



The New York Regional Chapter of the
National Association of Health Services Executives
Presents the

Dr. Sandra R. Gould, RN FACHE
Women of Distinction

Amplify Black Voices

Build the pipeline of future Black healthcare execs

Lead by example

Ensure the sustainability of N.A.H.S.E



N.A.H.S.E. MISSION

The National Association of Health Services Executives (N.A.H.S.E.) is a non-profit association of Black health care executives founded in 1968 for the purpose of promoting the advancement and development of Black health care leaders, and elevating the quality of health care services rendered to minority and underserved communities.

N.A.H.S.E.'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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PROGRAM

Greetings and Welcome

Steve Phillips, MPH, - NYR N.A.H.S.E. President

Mistress of Ceremony

Ramondy Thermidor, MBA - NYR N.A.H.S.E President-Elect

Invocation

Edison Bond, Jr., MPH, MDiv, DMin, CPXP, ACTCP

Honorees:

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Tannasia Gonzalez, MBA - *Deputy Chief Quality Officer The Jewish Board Family & Children's Services NY*

Melisha Jackman, MA - *Executive Director Brooklyn Kindergarten Society*

Jacqueline M. Marecheau, MD - *FACOG Chairwomen, Dept. of Obstetrics & Gynecology St. John's Episcopal Hospital*

Virginia Fields, MSW - *President & CEO National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS*

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Closing Remarks



Ramondy Thermidor, MBA - Mistress of Ceremony



Ramondy Thermidor is the President-Elect of the New York Regional Chapter of the National Association of Health Services Executives, a premier organization for Black Healthcare Executives committed to the promotion, advancement, and development of black healthcare leaders and to the elevation of quality health services rendered to minorities.

Ramondy's board and professional affiliations reflect her drive for social justice, dedication to equity, access, and representation in education, healthcare, research, and the arts. Ramondy serves as the Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of START Treatment & Recovery Centers, a nonprofit organization and one of New York State's largest non-hospital providers of health and human services. Ramondy is a member of the Metropolitan College of New York (MCNY) Business School Advisory Committee where she has served in various capacities, including President of MCNY Business Alumni Network. Additionally, she is on the Board of Trustees of the American Folk Art Museum, and a member of the Black Trustee Alliance for Art Museums.

Ramondy's passion for mentoring, volunteering, and helping others, led her to launch Thermidor Consulting for career coaching & business development. Thermidor Consulting recently sponsored an Entrepreneur Symposium, providing seed funding for three student--owned businesses developed as part of the 2023 MCNY Business Incubator Program.

Ramondy currently serves as the Senior Corporate Director responsible for the Workforce Health and Safety Division for New York Presbyterian's hospital system. She has experience in hospital administration, clinical operations, business, and board development. Ramondy received a BA in Psychology from Brooklyn College and an MBA from Metropolitan College of New York. She holds executive certificates in Women's Leadership and Women on Boards Programs from the Yale School of Management.



Christina Bogie-Claxton, MPA



Christina is currently the Associate Director at Mount Sinai Morningside Ambulatory Services. She is responsible for providing overall daily operational leadership for Ambulatory Departments and Clinics as well as monitoring Financial Performance and Quality initiatives. She pursued her professional career in Healthcare Management by working in prestigious healthcare organizations across New York City such as Weill Cornell Medical College, Columbia Medical College, and Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS), over the past 15 years. After graduating from Lehman College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting, she returned to school years later to obtain her Master's degree in Healthcare Administration. As a mom of two and working full-time, she graduated with a robust 3.9 GPA (magna cum laude distinction) from Mercy College. In 2022, Christina graduated from the Hospital for Special Surgery Leadership Program. She was also awarded the 2022 Women – N Motion Award honoring “Outstanding Women” who are Leaders, Motivators, Business Professionals, Innovators and Entrepreneurs.

Christina was presented with a Certification of recognition and a Proclamation from New York City's Mayor Eric Adams and New York Senator Kevin S Parker. Christina has recently been elected to serve as Secretary and Executive Board member for the Young, Gifted, & Black™ (YGB) Entrepreneurial Awards, Inc. which honors “Unsung Heroes & Heroines” who impact and influence their industry, and society and continues to embrace an entrepreneurial spirit.

Christina Bogie-Claxton is currently the Vice President of Healthcare Leaders of NY. Before this role, Christina served on the HLNy Board as Secretary and played a pivot role on the HLNy membership committee, where she updated the HLNy Membership Dashboard Monthly and recruited others to join the organization. Christina does not shy away from volunteering and devoting her time. She currently serves as a Diversity Lead for Mount Sinai's Diversity and Exclusion Committee, Black Employee Resource Group. She is also the current Programs and Education Chair for the National Association of Health Service Executives.



Natalia Cineas, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN SVP, CNE,



Dr. Natalia Cineas, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, currently holds the position of Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Executive at NYC Health + Hospitals, overseeing a vast network of patient care facilities serving over 1.4 million New Yorkers annually. In this role, she leads a team of over 9,600 nurses, ensuring the provision of high-quality, standardized, and cost-effective nursing care. With a Doctorate of Nursing Practice from George Washington University and a rich background in nursing leadership, including roles at Mount Sinai St. Luke's Hospital and Columbia University Medical Center New York Presbyterian Hospital, Dr. Cineas brings extensive expertise to her current position.

She is deeply committed to advancing nursing education and leadership, serving as a mentor in programs such as the National Black Nurses Association/Johnson & Johnson Minority Nurse Leadership program. Dr. Cineas has also pursued executive education at prestigious institutions such as Harvard Business School and the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

Beyond her professional commitments, Dr. Cineas is actively involved in various boards and committees focused on promoting health equity and nursing excellence. She serves on boards such as the New York City American Heart Association, the Helene Fuld College of Nursing, and the New York Academy of Medicine, among others. Additionally, she remains engaged with her alma maters, serving on the faculty at Columbia University School of Nursing and participating in alumni boards at New York University and Stony Brook University.

Dr. Cineas's dedication to nursing leadership, education, and health equity is evident through her multifaceted contributions to the healthcare community.



Virginia Fields, MSW



Virginia Fields is the President/CEO of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc. (NBLCA), a position which she has held since February 2008. Before this appointment, Ms. Fields served in elected office as President of the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, from 1998 to 2005, representing 1.5 million residents; and a member of the New York City Council from 1989 -1997. In 2005, she was a Democratic candidate for the Mayor of New York City.

During her tenure, as President and CEO, Ms. Fields has stabilized this important 37-year-old organization by successfully developing sustainable programs, increasing funding, strengthening operations, conducting impactful board and staff development initiatives; and engaging over 100 active partnerships, nationwide. Between 2017 and 2019, President Fields lead the rebranding for becoming a national education, advocacy, and policy organization now known as the National Black Leadership Commission on Health (Black Health). Her expertise in government and politics has led to the successful implementation of noteworthy public policy achievements in domestic and international HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, and care. She serves as a member of the New York State AIDS Advisory Council; Governor's Task Force to End The Epidemic; and a former member of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Region II Health Equity Council, one of ten such regional councils across the nation addressing health disparities and social determinants of health.

Before elected office, Ms. Fields established a distinguished career in her professional field of social work. A civil rights activist, educator, and philanthropist, Ms. Fields serves as a featured speaker on leadership issues, social justice, health, government, and politics at various governmental, civic organizations, and private industry events. In 2004, she addressed the International Business Conference in Beijing, China; and was a speaker at the National Democratic Convention in Boston. Born in Birmingham, Alabama, Ms. Fields received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Knoxville College in Tennessee; a master's degree in social work from Indiana University; and a Sixth Year Certificate in Administration from New York University. She served as an Adjunct Lecturer at New York University's Silver School of Social Work and Columbia University Graduate School of Social Work. Ms. Fields is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Abyssinian Baptist Church, and the Links, Incorporated. She resides in the Borough of Manhattan, New York City.



Tannasia Gonzalez, MBA



Tannasia R. Gonzalez, affectionately known as "T," is a visionary leader in healthcare management and is renowned for her innovative leadership in informatics, analytics, and quality improvement. Her career, deeply rooted in twenty years of experience, began with a strong foundation in a nursing home environment, and has since then led to transformative roles in IT project management, data governance, data analytics, financial planning, and continuous quality improvement throughout various healthcare organizations. Her strategic acumen was instrumental in the establishment of the Data & Systems unit at The Spencer Cox Center for Health (SCCH), which led to the creation of the SCCH Data Mall, a project that has been recognized for its significant impact on data management and reporting processes. This achievement was commended by the NYS AIDS Institute for its contribution to quality improvement initiatives. Her efforts resulted in over \$2M in incentive payments and a remarkable improvement in HIV/AIDS quality KPIs by over 40%. As a leader in healthcare data analytics, T also shares her insights globally through her informative podcast, "Let's Talk Small Data with T." The series explores the critical role of small data in healthcare, discussing its purpose, use, benefits, and broader implications, thereby weaving a narrative that underscores its significance in the industry. Interested listeners can delve into these conversations by visiting [EIMA Inc's Let's Talk Small Data](#).

In her current role as the Deputy Chief Quality Officer at The Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services in New York, T has been pivotal in driving a culture of excellence. She played a critical role in coordinating the agency's inaugural Quality Symposium and is developing a comprehensive data analytics program to strategically support the agency with data leading to significant improvements in decision-making and quality metrics. Apart from her professional contributions, T's creative spirit shines through in her theatrical work. In 2023, she debuted her off-Broadway play "Halston's Amitha," a compelling two-act drama that has captured the attention of theatre aficionados.

T's educational credentials are equally impressive, holding a Bachelor of Science from Pace University and an MBA from Baruch College's Zicklin School of Business. Her dedication extends to her role as a mentor with the Healthcare Leaders of New York and her nurturing of the next generation of healthcare leaders. In addition to being a busy Healthcare Data Analytics Executive, T is a wife and mother of three boys. Her affiliations with the National Association of Healthcare Services Executives, the American College of Healthcare Executives, and the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society underscore her ongoing commitment to the field of healthcare management and informatics. T's career is a testament to her visionary leadership, her innovative approach to healthcare improvement, and her profound impact on both the professional and creative worlds.



Melisha Jackman, MA



Melisha “Mel” Jackman has prioritized a vision of equity, academic excellence, and creative inquiry for students and families throughout her 19-year career in New York City education. As Executive Director of Brooklyn Kindergarten Society, a community-based organization providing early childhood education to underserved families, Mel has spearheaded a renewed vision and strategic priorities to deepen parent, teacher, and community partnerships. In 2022, she launched their state-of-the-art sensory gym, the first of its kind within NYCHA housing, and a corresponding inclusive learning team, to support all BKS students with developmental and learning differences.

Previously, Mel served as the Managing Director of Out-of-School Time & College Scholars Programs at East Harlem Tutorial Program, a 65-year-old organization dedicated to preparing young people in Harlem with the academic skills, strength of character, and emotional well-being to excel and lead. Mel led the development of a dynamic portfolio of K-16 after-school, summer, and college success programs to ensure scholars had the access and experiences necessary to deepen learning, advocate for themselves, and successfully graduate high school and/or college.

Mel began her career in public schools, holding multiple pedagogical and leadership positions across New York City. Her instructional career focused on the cultivation of curricula and programs that fostered deep thinking, curiosity, and advocacy, for both students and teachers. In 2007, she was featured in the New York Times for innovative teaching. Mel served as the founding science teacher, Early Childhood Director, and Assistant Principal of Arts & Letters in Brooklyn. During her six-year tenure, she helped lead the expansion of the public school to serve grades K-8 and created the integrated science and social studies curriculum for Arts & Letters’ first early childhood program.

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In 2014, Mel began her tenure as both a middle school and high school principal serving students in Harlem and the South Bronx. She was the founding principal of the Urban Assembly for Future Leaders. In 2016, she was recognized by the Manhattan Borough President for her efforts to create yearlong enrichment, early college exploration, and career readiness opportunities for her students. In 2021, Mel was honored as a PowerWoman of Brooklyn by Schneps Media. She has served on leadership panels at Bank Street College of Education and Teachers College and continues to raise awareness about equity in education.

Mel holds both a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry and a Master of Arts degree in Chemistry Education from City College. She was a LEAP Fellow and earned an advanced certificate in Educational Leadership from Baruch College. She lives in Brooklyn with her two daughters, Jaime and Melanie.



Jacqueline M. Marecheau, MD, FACOG



Dr. Jacqueline Marecheau joined St. John's Episcopal Hospital as the Director of Quality and Patient Safety in Women's Health in early 2020. Dr. Marecheau has nearly 20 years of experience as a faculty/voluntary attending. For the last two years, Dr. Marecheau has been leading the department as chairwoman concerning quality improvement, patient safety, policy, and procedure.

Before joining SJEH, Dr. Marecheau was a faculty staff attending at Long Island College Hospital (LICH) where she completed her residency training. During her time at LICH, she was Medical Student Clerkship Director. She then spent nine years as a faculty attending at NYU Langone-Brooklyn (Formerly Lutheran Medical Center) where she chaired the quality assurance committee for the FQHC (Federally Qualified Health Center) in Women's Health.

Dr. Marecheau was born at St. Luke's Hospital - Women's Pavilion (currently Mount Sinai Morningside) and raised in The Bronx. She received her BS degree in Biomedical Education from the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education (currently known as the CUNY Medical School). She obtained her medical degree from SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn and is board-certified in the field of obstetrics and gynecology.

In addition to her clinical practice, Dr. Marecheau is actively involved in medical research and stays up-to-date with the latest advancements in her field. She regularly attends conferences and workshops to enhance her knowledge and skills, ensuring that her patients receive the most advanced and evidence-based care. She is dedicated to teaching and mentoring the next generation of future obstetrician-gynecologists.

Throughout her career, Dr. Jacqueline Marecheau has made a significant impact on the lives of her patients and the medical community as a whole. Her unwavering commitment to providing exceptional healthcare, combined with her expertise and compassionate approach, has earned her the respect and admiration of both her patients and colleagues.

Outside of her professional life, she enjoys cooking, traveling, watching movies, and going for long walks. She has received many awards throughout her career, notably the CREOG (Council on Resident Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology) award which she has received twice, however, what she's most proud of is being a wife to her husband of 12 years and mother to her son who is 10.



Hon. Judge J. Machelle Sweeting, J.D



J. Machelle Sweeting is an Acting Supreme Court Justice and an accomplished woman of many historic firsts. She is the first and only legal practitioner admitted to practice law in the federal and state courts in New York; Washington, DC; the United States Court of Appeals for the 2nd and 4th Circuits; the United States Supreme Court; and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. She was elected to the bench in 2014 from the 10th Municipal Court District in Harlem and became the first and only African American woman Jurist to preside in the New York County Family Court in several years. A graduate of Davidson College in North Carolina, Justice Sweeting is the first and only woman Jurist in Davidson's 186-year history. In June of 2023, she was inducted into the college's Hall of Distinguished Alumni.

In 2016, long before the global COVID-19 pandemic lockdowns, Justice Sweeting presided over the nation's first state-wide "Remote Access" Court that allowed litigants to appear before the court via SKYPE. This initiative revolutionized the court system by giving court access to persons who would otherwise have been denied an opportunity to have their matters heard. Throughout her legal career, Justice Sweeting has remained steadfast in her commitment to ensuring that equality and justice remain at the forefront of our legal system. At birth, she was told by doctors that she would never walk, let alone run. Notwithstanding this prediction, by the age of nine, she had set several national records in the 400 and 800-meter runs. She credits her involvement in track, especially the Colgate Women's Games, for her healthy competitive spirit, teamwork, and discipline. She learned early in life that regardless of one's environment, with faith, hope, and perseverance, one can overcome the odds. Through education and an athletic scholarship from the Colgate Palmolive

Company, she worked her way up from the Polo Ground Housing Projects in Harlem, to college, through law school, and to her current position as a Judge. Justice Sweeting is an avid reader. She sees books as the portal from which imaginations and creativity are nurtured, careers are launched, and opportunities abound. Justice Sweeting currently presides over a high-volume court and handles complex cases alleging civil liability. Before this appointment, she presided over the most intimate disputes about child custody, visitation, guardianship, and domestic violence. She is also the former Presiding Justice of the Harlem Community Justice Center, which is a multi-faceted court. A woman with many global interests, in 2019, Judge Sweeting joined a U.S. delegation of women Judges and lawyers on a pilgrimage to Ghana, Africa, and also led U.S. delegations in the countries of Jamaica, Haiti, and the Bahamas where she presented on the impact of immigration policies on Caribbean nationals.



Future N.A.H.S.E. & New York Regional Chapter Events



Check out our website and social media platform for upcoming events

- Mentorship Program -April
- Membership Meeting – Monthly 2024 (Virtual or In-person)
- Men of Distinction – June
- Annual Scholarship Gala–September
- NAHSE National Education Conference and CaseCompetition–10/9/2024-10/11/2024 Ft. Lauderdale, FL

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