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Greetings!

We want to thank you for your support of the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity over the past year. 2010 was a very busy year, and 2011 is shaping up to be very eventful! We hope that you are able to participate in some or all of the activities that the MACHE will be sponsoring. Please visit our website or read the monthly Health Equity Updates for more information!

Happy Holidays!

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Dr. Maya Angelou Receives Andrus Award

Dr. Maya Angelou recently received the Andrus Award which is AARP's highest honor, given to an individual who embodies the principles of AARP's founder, Dr. Ethel Percy

Andrus. Dr. Angelou treated guests to a reading of a poem written especially for the occasion. Read more.

Medical Care Costs for Diabetes Associated With Health Disparities Among Adult Medicaid Enrollees in North Carolina

Background: Health disparities for many diseases are large and long-standing in North Carolina and the nation. This study examines medical care costs for diabetes associated with health disparities among adults (age, ≥ 18 years) enrolled in Medicaid in North Carolina during state fiscal year (SFY) 2007-2008 (ie, July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008). Read entire article.

Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity Affiliates Named Best Doctors

Six affiliates of the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity have been included in the 2011-2012 Best Doctors in America® . To read more about these doctors, please click on their names. They are:

Dr. William Blackstock, Jr.

Dr. J. Jeffrey Carr

Dr. Thomas D. Dubose

Dr. Barry I. Freedman

Dr. Amy J. McMichael

Dr. Gretchen Wells

Maria Rego - New Center Employee

Maria Isabel Rego joined the staff of the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity in November as a Data Coordinator II working with Dr. David L. Mount in the research lab coordinating research data, performing literature reviews, and writing/editing of manuscripts as well as helping the research management team in the delivery of future service programs. Maria was born in Rio de Janeiro,

Brazil and is a recent graduate of Salem College where she majored in biology and minoring in Psychology.

Maria is delighted to be part of a team translating scientific discoveries into actions for achieving health equity.

WELCOME MARIA!

Community Impact Champion - Matthew Mayers

Matthew Mayers is the co-founder and manager of the Krankies Farmer's Market in downtown Winston Salem, North Carolina. The market brings fresh local food to a part of the city where such resources are scarce, and offers a place for farmers using sustainable practices to sell directly to the people who eat their food. Many chefs, downtown workers, area residents, and others from throughout the city don't consider their week complete without a trip to the Krankies Farmer's Market. (Read his bio).

SNMA Hosts Annual Sickle Cell Christmas Party

The Wake Forest University School of Medicine Student National Medical Association hosted their annual Sickle Cell Christmas Party on Saturday, December 11th, 2010. The event was held at Friendship Baptist Church where over 50 children and their families from the Winston-Salem area attended. Donations were graciously made by WFUSM students and faculty, enabling SNMA members and Santa Claus (played by Alex Aeksir of MS 2013) to distribute over 100 toys to children afflicted with the disease. The morning was filled with holiday fun including music, food, gifts, and craft stations for the children to make ornaments, stockings and Christmas cards. Special thanks to our Community Service Chair, Tracy Cassagnol, and to Michelle Long for their hard work in creating the event.

Upcoming Events

Health Disparities 2011 Health Summit
Friday and Saturday, January 7-8, 2011
WakeMed Raleigh Campus
Andrews Conference Center
This two day summit will identify legislative, community-based strategies and policies which promote health and the elimination of health disparities for all North Carolina's racial and ethnic minorities.

Health Disparities/Equity Research Symposium with Winston Salem State University
February 16, 2011
Winston Salem State University Campus
10:00am-3:00 pm

"The Promise of Health Equity: Advancing the Discussion to

Eliminate Disparities in the 21st Century"
32nd UNC Minority Health Conference
February 25, 2011
2:00-3:00pm EST
Keynote lecture will be broadcast by internet (free webcast)
The Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity will host the webcast site located in MR-170, Meads Hall.

Grant Opportunities

The Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation - New initiative aims to nurture careers of education innovators in medicine and nursing to better prepare future graduates for changing health care practice.

Book Corner

Great Food, All Day Long: Cook Splendidly, Eat Smart by Dr. Maya Angelou
In this cookbook, Dr. Angelou recommends eating great food (no calorie counting) in small portions all day long. Her recipes come from childhood and from her travels and include concoctions influenced and inspired by other cookbooks she loves.

Race in the Age of Obama - Dr. Marino Bruce, Dr. Donald Cunnigen
This volume provides the first in-depth examination of the impact of the key sociological issues faced by the new Obama Administration and explores conventional topics on race and ethnic relations as well as delves into new areas of intellectual inquiry regarding the changing scope of race relations in a global context.

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