MPH; Lucia Vides, MPH; and Jasmine Yakub, MPH.

The May 17 session took place in the LSRNE Lobby and featured a social hour and informal conversation on the history of public health exchanges with Cuba.

The May 18 session offered a more comprehensive overview of the MPH graduates' two-week trip. Kathryn Hall-Trujillo, MPH, opened the session by discussing the history of medical collaborations between the United States and Cuba, as well as CDU's connection to a global

shared learning community of public health practice. She also noted that the CDU MPH students were among the first group of students from the United States to ever complete an immersion course at a Cuban school of public health, highlighting the value of collaboration between Cuban schools of public health and U.S. universities of public health.

MPH graduates took the podium to share what they learned at the Escuela Nacional de Salud Pública (ENSAP) during their two week stay, which included an intensive course on the Cuban Health System. During the trip, the students observed that collaborative care, a preventive model of health and solidarity served as the foundation to health equality in Cuba — a reflection of how the nation prioritizes its people at both the individual and community levels. Subsequently, the students compared the Cuban approach to integrating levels of prevention to U.S. practices, and sought ways to incorporate and implement those strategies stateside.

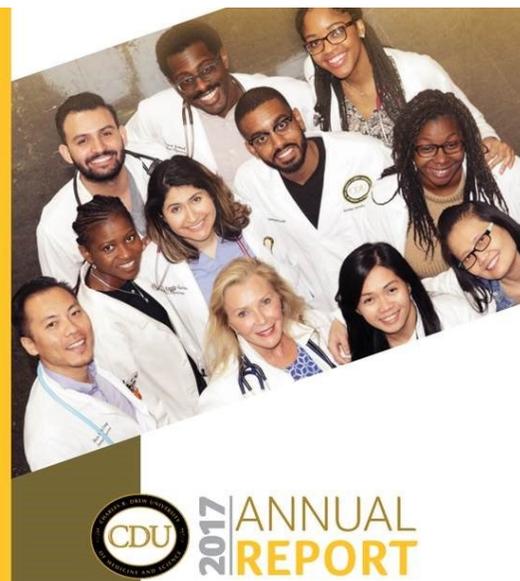


2017 Annual Report Now Available

Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science is pleased to announce the publication of the 2017FY Annual Report.

This year's report celebrates student and faculty accomplishments, and offers a glance into CDU's future as we continue to educate and empower impactful, compassionate and exemplary future healthcare professionals.

You can access an electronic copy of the 2017FY Annual Report [here](#).



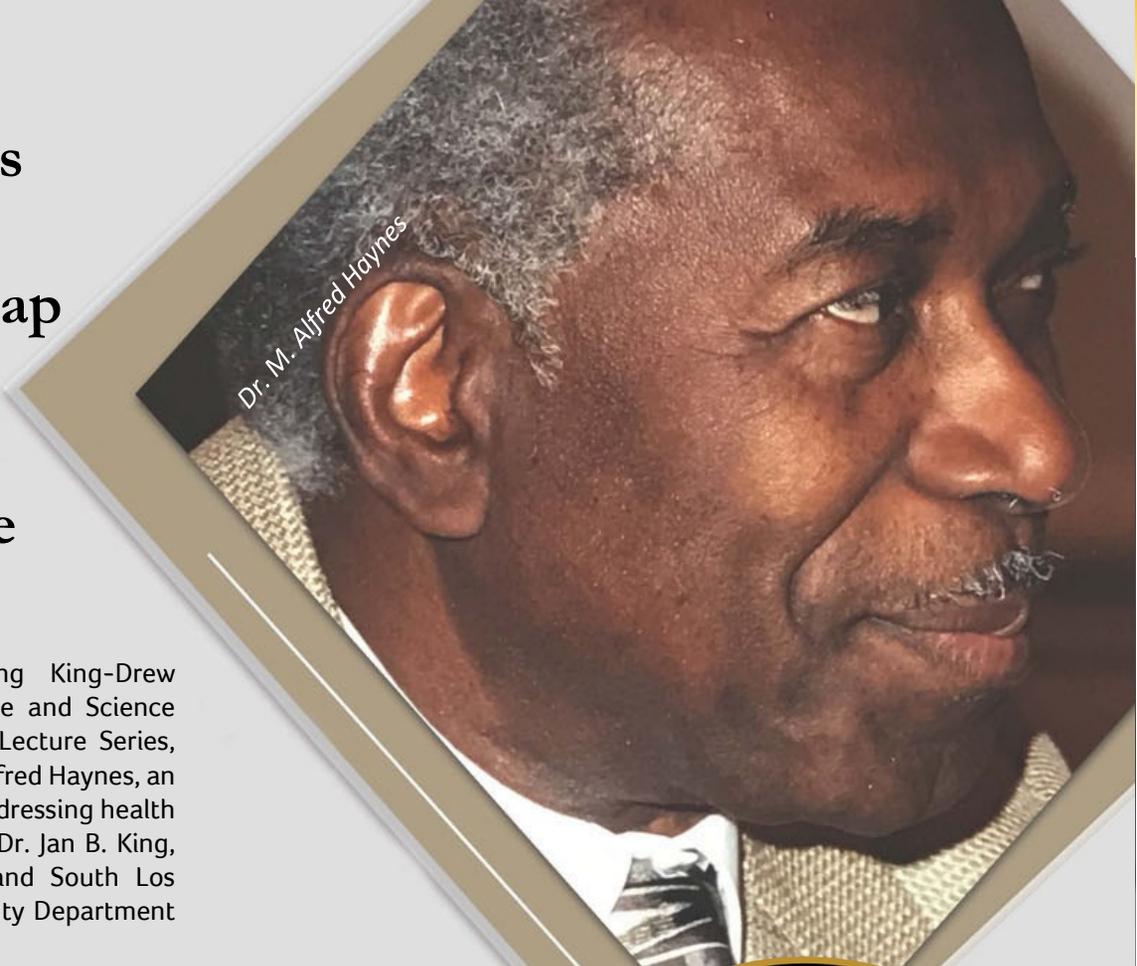
Dr. Jan King Addresses Plans to Close the Black/White Gap in Infant Mortality at Haynes Lecture Series

Students from the neighboring King-Drew Magnet High School of Medicine and Science attended the M. Alfred Haynes Lecture Series, which was created to honor Dr. Alfred Haynes, an early CDU dean and pioneer in addressing health disparities. This month featured Dr. Jan B. King, Area Health Officer for West and South Los Angeles at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

Dr. King began her lecture by citing the recent marriage of Meghan Markle, a South Los Angeles native, into the Royal Family. She noted that the Duchess' new affiliation grants her a level of security and well-being that many never get to experience, as she will likely never have to be concerned about a lack of access to resources or care, and she now has a significant influence on policy in the United Kingdom.

Many Americans—specifically Black Americans—do not get to experience of the luxury of that assurance and peace of mind. Dr. King noted that Black Americans are dying sooner and faster than any other ethnic group – particularly during gestation, or before birth. This contrasts greatly to the birth rates of Black African women, which are comparable to those of Caucasian women who have lived in the United States for their entire lives. This suggests that the breakdown occurs in the next generation of offspring (African Americans), debunking the oft-repeated myth that genetics in Black people contribute to high infant mortality rates.

Dr. King introduced the idea of “weathering,” which suggests that adverse social experiences lead to psychological stress, which triggers a flight-or-flight response. The result of the cumulative stress leads to adverse health outcomes for those affected, including adverse pregnancy outcomes for Black American women.



Legacy of CDU

“Legacy of CDU” offers readers an intimate look into the rich history of Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science.

Pioneers in Mobile Medicine



Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science was the first organization in Los Angeles County to be funded by the Los Angeles County Health Department to pilot, test and implement a dedicated mobile HIV testing unit, a project that has been operational since 1991. Initially funded by the Los Angeles County Health Department, supplemental funding for the project was also provided by the Magic Johnson Foundation and Burroughs Wellcome Pharmaceutical Company in order to purchase the mobile van. “We were a pilot demonstration program to provide outreach to under-resourced and

underserved communities throughout South LA as well as Skid Row and East LA,” said Dr. Cynthia Davis, director of the HIV Mobile Outreach Project, in a 2013 interview.

Project staff travel the community daily throughout Los Angeles County to increase access to HIV screening services and identify individuals who are HIV positive and do not know their HIV status. Any HIV positive client identified on the mobile van is referred for immediate medical treatment and follow-up.

“The program was so successful that the county health department decided to replicate the program and in the second year of operation...we got [an additional] van,” Davis said. “Over a ten year period, we were [given] approximately \$500,000 a year to operate two mobile van programs; one to target South LA, [and] one to target all of LA County where we provided free HIV screening services to at-risk populations.”

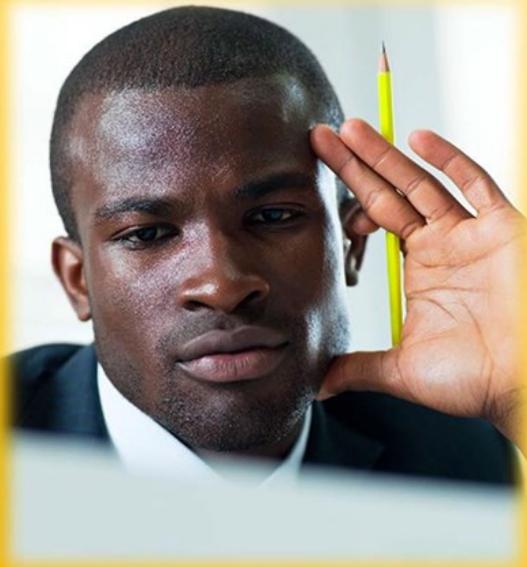
To date, the Project staff has provided free HIV screening services to over 60,000 community residents. The dedicated work of the Project staff strengthens CDU’s position as a leader in HIV/AIDS education and prevention in South Los Angeles for the past two decades.



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Congratulations are Due

Congratulations to Dr. Jorge Artaza, who was selected as the 2018 Faculty Member of the Year during the fifth annual Faculty Awards & New Academic Affairs Staff Reception on May 29. Drs. Ebere Ume, Daphne Calmes and Shehla Pervin were also honored for their service during the event.

Barbara Bell, Finance, is this month's Staff Management Council (SMC) raffle winner! She won a \$20 gift card to the campus café. Don't forget to show your CDU pride every Friday for a chance to enter the raffle!

Congratulations are due also to Omar Merino, who was selected as this month's Employee of the Month!

The SMC is charged with building school spirit, addressing staff concerns and shaping the future of CDU. Those interested in joining the SMC are encouraged to reach out to April Miller at (323) 563-5823 or AprilMiller@cdrewu.edu.



Faculty Awards Recipients

CDU Event Calendar

June 1: Friday Noon Lecture Series

June 4: Commencement

June 8: Friday Noon Lecture Series

June 14: CPR-Basic Life Support Training

June 15: Friday Noon Lecture Series

June 19: LA2050 Voting Begins

June 23: Discover CDU

June 26: Biomedical Informatics Journal Club

June 29: June Birthday Celebration

CDU in the News

Los Angeles Sentinel

[Mt. St Mary's University and it's Department of Nursing Honors Nurse Evelyn Allen Johnson](#) (5/7/2018)

Los Angeles Sentinel

[At the Intersection of Faith and Wellness](#) (5/10/2018)

Ghana Web

[Oak Plaza to honour Gyedu Blay-Ambolley](#) (5/11/2018)

Daily Guide Africa

[Oak Plaza To Honour Gyedu Blay-Ambolley](#) (5/13/2018)

Philanthropy News Digest

[People in the News \(5/13/18\): Appointments, Promotions, Obituaries](#) (5/13/2018)

Wallet Hub

[Ask the Experts: Dealing With Our Drug Problems](#) (5/14/2018)

Relationship Science

[David M. Carlisle is now serving in a new board position at California Health Care Foundation](#) (5/14/2018)

Black Voice News

[AAVREP Launches Massive "WokeVote18" Voter Registration Drive for 2018 Election](#) (5/15/2018)

Los Angeles Sentinel

[#BlackVotesMatter: Sebastian Ridley-Thomas Spearheads Massive Voter Registration Push](#) (5/17/2018)

HBCU Connect

[Charles R. Drew Univ. of Medicine & Science Program Director Makes History](#) (5/23/2018)

SCV News

[May 29: LA County Board of Supervisors Meeting](#) (5/29/2018)

