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Greetings!

We hope you enjoy this month's Health Equity Update. Thank you for your support of the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity. Happy holidays and best wishes in the new year.

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Dr. Maya Angelou Named Medal of Freedom Recipient

Writer Maya Angelou was among 15 announced recipients of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the country's highest civilian honor. It singles out those who have made contributions to the security or national interests of the U.S., to world peace or other significant endeavors. (read more)

Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease Book Chapter Published by Dr. Alain Bertoni and Dr. David C. Goff

Diabetes affects over 200 million people worldwide; its chronic nature and long-term economic burden make it one of the prototypical public health problems of our time. Numerous research programs have developed over the last decade to improve the understanding of the causes, prevention and treatment of diabetes and its complications, but effective delivery of preventive strategies remains challenging at best. Efficient synthesis of the data and information from these diverse sources is crucial to prioritize interventions and assemble resources for the implementation of public health programs. This book meets this need and builds on previous works to reflect the evolution of science related to diabetes public health. (read article)

Dr. Amy McMichael Selected as Essence Magazine "Top Doc"

Amy McMichael, MD, Associate Professor in Dermatology, was selected as an Essence Magazine "Top Doc" and was featured as one of 5 "all star dermatologists" in the magazine's November issue.

Dr. McMichael is an affiliate of the Maya Angelou Center for Heatlh Equity.

Reverend Francis Rivers Meza Becomes Center Affiliate

The Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity is proud to announce that Reverend Francis Rivers Meza is now an affiliate of the Center.

Reverend Rivers Meza works in the Department of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education and is Co-Investigator of the Lay Health Advisor's grant designed to empower key leaders in Latino religious communities to become health educators.

SNMA Presented Award

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Student National Medical Association Chapter of Wake Forest University School of Medicine was presented with an award by the Old North State Medical Soceity as future leaders in healthcare on November 12-13, 2011. The event was held at the Umstead Hotel and Spa in Cary, North Carolina.

Community Impact Champion
Angela V. Gerena-Diaz

Angela V. Gerena-Diaz is a graduate of Shaw University and has a Bachelors Of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. She is Program Specialist For Partnership For A Drug Free North Carolina. She is also the founder of Coalition Growing Initiative Focus on Talents & Services (G.I.F.T.S.), which promotes family values and fighting poverty which offers a tutorial enrichment program weekday afternoons for students 12-17 at St. Paul Methodist Church in Winston-Salem; all the services are free.

The mission of GIFTS is to help our youth recognize their potential to become educated, well versed, successful and positive role models. We help provide strategies for embracing a healthy lifestyle and promote emotional well-being for future generations to come.

Our programs are as follows:
Character Education
Drug Prevention
Leadership Academy
Promoting the Arts
Cultural Diversity
Encouraging Volunteerism
Financial Literacy

MACHE Participates in Commemorative Classic

Dr. Ronny Bell, Director of the MACHE, and Dr. John Stewart, Associate Professor of Surgery and MACHE affiliate, participated in a panel discussion on health disparities at a two-day symposium in conjunction with the 2nd Commemorative Classic (www.commemorativeclassic.com) at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, NC. The symposium, entitled, *Black/Minority Males Taking Flight Through Personal Development, Knowledge Sharing and Commitment to Community,* was convened on November 4th and 5th around the 118th anniversary of the football rivalry between Johnson C. Smith (formerly known as Biddle University) and Livingstone

College in Salisbury. The first game, played in 1892, was the first football game played between two institutions known now as Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Dr. Robert P. Schwartz Speaks at Leadership Winston Salem Event

As part of community outreach efforts, the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity links community organizations to staff, faculty at Wake Forest University Medical Center, to help educate and inform the community of health related issues. Dr. Robert P. Schwartz, Professor and Pediatrician at Brenner's Children's Hospital at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center was asked by the Center to share his insights during the Leadership Winston-Salem's Our Community: Past, Present and Future day on November 10, 2010 at Goler Enrichment Center.

Dr. Schwartz facilitated a "learning journey" discussion to obtain ideas from the 55 various community leaders attending on how we all can address obesity among our children in Forsyth County. He received very positive feedback from the session.

For more information about Leadership Winston-Salem, please visit www.leadershipws.org.

The Quality Report - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

What's Quality Without Equality? Using Data on Patient Race, Ethnicity and Language Preferences to Improve Care. (read entire report)

Upcoming Events

World Cafe Mentoring Discussion
December 8, 2010
Two sessions: 9:30-11:30 or 4:00-6:00pm (registration required)
These sessions will focus on mentoring for minority faculty
Click here for more information

UNC Minority Health VideoConference
February 25, 2011
Cancer Center 1A-1B
2:00-3:30pm
Dr. Bonnie Durant, Associate Professor, Health Sciences, School of Public Health, University of Washington, will present on "The Promise of Health Equity: Advancing the Discussion to Eliminate Disparities in the 21st Century".
Click here for more information

Race, Health and Health Care Symposium
March 16, 2011

Time and location to be determined
Dr. Joseph Betancourt will be guest speaker
Click here to read more about Dr. Betancourt

Dr. Talmadge King, University of California at San Francisco guest speaker
April 28, 2011
Time and location to be determined
Click here to read more about Dr. King

Dr. Walter Frontera, University of Puerto Rico guest speaker
June 8, 2011
Time and location to be determined
Click here to read more about Dr. Frontera

Grant Opportunities

The Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust's Poor and Needy Division is pleased to announce its upcoming grant cycle. The next deadline for grant applications is **January 18, 2011**. The Poor and Needy Division (PND) is slowly recovering from the economic downturn and its impact on our ability to respond to new grant requests. Until its most recently completed grant cycle, the PND had not accepted applications for new grant commitments since July 2008. This summer we announced the Second Wind Initiative focused on the continuation of current programs and services for smaller organizations serving the financially needy in Forsyth County. In the upcoming grant cycle, the Trust will return to responsive grantmaking. Grant applications will be considered for a grant period not to exceed three years. (read more).

Book Corner

Handbook of African American Health. Eds: Robert L. Hampton, Thomas P. Gullotta, and Raymond L. Crowel. Guilford Press. 2010 (review book)

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Leaks - Rebecca Skloot untangles the ethical issues in the case of a woman whose cancer cells have been the basis for a vast amount of research. (review book)

Letter to My Daughter by Dr. Maya Angelou. You will find in this book accounts of growing up, unexpected emergencies, a few poems, some light stories to make you laugh and some to make you meditate. (review book)

Evaluating Public and Community Health Programs - Muriel J. Harris (review book)

Books available for check out at the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity. (see list)

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