“Be sure that you do not die without having done something wonderful for humanity.”

Maya Angelou
Oath of Maimonides

The eternal providence has appointed me to watch over the life and health of Thy creatures. May the love for my art actuate me all time; may neither avarice nor miserliness, nor thirst for glory or for a great reputation engage my mind; for the enemies of truth and philanthropy could easily deceive me and make me forgetful of my lofty aim of doing good to Thy children.

May I never see in the patient anything but a fellow creature in pain. Grant me the strength, time and opportunity always to correct what I have acquired, always to extend its domain; for knowledge is immense and the spirit of man can extend indefinitely to enrich itself daily with new requirements.

Today he can discover his errors of yesterday and tomorrow he can obtain a new light on what he thinks himself sure of today.

Oh, God, Thou has appointed me to watch over the life and death of Thy creatures; here am I ready for my vocation and now I turn unto my calling.

Congratulations to the Class of 2014. May you always remember that you are your patients’ advocate.

Wishing you much success in your residency training years and beyond.

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Community Based Service Learning (CBSL) has taken off since we formally began the year with an Evening with Einstein Community Action Network (E-CAN) event in August 2013, where group leaders presented on the focus and goals of their projects, with an opportunity to recruit members and share their visions with one another. An estimated 115 were in attendance. E-CAN actually doubled in size to ten active groups since that event. The original E-CAN five groups include; BODY (Bronx Obesity Diabetes and You), Buddies, HEART (HIV Education And Rapid Testing), HOPE (Homeless Outreach Project at Einstein) and PACt (Patient Advocate Connection). TEACH (Together Educating All Children in Hospitals) joined us before the New Year. In addition, four new groups submitted proposals and are officially part of CBSL for 2013-2014. They are B-BOP (Bronx Barbershop Outreach Project), Ei-Sci (Einstein Science High School Project), E-VET Connect (Einstein Veterans Connection) and Hoops for Health.

We find what distinguishes our program from many others is that CBSL is not merely a means for volunteerism, but a path to leadership and professional development for our students. Through CBSL, E-CAN students learn about program planning, implementation, evaluation, project management, applying skills such as cultural competency, motivational interviewing, social work, psychology and more. Students identify issues related to health and economic disparities, housing and education in the Bronx community and develop sustainable projects in response to the needs of the community. E-CAN members discover the connection between their projects and research opportunities, and several have already developed posters and/or presented their work.

Finally, in January, CBSL hosted a mid-year reflection with 30 members (mostly group leaders) in attendance and E-CAN CAB (Community Advisory Board) was established. We look forward to working with our wonderful students as they develop and expand their efforts in the Bronx community. We thank all our E-CAN groups for their service and commitment!


Dr. Maria Marzan, Ms. Julie Cruz, Ms. Medina Byars
High School Students that participate in the Einstein Enrichment Program (EEP) are continuously exposed to opportunities to develop their goals and aspirations for the future. On Tuesday February 18th, ten of our Einstein Enrichment Program students braved the snow to visit Columbia University for a tour and information session. They were enlightened by the history of the University as well as its beautiful campus.
The Office of Diversity Enhancement hosted the January 2014 quarterly meeting of the Northeast Consortium on Cross Cultural Medical Education and Practice (Northeast Consortium).

The Northeast Consortium is dedicated to enhancing cross-cultural medical practice and education through institutional collaboration in the development of curriculum and educational programs for medical students, residents and faculty, and to play a leadership role in compassionate health care approach for all people.

The following medical schools were present at the meeting:

- Drexel University College of Medicine
- Weill-Cornell Medical College
- Rutgers New Jersey Medical School
- Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai
- Hofstra North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine
- Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine
- Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Highlights of the meeting:

**Calgary Presentation**—The presentation included a 90 minutes session on innovations in cultural competence and instructional modalities such as: teaching today’s learners with special emphasis on difference in generations and how they learn; technology; aspects of age and education between teachers and learners.

**Association for Medical Education in Europe (AMEE)** - Plans are underway to develop the AMEE meeting in Milan, Italy August 30-Sept 3, 2014 and the AAMC NE Group in Educational Affairs meeting in Yale New Haven, April 11-12, 2014

**2014 LGBT Health Workforce Conference** - Will take place May 1-3, 2014 at Hunter College in New York. Several Northeast Consortium members will present abstracts for posters and workshops on: workforce pipeline issues, LGBT health promotion, federal and hospital activities to promote best policies and practices.
Rutgers New Jersey Medical School’s Spring Conference: The conference is scheduled for June 5-6, 2014 sponsored by Rutgers New Jersey Medical School’s Hispanic Center of Excellence and National Hispanic Medical Association. The conference will be attended by students, faculty and staff of the institution and will be free of charge to participants.

Northeast Consortium 2014 Fall Meeting at Drexel University College of Medicine – Plans were discussed for the meeting. An invitation has gone out to former Surgeon General David Satcher to attend and deliver the keynote address.
Reflections

Overall, I have to say that the Region IX SNMA conference, held at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai, on January 17, 2014 was nothing short of fantastic. To me, it was a different experience compared to previous years not only because this year I attended as president of my chapter and know many of the people in the region, but I was sharing my network contacts with John Riggins, Elise Mike and Natalie Ramsey.

It was such a good feeling, in doing so, because I was passing the torch to members of the current SNMA executive board (future executive board at the time) and I have complete faith and confidence in these great individuals. These bright, young stars and I learned a lot at the workshops, which ranged from Step 1 studying tips from those that rocked the exam to getting a woman’s prospective on the career goals in the field of medicine.

One of the most memorable moments was the talk delivered directly after the keynote, entitled, “Leadership in Advocacy: Physicians Should Be Advocates Too.” This featured a panel of doctors. One doctor in particular, Dr. John Clarke, thoroughly impressed me. He’s an MD as well as a rapper. To be honest, before I heard his accolades of being on multiple national TV shows/ interviews and winner of the US Dept. of Health & Human Services 2009 Flu Prevention Video PSA Contest, I thought his rap ability would be nothing short of childhood nursery rhymes. I was thrown for a loop when I heard the actual song and impressed by his creativity. I related to his educational technique because I’m a musician and he took his music talent and medical knowledge and created this amalgam to reach the masses, as well as youth, effectively.

This was certainly an event I will always remember and one I’m absolutely glad I attended.

Sincerely,

Kevin

Kevin Frison
MS2
Immediate Past President
Einstein Chapter of SNMA
I arrived at Einstein with a mission to enjoy every minute of the experience, as the journey leading to medical school was arduous. From the time I arrived on campus I started to get a feel for my classmates who were all impressive, fun-loving and very intelligent people. I got involved with the school’s social committee, attending local community meetings with the Bronx Health REACH and really putting down some roots both on-campus and off-campus.

My interest in medicine always stemmed from trying to improve systems and not just focusing on an individual issue. For example, tackling policies that worsen health disparities and not just providing a prescription for high blood pressure or diabetes (ailments that run rampant in my family). As a result, I have continued alongside my responsibilities as a student to get involved, get active and maintain a focus on shaping policies that look to improve health and well-being. This is what ultimately convinced me to consider running for Class Representative because I knew that my input and leadership would be helpful in bringing together the right people to start making changes that improve health both on/off-campus.

As co-class representative of the Class of 2017, I was elected out of a class of 180 for both MS1 and MS2. Alongside this position, I sit as one of 10 MD, PhD, and MSTP students (each elected by their own classes) on the Student Governing Board (SGB) where we manage 38 student groups, and 18 interest groups. I also coordinate the Medical Student Council (MDSC) where we work directly with the Deans to improve on-campus quality of life, wellness, academics, and safety. Finally, I have voting power among the school’s senate meetings which is a body of faculty and students that make decisions for the school.

One of my main initiatives as Class Representative is to bring together student groups that represent diverse groups (i.e. SNMA, LMSA, PRIDE, AMWA, and APAMSA) to continue to showcase the beauty of diversity on Albert Einstein’s campus and I have been honored by one of the best classes to do just that.

Travis Howlette
MS1
In the spirit of building community members of Einstein’s chapter of Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association (APAMSA), the Global Health Center and Global Health Club participated in a series of fund raising events aimed at supporting the Philippines relief effort for victims of Typhoon Haiyan.

Eugene Palatulan is a first year medical student whose parents were born in the region of the Philippines most affected by the typhoon. He is also a member of APAMSA. The fund raising campaign was of personal significance. He is grateful for the camaraderie and support on the part of the Einstein community.

The students’ relief efforts was recently highlighted by Einstein. For the complete article and photos please follow the link: http://www.einstein.yu.edu/features/around-campus/298/globally-focused-groups-raise-funds-to-aid-victims-of-catastrophe/.

As stated in the article, we also acknowledge students and members of the Einstein community for exemplifying compassion and social awareness.
The Linda Laubenstein, MD HIV Clinical Excellence Award

Associate Dean for Diversity Enhancement Yvette Calderon, MD, MS is the recipient of the prestigious Linda Laubenstein, MD, HIV Clinical Excellence Award for her tireless dedication to HIV/AIDS prevention.

Dr. Laubenstein treated some of the country’s first AIDS patients. Her legacy is one of a humanitarian approach to the care of HIV/AIDS patients. She modeled compassion, in that although handicapped, she met patients in the emergency room in the middle of the night and even made house calls. She was an early HIV/AIDS advocate who raised her voice in disapproval of what she viewed as the neglect on the part of government and society to the AIDS epidemic.

The Linda Laubenstein, MD, HIV Clinical Excellence Award credits doctors who provide the highest level of medical care to HIV/AIDS patients, and who have distinguished themselves for their compassion. Dr. Calderon is one of only three doctors statewide to receive this recognition by the New York State Department of Health.

In addition to her work at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Dr. Calderon is an emergency department physician and Chief of Urgent Care at Jacobi Medical Center. Jacobi Medical Center is one of eleven acute-care centers that are part of the Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC). HHC hospitals are the State’s largest provider of HIV primary care. As a result of her 2003 partnership with Dr. Jason M. Leider, MD, PHD Project BRIEF (Behavioral Intervention-Rapid HIV Testing Education & Follow-up) was created in with the goal of increasing HIV awareness through rapid testing in non-traditional places. Rapid testing has become commonplace at all HHC hospitals and health centers.
Dr. Calderon’s desire to impact the lives of disadvantaged populations started while as a medical student at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Dr. Leider reported that, “more than 100,000 Bronx residents have been tested due to her work and over 350 people who have been diagnosed with HIV are being linked to care. Dr. Calderon’s work has been adapted throughout New York City, England and Ireland. She has secured grant funding from every level of government, as well as private foundations. In the areas of scholarship, mentoring, clinical performance and social activism, Yvette is simply unmatched.”

Dr. Leider and Dr. Calderon have expanded Project BRIEF to five pharmacies in the Bronx and Manhattan. During the span of ten months rapid HIV testing was performed on over 2,000 people, many of which are uninsured. The significance of this work is greatly enhanced by the fact that it is reaching a population considered at high risk and lagging in access to HIV/AIDS testing and care.

Dr. Calderon serves on the Latino Commission on AIDS and the International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care. She is an avid researcher who has published a broad array of research projects on topics based on her experience in the emergency department of an urban public hospital. She is passionate about advocacy, mentoring and empowerment through education. In her own words, “we have touched so many lives and protected the health of large numbers of people whom we will never even know,” said Dr. Calderon.

The Office of Diversity Enhancement congratulates Associate Dean Dr. Yvette Calderon.
At the 2014 Northeast Regional meeting of National Association of Medical Minority Educators (NAMME) held in New Haven, CT, Assistant Dean for Diversity Enhancement Nilda I. Soto I was awarded the Outstanding Service to Northeast Region of National Association of Medical Minority Educators. This award is in recognition of her work with NAMME. Ms. Soto also served as Chair of the LeGrand Newman Scholarship since 2000.

Accompanying Ms. Soto to her right is Ms. Joan June, New York Medical College, to her left Ms. Paula Davis, University of Pittsburgh Schools of the Health Sciences, and NE NAMME Regional Director.
ODE and CBSL Presents

The Office of Diversity Enhancement and the Community Based Service Learning Program announce the following upcoming presentations:

Ms. Nilda I. Soto, Assistant Dean, will be a panelist on a workshop entitled, “Collaborative Approaches to Fulfilling the LCME Diversity Standards,” at the AAMC Group on Diversity and Inclusion/Group on Student Affairs/Organization of Student Representatives national spring meeting being held in San Diego, CA April 26-29, 2014.

Ms. Ana Julia Cruz, Diversity Manager, will be presenting at the New York State Career Development Association “No One Left Behind, Reclaiming Our Vision for Workforce Wellness” conference being held at the University at Buffalo North Campus at the Center for Tomorrow, May 29-30, 2014. During Ms. Cruz’s presentation: “Medical Students Prepare for the Real World Through Community Based Service Learning Initiatives,” participants will explore a service learning model for leadership and career development with graduate and professional school students.

In addition, Ms. Cruz has been nominated by her supervisors and medical students for the 2014 New York State Career Development Association’s Outstanding Career Practitioner Award.
It is with a deep sense of sadness and loss that the Office of Diversity Enhancement announces the passing of Einstein’s first African American graduate, Carol Eudine Burnett, on January 28, 2014. Dr. Burnett was in the second graduating class, 1960, at Einstein and one of a few women in the class.

The following is an excerpt taken from Dr. Burnett’s obituary:

One of Dr. Burnett’s favorite writers was Maya Angelou. Amongst Ms. Angelou’s poems, there is a line that Dr. Burnett felt one should live by, “Be sure that you do not die without having done something wonderful for humanity.”

Dr. Burnett graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Hunter College in 1956 and stepped from that highly competitive all-women’s cocoon into New York’s Albert Einstein College of Medicine where there were few women, fewer African Americans, and virtually no African American women. She displayed a keen sensitivity to and passion for medicine’s need for greater diversity that would drive her to make a difference.

She embarked on a career in pediatrics at Los Angeles Children’s Hospital, followed by New York’s Elmhurst City Hospital, and the NYC Board of Education.

In 1973, she joined the staff at New York’s Mount Sinai, where she would remain until her retirement. She was the first black Assistant Dean at Mount Sinai School of Medicine.
Known for her work with the American Association of Medical Colleges Group on Student Affairs/Minority Affairs, she worked tirelessly with colleagues to write and implement Health Career Opportunity Program (HCOP) Grants.

In 1992, Dr Burnett co-founded the Mount Sinai School of Medicine Cultural Diversity in Medicine Program (now the Center for Multicultural and Community Affairs), created to teach students the art of culturally sensitive medical practice. She was also one of the founders of the Northeast Consortium on Cross Cultural Medical Education and Practice.

On January 28, 2014, Dr. Burnett died peacefully with family and staff around her. Predeceased by her devoted sister, Hilda, Dr. Burnett’s warm, caring presence left an indelible impression upon patients, colleagues, friends and family. Without question, she did something wonderful for humanity.”

In recognition of Dr. Burnett’s commitment, dedication and leadership as a pediatrician, The Children’s Hospital at Montefiore’s Leadership, Engagement and Diversity (LEAD) will establish a yearly award in her honor which will be awarded to a pediatric resident that best reflects Dr. Burnett’s spirit.

If you are interested in learning more about Dr. Burnett, two articles appear on Einstein’s website (http://www.einstein.yu.edu/features/stories/986/dr-carol-burnett--changing-the-face-of-medicine/). The most recent article is her obituary. The second is a feature in Einstein’s Alumni magazine entitled “Remembering a Pioneer – Dr. Carol Burnett: Changing the Face of Medicine.”
The New Rochelle Daily Voice newspaper wrote an article recognizing Einstein’s **Dr. Lynne Holden**, Associate Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine. Dr. Holden was honored by The Network Journal, at its 16th annual award program, as one of the 25 Influential Black Women in Business. According to the article, “in this national award, Holden was recognized for her professional achievements that have had significant impact on the medical field and community.” We congratulate Dr. Lynne Holden. Here is the link to the full article: [http://newrochelle.dailyvoice.com/neighbors/montefiore-physician-new-rochelle-wins-national-honor](http://newrochelle.dailyvoice.com/neighbors/montefiore-physician-new-rochelle-wins-national-honor)

**Dr. Nereida Correa**, Class of 1985, Associate Professor of Clinical—Department of OB/GYN and Department of Family Medicine, has been selected as the National Hispanic Medical Association Fellow of the Year. We congratulate Dr. Correa.

Three Einstein alumni were in attendance, either recruiting for residency programs or presenting workshop, at the January 17, 2014 Region IX SNMA conference held at Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai.

All three are doing very well and are currently:

- **Francine F. Garrett-Bakelman, MD, PhD**, Class 2005 is currently an Assistant Attending, Department of Medicine, Division of Hematology and Medical Oncology, at New York Presbyterian Hospital Weill Cornell Medical Center.

- **Edmond Obeng-Gyimah, MD**, Class 2011 is currently a PGY-3 at Boston University Medical Center, Internal Medicine Residency Program. Starting this summer will be doing a fellowship in cardiology at University of Pennsylvania.

- **Lorena Hernandez-Tellez, MD, PhD**, Class 2012 is currently PGY-2 at Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai, research Medicine Residency.
The Office of Diversity Enhancement (ODE) actively recruits potential applicants who are historically underrepresented minorities and/or socio-economically disadvantaged through the Diversity Summer Student Research Opportunity Program (DSSROP), onsite Open House, and Anatomy Day events. Assistant Dean Soto spearheads our recruitment efforts. She has represented Einstein at numerous medical school recruitment events.

The Office of Diversity Enhancement recently revised the website to include a list of upcoming recruitment events. If you are a pre-med student interested in attending a recruitment event visit us on the web at:

http://www.einstein.yu.edu/education/md-program/diversity/recruitment-events.aspx

Do you know a pre-med student? Refer them to the Office of Diversity Enhancement. Our office number is (718) 430-3091 or via email at diversity.enhancement@einstein.yu.edu.
The Office of Diversity Enhancement is committed to ensuring the academic success of our students through a variety of ways. We can help direct you in the areas of career development, developing student leadership initiatives, sharing of opportunities of interest to medical students and much more.

I encourage you to contact me if you seek academic or career related guidance in specific medical disciplines and/or non-medical degrees e.g. research, Masters in Public Health and more. This message is always included in our newsletter, which you receive, but a periodic reminder is a good practice for busy medical students.

Fourth year students in need of faculty guidance with strategies for residencies, ranking decisions, and electives please feel free to contact me, and I will be more than happy to discuss these opportunities with you.

Sincerely,

Yvette

Yvette Calderon, MD, MS
Associate Dean
Office of Diversity Enhancement
Opportunities for Medical Students

We believe in empowerment through the sharing of information. Students are informed of grants, travel, summer research and internship opportunities on a continuous basis. The following opportunities were recently posted on the Opportunities section of our website:

**UCSF—Emergency Medicine Sub-I**

The University of California at San Francisco (UCSF) is offering an Emergency Medicine Summer Sub-internship for medical students underrepresented in medicine. UCSF is offering three scholarships of up to $1500 to defray the costs of the rotation. For more information click on the link:

http://emergency.ucsf.edu/education/medical-student-programs/emergency-medicine-clerkship

**The Arnold P. Gold Foundation**

Are you a medical student looking to spend the summer working in community health in the US or abroad? Consider applying for the Arnold P. Gold Foundation Student Summer Fellowship Program where you could be awarded a grant of $4,000 for a 10-week period. The Student Summer Fellowship Program offers medical students the opportunity to study cultural competency issues, develop skills to become relationship-centered physicians, and address a public health need in an undererved community or population. Students may choose between a Service Fellowship and a Research Fellowship. For more information and an application: http://humanizingmedicine.org/student-summer-fellowships-in-community-health/

**Summer Research Directory for Medical Students**

Students interested in looking for a summer research project and a mentor are encouraged to visit the Einstein Medical Student Summer Research Directory at: http://einstein.yu.edu/education/md-program/medical-student-research/. Forward your questions to omsr@einstein.yu.edu. This information is made available by the Office of Medical Student Research (Office of Medical Education).

For additional opportunities visit us on the web at: http://www.einstein.yu.edu/education/md-program/diversity/opportunities.aspx.
Students are encouraged to stop by the Office of Diversity Enhancement (Belfer—507) for a cup of coffee, tea, hot chocolate, a bottle of water or a snack.
The mission of the Office of Diversity Enhancement is to establish and maintain an environment that celebrates diversity, that emphasizes professionalism and excellence, and that promotes and nurtures future leaders in medicine.