



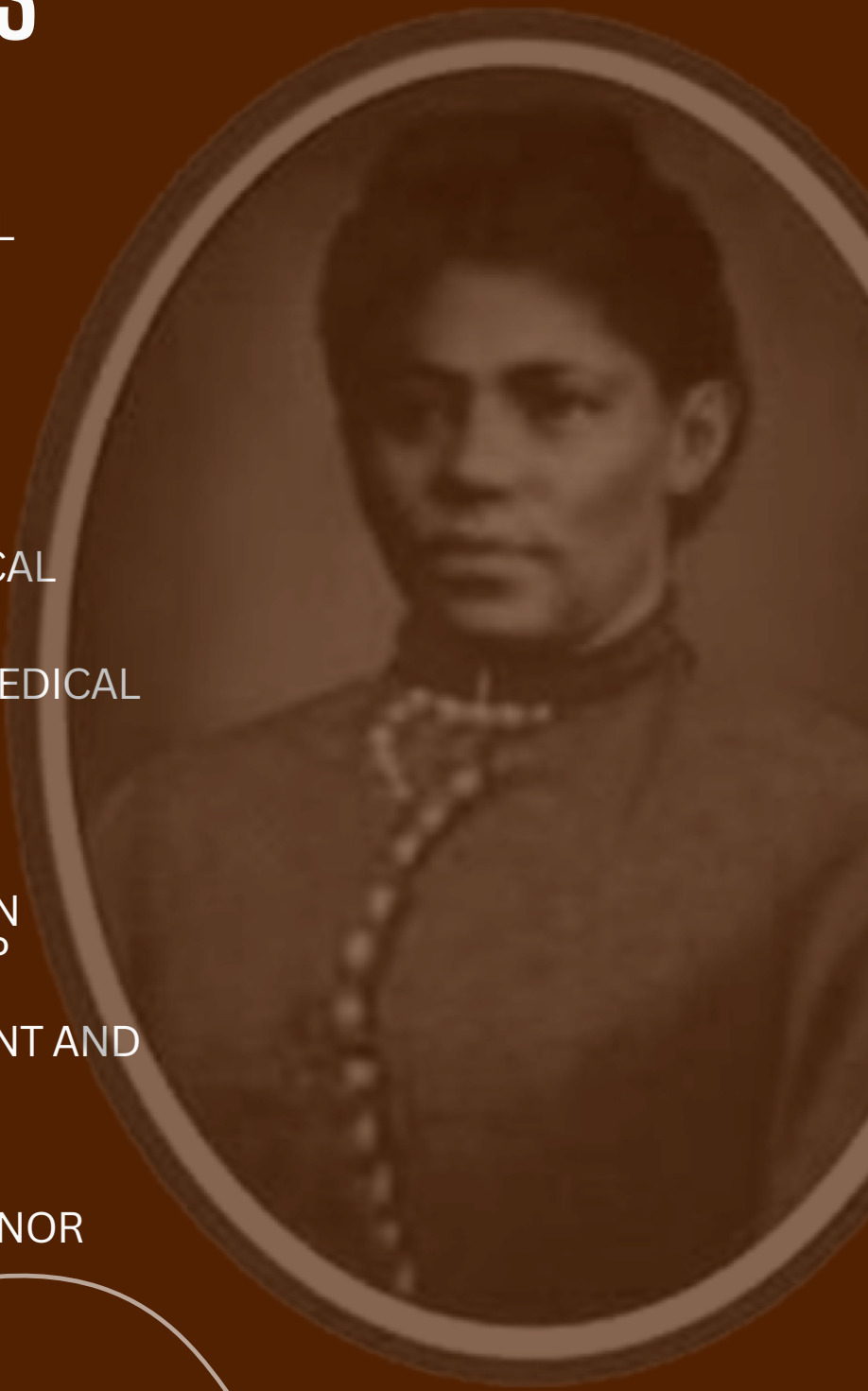
2024 ANNUAL REPORT



REFLECTING ON OUR JOURNEY,
CRAFTING OUR LEGACY.

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A Letter from Our President

Dear Friends, Colleagues, and Supporters,

As I reflect on the incredible journey that brought me to this moment as President of the Mary Susan Moore Medical Society (MSMMS), I do so not just with gratitude, but with a deep personal connection to the very mission we uphold. I am not just a leader of this organization; I am one of its many success stories.

When I arrived in Houston after graduating from Xavier University of Louisiana, I was the first in my family to pursue medicine. Though I held a full academic scholarship at Baylor College of Medicine, I still needed help covering basic living expenses. MSMMS awarded me a scholarship that helped me stretch my budget and graduate with nearly half the debt of my peers. Years later, as a young attending psychiatrist seeking mentorship and connection, I found my way back to MSMMS and rediscovered the powerful network of Black women physicians I hadn't realized I was missing. Now, as President, I have the honor of helping to shape the very organization that helped shape me.

A Letter from Our President cont'd



When the time came for new leadership, I saw an opportunity not just to serve, but to elevate. Drawing from my experience as Founder and CEO of the non-profit Dr. Alauna Trauma Recovery Institute, I stepped into this role with a renewed vision — one rooted in legacy, healing, and growth. That vision took shape in the form of a single, guiding acronym: E.A.S.E. — Education, Advocacy, Sisterhood, and Empowerment.

We exist to ease the path of medicine for Black women in the Houston area.

- Education: We are natural teachers, and we harness our internal expertise not just to heal, but to educate — both our communities and one another.
- Advocacy: As Black women who've persevered through discriminatory systems, we carry unique insights. We speak from the “highest halls” of academia with authority on public health, equity, and justice.
- Sisterhood: From high school to retirement, no Black woman physician should ever feel alone. We walk with each other through every stage : as students, residents, attendings, non-clinical leaders, and even as we honor our sisters transitioning into ancestry.
- Empowerment: Our mission is to remind every woman of her innate power and to ensure she has access to the resources she needs to thrive, not just survive.

2024 was a year of reconnection, revitalization, and record-breaking success. From launching the Dr. Dayna Leigh Ellison Memorial Scholarship to expanding mentorship through SNMA regional support, to welcoming 61 members, including a new resident tier, we have not only grown, we've evolved.

This work is sacred. It is urgent. And it is ours. Thank you for being part of this movement and this legacy. Together, we are building something that will last generations.

Alauna D. Curry, MD
President, 2024-2025

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Mission and History

Our mission is to embody medical excellence and empower African-American women physicians.

Dr. Mary Susan Moore was born 1865 in Chatham County, North Carolina. She earned her Doctorate of Medicine in 1898 from Meharry Medical Department of Central Tennessee College (now Meharry Medical College). Dr. Moore was the first Black female physician to practice medicine in Texas. In 1903, she and her husband, Dr. James D. Moore, opened a forty-bed hospital, Hubbard Sanitarium, in Galveston to serve the health needs of Black people. For four years Dr. Moore and her husband fought intense opposition from residents and sabotage from the local government. In 1907, the city of Galveston repealed the ordinance prohibiting the operation of Hubbard Sanitarium, refusing permits for construction that would connect the hospital to city sanitation systems. Despite all opposition, Dr. Moore and her husband maintained the hospital until about 1925 through serial entrepreneurship and self-sacrifice. Dr. Mary Susan Moore died August 22, 1925.

In 1991, a group of African-American female physicians formed the Association of Black Women Physicians-Houston. These ladies saw the need for an organization that would provide health education, healthcare advocacy, and a sisterhood among black female physicians. This multidisciplinary group of women physicians became a source of support and networking opportunities for its member physicians, residents and medical students who reside in the Greater Houston and Galveston area. In early 1997, the organization's name was changed to honor the first African-American female physician to practice in Texas: Mary Susan Moore. Today, the group continues its mission to be an example of medical excellence as well as to encourage and empower future African-American female physicians.

Executive Board

2024-2025



Our Mission: Embody Medical Excellence and Empower African American Women Physicians



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Scholarship Co-Chair



Dr. LeChauncy Woodard
Scholarship Co-Chair



Dr. Anya Mitchell
Immediate Past President

Medical Student Liaisons

2024

- SHSU-COM: Renee Megwa
- UHealth McGovern: Nia Norwood, Nora Rodriguez, Madison Black
- Baylor College of Medicine: Anu Agbi
- Fertitta UH College of Medicine: Jennifer Ezuruike
- UTMB: Bethel Desta, Raven Harding, Ruth Obiarinze

Year in Review: 2024



Total Scholarships Awarded

\$39,000

Active Members

61

*30 Gold | 10 Platinum | 5 Vibranium | 16 Students |
NEW: Resident Tier*

Events Hosted

10+

Attendees Impacted

1000+

Partnerships Formed

6+

Launched

Dr. Dayna Leigh Ellison Memorial Scholarship

For 2024, we had 61 active members and noted trends of a significant increase in new member applications, higher engagement across all membership tiers (Gold, Platinum, Vibranium and Medical Student). and more participation in programming, events, and mentoring

Membership & Medical Sisterhood



Chrome Carpet : A Renaissance of Connection

From Isolation to Activation...

2024 marked a banner year for membership within the Mary Susan Moore Medical Society — a season of reconnection, revitalization, and renewed purpose. We launched this momentum with a cultural celebration that resonated deeply with our members and community:

Renaissance: A Film by Beyoncé Private Screening & Reception

December 2023 | Houston, TX

This signature event was more than a movie night — it was the spark of a new movement. Coming out of the isolation of the COVID-19 pandemic, we used this shared moment of cultural excellence to:

- Reignite connections with existing members
- Introduce our tiered membership structure in a celebratory setting
- Attract new medical students, residents, and practicing physicians
- Set the tone for an impactful 2024



"Our Renaissance wasn't just a film — it was a declaration. Coming out of COVID, we are back, we are bold, and we are building a future worthy of our legacy."

— Dr. Alauna Curry, President 2024–2025

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2024 Vibranium Members

At the heart of every successful year lies a group of dedicated individuals who go above and beyond. In 2024, five members chose to support MSMMS at the highest level of membership – Vibranium – demonstrating a deeper commitment to our mission of Education, Advocacy, Sisterhood, and Empowerment.

Dr. Angelica Higgins

Dr. Amber Robinett

Dr. LeChauncy Woodard

Dr. Regina Bailey

Dr. Robbyn Traylor

Vibranium Members are more than donors – they are the backbone of Mary Susan Moore Medical Society's mission in motion. Their elevated membership directly supports the operational strength, scholarship expansion, and future vision of MSMMS.

In appreciation, each Vibranium Member received a custom MSMMS-branded white coat hanger – specially crafted and personalized as a symbol of the community they help uphold. This gesture honors not just their giving, but their belief in the power of Black women in medicine.



Membership, Mentorship & Medical Sisterhood



Bridging the Gap: Launching Resident Membership

In 2024, MSMMMS introduced a Resident Membership Tier for \$30 as a strategic step to connect residents and fellows in training to our vibrant, multigenerational network of Black women physicians in the Houston area.

Residency and fellowship can be isolating, especially for Black women navigating rigorous programs with limited cultural representation. This new tier provides affordable access to mentorship, support, and sisterhood — ensuring no woman walks this journey alone.

Notably, a local resident proposed a wellness-centered event to help residents feel celebrated, connected, and seen — the idea that would become the Black Doctor Game Night, planned for launch in 2025.

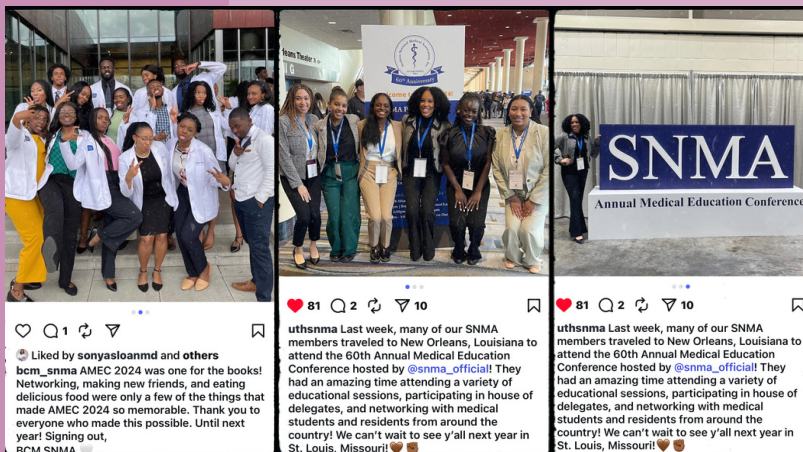
Mentorship & Medical Pipeline Development:

AMEC SNMA Chapters – New Orleans

Scrubs Giveaway

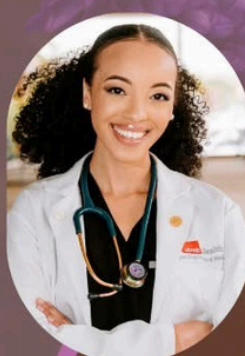
RMEC Event Sponsorships – Monroe LA

Pre-med support & mock interviews



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Mary Susan Moore 2024 Scholarship Recipients



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- Committee Co-Chairs:
Dr. Tyeshia Babineaux & Dr. LeChauncy Woodard
- 34 student apps | 5 resident apps
- 7 Students at \$4,000 | 2 Residents at \$5,000
- 10 Liaisons recognized with \$100 gift cards
- Total Awards Given: \$39,000!!!

Scholarships

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Honoring Dr. Dayna Leigh Ellison

March 15, 1979 – March 13, 2024

We honor the life and legacy of our beloved sister, friend, and colleague, Dr. Dayna Leigh Ellison, M.D., for whom these scholarships are named. A proud graduate of Xavier University of Louisiana and McGovern Medical School at UT Health Science Center at Houston, Dr. Ellison completed her medical degree in 2005 and went on to specialize in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Mary Susan Moore Medical Society continues to uplift the legacy of our ancestors, and we are especially grateful to Dr. Ellison's friends, sorors, family, and colleagues whose ongoing support ensures that her powerful legacy continues to bless future generations.

Known affectionately as "Ladybug," she was a radiant spirit whose fun, bubbly, and sweet personality left an unforgettable mark on all who encountered her. A true advocate and champion for her patients and for Black women in medicine, Dr. Ellison exemplified excellence, empathy, and joy in her life and practice.

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Scholarship Awards Brunch

Ouisie's Table | October 20, 2024



Community Engagement & Health Equity



Black Family Wellness Expo – 500+ served
Uplift Her Wellness Day with AAMWA
SNMA RMEC Sponsorship
Juneteenth
Health Fairs
National Black Women Physicians Day
Pre-med Conference Support



Community Engagement & Health Equity



Uplift Her Wellness Day with AAMWA

What Ails Us Health Education Series with Chevron



Topics & Speakers:

Cognitive Health – Dr. Desiree Thomas
Preventative Health – Dr. Teriya Richmond
Respiratory Health – Dr. Adesole Oyewole
Mental Health – Dr. Alauna Curry

Fundraising

The Perfect Pair: Sips & Scholarships | Chapelton Vineyard | April 21
In memory of Dr. Dayna Ellison



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Looking ahead to 2025...



Expand Resident Outreach

Grow Vibranium Tier to 10+

**Launch Mentorship Tracks
(Pre-med, Med, Resident)**

**Host Wellness & Membership Events
including offering trainings and CME**

Solidify Recurring Scholarship Fund

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