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NAHSE's purpose is to ensure greater participation of minority groups in the health field. Its basic objective is to develop and maintain a strong viable national body to more effectively have input in the national health care delivery system. It has provided a vehicle for Blacks to effectively participate in the design, direction and delivery of quality health care to all people.



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Dear Members, Friends and Guests

Welcome to the 29nd Scholarship Gala of the New York Regional Chapter of the National Association of Health Services Executives. It has been my pleasure serving you as president for the last two years.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we thank you for joining us this evening to congratulate our scholarship awardees and distinguished honorees.

NASHE was established 53 years ago with the mission and vision to ensure greater participation of minority groups in the health field. Its basic objective is to develop and maintain a strong viable national body to more effectively have input in the national healthcare delivery system. NAHSE has made it possible for many black healthcare professionals to participate in the design, direction and delivery of quality healthcare for all.

In our effort to continue with the mission and vision of the organization, the New York Regional Chapter is excited to recognize the exemplary contributions of each of our distinguished honorees in their respective fields. We are excited to offer scholarships to deserving students as they continue to expand their educational opportunities.

My vision for this chapter is to strengthen our legacy as the premier professional membership society for Blacks in health care management. We will continue to provide: Professional Programs/Workshops, Educational Programs, A Job Bank, Mentoring Program, Scholarships, Fellowship Opportunities, Community Service Projects, Health Policy, and Expanding Business Contracting Opportunities.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our Gala Chair Marian Scott, Board of Directors and committee members for organizing this wonderful evening.

To our sponsors, your generosity and commitment enables us to continue with our work of diversifying the perspectives and representation in healthcare.

Warmest regards,

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**Greetings and Welcome Introduction of President
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Invocation

**Master of Ceremony
Present Scholarships**

HONOREES:

Percy Allen, II Healthcare Award

Georges Leconte, Chief Executive Officer, NYC Health + Hospital/Harlem

Senior Healthcare Executive Award

Nicole Harris-Hollingsworth, Vice President, Social Determinants Hackensack Meridian Health

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Healthcare Emerging Leaders Award

Tanya Whittmore, Senior Manager of Community Relations, Healthfirst

Dr. Sandra R. Gould Women of Distinction Award

Tiffany Tucker-Pryor, Deputy Director of Community Partnerships, NYC District Attorney Office

Tonya Richards, Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer, Columbia University

Men of Distinction Award

Charles Shorter, LMSW, Executive Director, Ryan Health/Adair/Frederick Douglas

William Council, Founder of CouncilHim Foundation

President's Award

Closing Remarks

Dancing and Networking



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Congratulate

*The
2022 Honorees*



PERCY ALLEN II HEALTHCARE



Georges H. Leconte

With over twenty years of progressive leadership experience, Georges Leconte is a seasoned healthcare professional dedicated to improving the health and well-being of communities across New York. He is currently the Chief Executive Officer of NYC Health + Hospitals/Harlem. Over his 30+ year tenure in the health care field, he has held several key leadership positions, most recently as the Senior Associate Executive Director for the Ancillary Services Division at NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst, a 545-bed Level I Trauma Center. Overseeing a staff of over 600, his division encompassed the Biomedical Engineering, Cardiology, Pathology, Pharmacy, Radiology, Radiation Oncology, and Respiratory Care departments.

He has previously served as the Regional Director of Elmhurst and Queens Hospitals' Respiratory Care Services, and as the Regional Assistant Director of Respiratory Therapy at St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital Center in Manhattan. Mr. Leconte's work also extends into education, as he has held appointments as an adjunct instructor and student advisor at New York University, and an advisory board member at the Borough of Manhattan Community College.

Some of his most notable accomplishments at NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst include spearheading the development of an elective cardiac angioplasty program (originally one of only five such programs in New York State) alongside a rapid response team program; securing funding for and implementing a state-of-the-art CT/biplane for neuro-intervention, a CT/simulator for radiotherapy, an MRI suite, an angiography suite, and a 3-D mammography unit. He successfully completed the automation of the hospital's laboratories, and the adoption of the Epic / H2O electronic medical record. He chairs the hospital's Cardiac Patient Outcome Research Trials (C-PORT) and Hospital-wide ICU Committees.

Mr. Leconte holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Hunter College, and a Master of Public Administration degree from Alfred University, in addition to being a licensed Registered Respiratory Therapist. He is a graduate of both the NYC Health + Hospitals Senior Leader Fellowship Program and of the NYC Health + Hospitals Leadership Development Program (at Baruch College), as well as the NYC Leadership Institute.

He is past president of the New York Regional Chapter of the National Association of Health Services Executives (NAHSE). He is also a member of the American Association of Respiratory Care, and the Lambda Beta Society (the national honor society for the respiratory care profession).

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Leconte put his Respiratory Therapy skills to use, joining clinical staff on the frontline to provide care to those affected by the virus. He also furthered that work through donations of PPE and supplies to organizations like Vin Gopal Civic Association to help combat COVID-19 in India, and the Association Medicale Haitienne A l'Entranger (AMHE) to assist with medical care for the Haiti earthquake victims of 2021.

Mr. Leconte's professional work and work in the community have earned him various awards and recognition from organizations including the New York State Assembly, NYC Health + Hospitals, and the National Association of Health Services Executives. He has also received awards from Health Education Action League (HEAL) for Haiti, in recognition of his major contributions to their efforts to provide nursing training and health science education programs in Haiti.

SENIOR HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVE AWARD



Dr. Nicole Harris-Hollingsworth

Dr. Nicole Harris-Hollingsworth, EdD, MCHES, is the Vice President, Social Determinants of Health for Hackensack Meridian Health in New Jersey and a senior health systems scientist and researcher. Dr. Harris-Hollingsworth leads the development and implementation of network wide social determinants of health strategy, stakeholder engagement interventions, and the development of community accessible resources across the Hackensack Meridian Health network.

Dr. Harris-Hollingsworth has specialized in the development of community health programs designed to create behavior change and increase knowledge in hard to reach populations including regional school-based programs, national reproductive health organizations and national child welfare organizations. Her interest areas include the development of effective regional collaborations to increase health equity and increasing the use of shared decision making practices between health care consumers and health care providers to facilitate community engaged research.

Dr. Harris-Hollingsworth has authored and contributed to numerous articles and publications and was an Associate Editor for the journal *Progress in Community Health Partnerships* and is a frequent presenter at national and regional conferences for multiple organizations including the Society for Healthcare Strategy and Market Development, the American Public Health Association and the Society for Public Health Education.

Dr. Nicole Harris-Hollingsworth was recognized as a 2022 Modern Healthcare Top 25 Innovator, a 2022 NJ BIZ Public Health Hero, and has been recognized by ROI-NJ in 2022 as a ROI-NJ Influencers: Women in Business, and as an 2021 Influencers of Color and the on the top 2021 ROI-NJ Healthcare Influencers ranking, the HMH Social Determinants of Health program is listed #15 of 20 in its first year of operation.

In addition to her work at Hackensack Meridian Health Dr. Harris-Hollingsworth remains deeply committed to community service and has served as a national grants reviewer for the Human Resources Services Administration, has a faculty appointment at Teachers College, Columbia University, and was awarded and was an inaugural member of the 2019 Healthy Communities Fellows of the Aspen Global Innovators Group.

Dr. Harris-Hollingsworth received her Doctoral and Masters degrees from Teachers College, Columbia University in Health and Behavior Studies and her baccalaureate degree from Cornell University in Health Education. Additionally, she was awarded a Post Doctoral Certificate in Executive Leadership from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.



YOUNG HEALTHCARE AWARD



Marv Pierre-Jean

Marv Pierre-Jean currently serves as a Project Manager at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. He is a certified Scrum Master, with over eight years of project management (PM) excellence in the healthcare industry. Marv is an analytical thinker who leverages exceptional organizational skills to develop comprehensive, yet practical, project plans. In addition, he is known for establishing collaborative partnerships with stakeholders to deliver key objectives on time and within budget. He is an adaptable self-starter with expertise in successfully executing project plans-providing clear expectations, timelines, deadlines, required tasks, milestones and overall progress.

As an influential leader, Marv forges a pathway to success by removing obstacles, capitalizing on team strengths, and enabling goal achievement. His meticulous attention to detail, strong time management skills, and experience overseeing and owning a budget add undeniable value to his team.

Some of Marv's other leadership initiatives include being a mentor for GNYHA SEP (Summer Enrichment Program) and to students who partake in Memorial Sloan Kettering Technology Division Summer Internship Program, being a Big within Big Brothers Big Sisters of NY, and serving as a member of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee within Healthcare Leaders of New York.

Marv is deeply grateful to be a part of NAHSE - a community that aims to enhance and promote black healthcare leaders, networking and collaborating with individuals in different facets of healthcare. As a result of his active membership of the chapter, Marv has interacted and gained exposure to clinical, non-clinical, researchers, administrators and educators. NAHSE's programs has had a truly profound and lasting impact on him.

Marv is deeply thankful for those who paved the way for him to succeed advisors, mentors, friends, and family. He looks forward to continuing being an active participant with the chapter, as well as continuing to give back to his community to uplift up the next generation of Black health care leaders.

Marv has been a member of NAHSE NYR since 2019, having previously been a member of the Finance and Fundraising Committee. Marv holds Bachelor Degrees in Business Management and Health Science from Stony Brook University. He holds a Masters in Science in Medical Informatics from SUNY Downstate Medical Center and an MBA from Utica University.

HEALTHCARE EMERGING LEADERS AWARD



Tanya Whittmore

Tanya Whittmore is currently Senior Manager of Community Relations at Healthfirst. Tanya is the main liaison connecting Healthfirst to Community Based Organizations, Owner Hospitals, Civic Organizations, Community Health Centers, Faith Based Organizations and Providers. As Senior Manager of Community Relations, Tanya contributes to the teams' success by directing and guiding successful initiatives and partnerships that have great impact on Healthfirst and its members.

Tanya is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh with a BA in Political Science. She started her career at WNYC Radio in the Development Department. She assisted in planning post-concert receptions, Board events and other fundraising efforts. She then moved to Merce Cunningham Dance Company where she assisted in planning the Opening Night Gala at the Argentine Consulate. She planned receptions for NY seasons at City Center and the Joyce Theatre for corporate, foundation and major donors.

Tanya also worked as Special Events Manager at Brooklyn Public Library. She organized the annual Black-Tie Gala Dinner and the Brooklyn Public Library Board of Trustees Annual Party. She planned the Books for Breakfast Series, Annual Book Sale, branch openings and other donor related events. She implemented cultivations events for new Board Members, donors, and prospective Gala vice chairs.

Tanya is a long-time member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated.



DR. SANDRA R GOULD

WOMEN OF DISTINCTION AWARD



Tonya Richards

Tonya Richards, SHRM-CP, PHR, CHHR, CDP is the inaugural Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer (CDEIO) for staff at Columbia University Irving Medical Center (CUIMC) and Executive Director of Human Resources & Academic Affairs for ColumbiaDoctors. In the dual roles, she is responsible for providing strategic human resources support and DEI leadership to all stakeholders. As the CDEIO, she develops and steers diversity and inclusion programs, consults on the recruitment and development of a diverse talent pipeline, and fosters a culture of equity throughout the medical center. The role ensured that CUIMC is building a supportive environment to meet the needs of a talented workforce and fostering an organizational culture that is responsive to the dynamic needs of staff and the diverse communities they serve. As an Executive Director of Human Resources, she leads a team of HR practitioners and provides consultation/coaching on complex HR matters to business leaders. Tonya has worked as an HR practitioner for over 18 years and a DEI strategist for almost 10 years. She continues to work closely with internal & external stakeholders at her organization to mitigate risks and effectively accomplish business objectives via innovative strategies.

Before assuming her role at Columbia University in September 2016, Tonya served as Senior Director of Human Resources at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center (KJMC) in Brooklyn, New York. Here, she led a team of human resources professionals in providing full-service support to 2,500 employees. In this role, she provided strategic human resources, diversity, and inclusion guidance to hospital leadership, which included but was not limited to the creation and implementation of recruitment retention, professional development, and engagement initiatives.

Tonya started her career in healthcare in 2003 at KJMC as a Human Resources Intern at her neighborhood hospital (Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center). In 2008, she assumed a role as Employee and Labor Relations Generalist with the Consolidated Edison Companies of New York (ConEd) and built a background in the utility industry as well. In 2012, Tonya returned to the healthcare sector for which she was truly passionate to assume the role of Human Resources Director at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center.



Tiffany Tucker-Pryor

Mrs. Tiffany A. Tucker-Pryor is a shining example of leadership in her community. Disheartened by her high school's lack of support and encouragement for its failing students, at the age of nineteen, she organized a meeting with family and friends that gave birth to Redemption, Inc.

Redemption, Inc. is a community-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Redemption strives to increase the educational advancement of adolescents ages 13-19 in Brooklyn, NY, enabling them to excel academically and become leaders in their community. Inspired by Bob Marley's Redemption Song, Redemption seeks to "emancipate our (youth) from mental slavery. None but ourselves can free our minds." Since 2003, Redemption has been committed to improving the quality of life and enhancing educational opportunity, through advocacy and self-empowerment. Redemption boosts self-esteem, reduces drop-out rates, promotes college enrollment, and community involvement. Above all, Redemption strives to prevent dreams from being deferred, and encourages young people to seize control of their destiny. www.RedemptionYouth.org

In addition to Redemption, Tiffany has worked and volunteered with a number of causes, including: Special Assistant to an Assistant Commissioner at the New York City Administration for Children Services (ACS); the Anti-Defamation League, The Global Youth Action Network and GEAR UP at Bronx Community College. Ms. Pryor has been a recipient of numerous awards including: Senator John Sampson's 2011 Women of Valor Award; the Kings County District Attorney's 2008 Brooklyn's Extraordinary Women Award; the 2007 winner of the 1010WINS Tomorrow Newsmakers Award in Public Service; the Louis Burgess Youth Award of the 67th Precinct; Adelphi University's Presidential Leadership Award for Academic Achievement and Community Involvement in 2004; and the Ms. NAACP Scholarship Award in 2002. Tiffany is a mother to Sean Vincent Pryor and Thomas Anthony Pryor, two of her most recent and greatest accomplishments!

MEN OF DISTINCTION



Charles Shorter

Mr. Shorter is the Executive Director of the Ryan Health | Adair and Ryan Health| Frederick Douglass Health Centers in Harlem, New York, sites in the Ryan Health Network of federally qualified health Centers.

Mr. Shorter has over twenty five years' experience in the field of social services and has held various positions in the non-profit sector, including the position of Director of Special Projects, Project Officer, and Case Manager for HIV Services, which included the coordination of Primary Medical Care, Case Management and HIV Testing and Counseling services for infected and affected populations.

Mr. Shorter is a board and founding member of several nonprofit advocacy organizations. He is active in providing community based health education, and advocacy regarding stigma, oppression, and discrimination to various faith based, and other partnering communities. Mr. Shorter has also been the Community Co-Chair of the HIV Health and Human Services Council of New York City, as well as the Co-Chair of the New York State, Department of Health, AIDS Institute, Faith Communities Project, Manhattan Region.

Mr. Shorter received his undergraduate degree from The City College of New York and a Master of Social Work degree from the Hunter College, School of Social Work.



William Council

A true renaissance man, Billy Council, affectionately known as “Coach Billy” has a bold vision for impacting change in the world. An entrepreneur, small business leader, community advocate, film producer, coach, and mentor, this Harlem native has a passion for change with the ultimate goal of creating stronger communities for those who often live in the shadows.

Billy has contributed to the success of countless young men and women faced with tremendous hardships by serving as a mentor, basketball coach, and co-founder of The Rens, one of New York City's most prominent basketball programs. During his 20 years on the basketball circuit, Coach Billy has instilled life skills, values, morals, and discipline through the art of basketball producing some of the most sought-after, up-and-coming athletes.

Combining his love for the sport of basketball and filmmaking, he produced a riveting behind-the-scenes documentary for Nickelodeon entitled Little Ballers with Executive Producers Crystal McCrary, musician Lupe Fiasco, and NBA star Amaré Stoudemire. Garnering much attention, Little Ballers was nominated for an NAACP Image Award for Best Children's Film. As a follow-up to the critically acclaimed documentary, Billy co-produced, “Little Ballers Indiana,” in 2017. Billy's passion to impact people through his work, along with his resolve to engender change in his beloved



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We humbly thank NAHSE for their dedication to improve quality, access, and availability of health services while expanding educational opportunities in the field of health services administration. NAHSE continues to promote the advancement and development of Black Healthcare leaders while elevating the quality of healthcare services in underserved communities.



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