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MISSION

The Williams Forum for Diabetic Education and Healthcare is dedicated to reducing healthcare disparities in vulnerable populations of the greater Newark, NJ and other predominantly African American and Latino communities who are disproportionately affected by the detrimental effects of uncontrolled glycemic levels. Realizing that there exists an enormous amount of print and visual media on diabetic education, The Williams Forum will offer an alternative approach to diabetes and other healthcare education by interacting directly with at-risk community members, grass roots organizations and healthcare providers.

The Williams Forum for Diabetic Education relies entirely on grants and donations to fund all activities.

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Focusing on the Elimination of Health Disparities



Executive Director and Founder Dr. Patricia Williams Bennett

Biographical Profile



Dr. Patricia Williams Bennett

Dr. Bennett is a Podiatric Surgeon with an extensive background in clinical research. Her educational background includes a B.S. degree in Biology from Morgan State University and a M.S. in Biology from Atlanta University where she demonstrated her expertise in electrophoretic techniques. Her Master's thesis on the biochemical separation of proteins is a technique relative to forensic DNA identification. Her work experience includes both private practice and corporate clinical research.

Upon completion of a Doctorate of Podiatric Medicine from the New York College of Podiatric Medicine, she received the David A. Rabkow Award for Excellence in Diabetes Research. Her Podiatric Surgical Training and Vascular Studies were completed at the renowned Maimonides Medical Center, New York and New York's Beekman Hospital (now the downtown campus of New York Presbyterian Hospital).

Dr. Bennett's career experiences include both domestic and international clinical research management at multibillion dollar global pharmaceutical companies where she originated clinical protocol design for some of today's current pharmaceutical market leaders.

Dr. Bennett has had a successful career in treating advanced, complex wound salvaging procedures in Hyperbaric and Regenerative Medicine. She has lectured both nationally and internationally on Complications of the Diabetic Foot and is a member of the Advisory Board for Morgan State University's School of Health Equity. She has also served as Chief Podiatrist for the City of Newark, NJ population > 450,000. She enjoys a private practice in Maplewood, NJ.

Biographical Profile



Dr. Erica David-Park

Dr. Erica David-Park was born in England and grew up in East Hampton, NJ. At an early age she focused on the sciences under the tutelage of one of her high school teachers. She excelled in biology and chemistry. Her aspirations were aimed on medicine. She concentrated on getting accepted into Johns Hopkins University because she felt that their vigorous academic standards would be an excellent catapult for her to get into medical school. She attributes her successful acceptance and matriculation at John Hopkins to a very supportive recommendation from those who mentored her. After finalizing her studies in Behavioral Biology at Johns Hopkins University, she continued her planned career path. She received her MD from the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine in New York and completed her residency at the New York Presbyterian combined Columbia-Cornell program in Rehabilitative Medicine. She is Board Certified by the American Academy of Physical and Rehabilitative Medicine.

During her medical training, she prepared peer review published papers, mentored and taught other medical students and residents and worked on various research projects.. She specialized in rehabilitative medicine as a result of the training and guidance that she received during her residency rotations. Dr. David focuses on health care disparities in rehabilitative medicine. She has lectured nationally on the significance of musculoskeletal disabilities and the functional use of durable medical equipment such as wheelchairs. Early in her career, she realized that patient rehabilitation significantly impacts the quality and length of life. In this regard, she has dedicated herself to seeing that each patient reaches their full rehabilitative potentials and goals.

Her hobbies include reading, running, horseback riding and vegan cooking. She is active in community service and volunteers as a Clinical Director for the children's Special Olympics. Spiritually she coordinates a food and coat drive at her church and teaches Sunday School. She has been a member of several local hospital medical staffs including East Orange General and Morristown Memorial Hospital.

Following 15 years in private practice, Dr. David is currently the Senior Medical Director of Post Acute Care and Durable Medical Equipment for Evicore Healthcare where she continues to make a difference in rehabilitative medicine.

Biographical Profile



SANDRA D. ADAMS, Phd

Sandra Daise Adams was born and grew up in Savannah, Georgia. She attended the Savannah- Chatham County Public Schools. Upon graduation she enrolled at the University of Georgia, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences. She taught for three years in public schools in Georgia while earning a Master of Education in Secondary Biology Education from Georgia State University. She then earned a Ph.D. in Science Education from the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Adams served on the Education faculty at Birmingham Southern College and West Georgia College for several years before enrolling at Georgia State University to complete a second Ph.D. in Molecular Genetics. Her doctoral research focused on RNA-RNA recombination in rubella virus. Upon completion of this degree, Dr. Adams, a divorced mother, moved from Georgia with her two daughters and joined the biology faculty at Montclair State University. Her older daughter, Dr. Kelli A. Duncan is an Associate Professor of Neurobiology at Vassar College; her younger daughter, Monica Adams, is a kindergarten teacher at Great Oaks Legacy Charter School in Newark, NJ and recently earned the Master of Arts in Teaching degree.

Dr. Adams holds the rank of professor at Montclair State University and has numerous publications and presentations. Dr. Adams maintains a research laboratory in which various natural products are analyzed for their antiviral properties against Herpes simplex virus 1 and 2, Sindbis virus, and Enterovirus 69. The natural products tested include extracts of polyphenols from green tea, black tea, Embelin, curcumin, and other curcuminoid compounds. Her teaching responsibilities include Principles of Biology I, Virology, and Immunology. Additionally, Dr. Adams coordinates the biology education program.

Dr. Adams is also the principal investigator (PI) on a National Science Foundation grant to recruit, prepare and retain biology, chemistry, earth science and physics teachers for New Jersey's high need schools and was PI on a grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute to implement a Phage Genomics course. She has secured grant funding as PI of over \$1.6 million and as co-PI for approximately \$1 million.

Biographical Profile



Diane M. Ridley, MD

Diane Marie Ridley knew from an early age that she wanted to be a doctor; she was under the impression that doctors were rich (cue uproarious laughter). It was no mean feat to embrace this fallacy, as her parents sacrificed a great deal to provide her a stellar private school education. Their daughter's fierce intellect, together with her ambition and eagerness to learn, to explore and to question, earned her a National Achievement Scholarship as a high school junior. She graduated with cum laude status.

After acceptance to both Barnard and Columbia Colleges, she opted to join the second coeducational class in the history of Columbia College. Life in the "Oasis of New York City" proved richly rewarding with her exposure to the peculiar college culture, the culture peculiar to New York City and Columbia College itself. She conquered the academic rigors that Columbia introduced and again graduated with cum laude honors. She participated in a number of extracurricular activities, including Glee Club and Gospel Choir, the Black Students Organization, tutoring, and mentored high school students.

Additionally, she participated in clinical research at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center gathering data for an investigation into the usefulness of iron supplementation in children. In what would become one of the most meaningful undertakings of her entire career, Diane earned membership in that most grand of international, predominately African American sororities, Delta Sigma Theta, Incorporated.

The structure of most anesthesiology residency programs included an internship year in internal medicine or surgery; Dr Ridley opted for the transitional option, with clinical activity divided between the two disciplines. She was "Resident Teacher of the Year". After residency, Dr. Ridley completed a fellowship in Obstetric Anesthesia. She is currently an anesthesiologist in New York City.

Biographical Profile



Dr. Mae De La Calzada-Jeanlouie

Dr. Mae De La Calzada-Jeanlouie is a board-certified Emergency Medicine physician with a subspecialty in Medical Toxicology. She graduated from Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences and completed her medical training at St. Michael's Medical Center in Newark, NJ and North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset, NY.

Dr. De La Calzada-Jeanlouie works as an Emergency Medicine physician at Trinitas Regional Medical Center where she dedicates her expertise to the residents of Elizabeth and greater New Jersey. She also lends her services in Emergency Medicine and Medical Toxicology to the Veterans healthcare system, through her work at the East Orange VA Medical Center.

The hallmark of an emergency medicine physician includes prompt medical decision making and action, to prevent worsening clinical conditions, disability, and death in both adults and children.

Dr. De La Calzada-Jeanlouie's clinical interests include diabetic emergencies, hypertensive crisis, airway management, and overdose/poisonings. When she is off medical duty, Dr. De La Calzada-Jeanlouie enjoys travelling the world with her husband and children, reading, dancing, and finding the perfect cup of coffee.

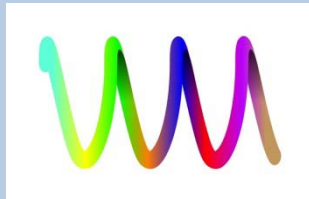
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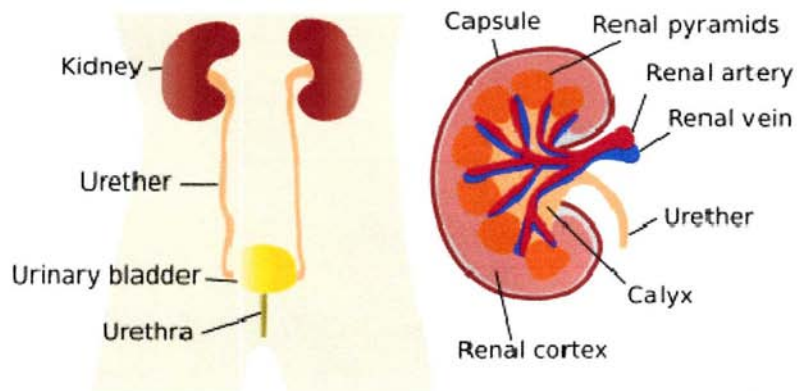
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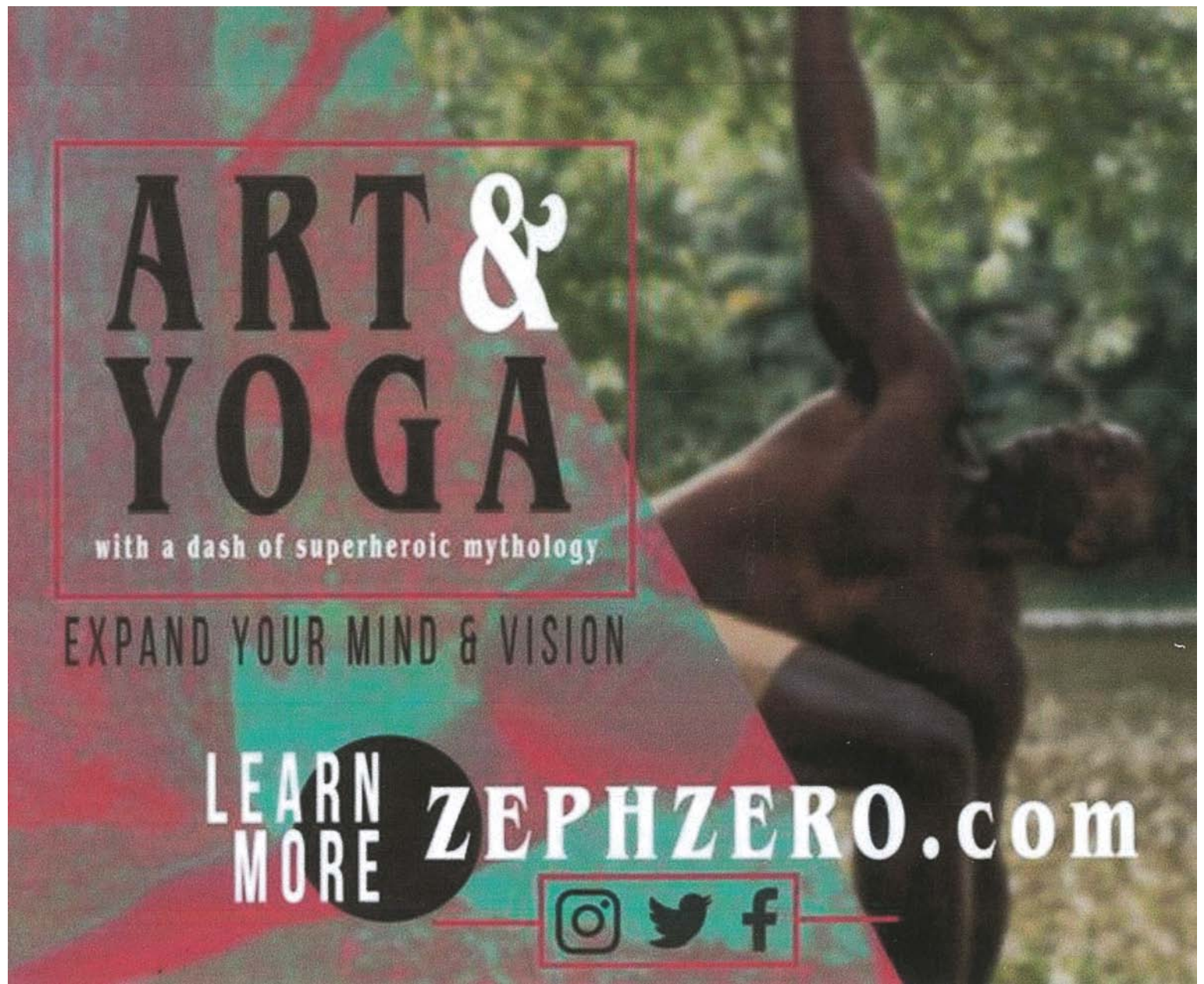
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"I'm indebted to Camp Nejeda. Our life would be so much more complicated if we didn't have Camp Nejeda and all the help we get from the camp. We love all our camp families!"

-T. Bassett (camper parent)

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-Destiny R. (camper)

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(camp nurse)

ABOUT CAMP NEJEDA

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