



Weill Cornell Medicine

Diversity & Inclusion

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MESSAGE FROM ASSOCIATE DEANS OF DIVERSITY

Greetings,

We hope everyone had a lovely summer and we welcome back our returning students and incoming 2017 class to Weill Cornell Medicine. This summer we hosted many students from several summer programs: Travelers Summer Research Fellowship (T-SRF), Weill-Ithaca Summer Experience in Research (WISER), ACCESS, and Gateways to the Laboratory Summer Programs. All students were invited to attend our SPARC Jr. conference as they learned about different career areas in medicine and science.

In September, the Governor General of Antigua and Barbuda, Sir Rodney Williams, MBBS will be coming to Weill Cornell Medicine (please see Weill Cornell Diversity Events for more information).

And please note the new section on diversity events at the Ithaca campus. These were forwarded by some of you as of interest and worthy of a trip to Ithaca. Please do keep your suggestions and information regarding upcoming events coming!

Kind Regards,



Linnie Golightly, M.D.



Rache Simmons, M.D.

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion

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WEILL CORNELL DIVERSITY EVENTS



Weill Cornell Medicine Brain & Spine Center



Honor Above Wealth: Healing the Body and the Society

The Personal Experiences of
Sir Rodney Williams, MBBS
Governor General of Antigua
& Barbuda

What are the unique challenges facing doctors working in a developing country? Please join us for this fascinating discussion about bringing together diverse stakeholders to effect positive change in this small island nation.

Wednesday
September 20, 2017, 4 p.m.
Uris Auditorium
1300 York Avenue
New York, NY 10065

Reception immediately
following in the
Griffis Faculty Club

For more information, please see
weillcornellbrainandspine.org/antigua

 **Weill Cornell Medicine**



**Professor
F. Michael Higginbotham**

Joseph Curtis Professor of Law
Former Interim Dean of University of Baltimore
School of Law

“Saving the Dream for All”

Tuesday, September 12th, 2017
4:30PM-6:00P.M.

Rhodes-Rawlings Auditorium, Klarman Hall
Cornell University, Ithaca

 **Weill Cornell Medicine**



Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum

President Emerita
Spelman College

“Racial Identity”

Wednesday, September 13th, 2017
3:00PM-4:00PM

Sage Chapel
Cornell University, Ithaca

Co-Sponsored by Center of Teaching Excellence, Engaged Cornell, the Graduate School, Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives, and Office of Faculty Development and Diversity

SPARC Jr.



On Monday, July 24th, 2017, students gathered at Rockefeller University to learn about different careers in science. Russell Ledet, SPARC Jr. keynote speaker, a graduate student at New York University (NYU) shared his personal journey and experiences being a father and student. He elaborated extensively on the obstacles he encountered and what eventually influenced him to attend graduate school.

Students had breakout sessions regarding careers in pediatrics, biomedical science, and those of physician-scientists. They also had an opportunity to hear different perspectives from minority medical and graduate students, residents, and fellows about their journey in the sciences.



WISER Students Meet Director of MD/PhD Program, Dr. Olaf Andersen



Dr. Olaf Andersen, Director of the WCM MD/PhD program spoke with this year's WISER students about pursuing studies as a physician-scientist and why it is important. He also discussed the different paths students can explore to see if they are interested in pursuing a dual degree. The WISER students took the opportunity to ask what would a Weill Cornell Medicine MD/PhD program look for in a prospective MD/PhD candidate.

Summer Program Students Meet Vice Dean of Research, Dr. Gary Koretzky



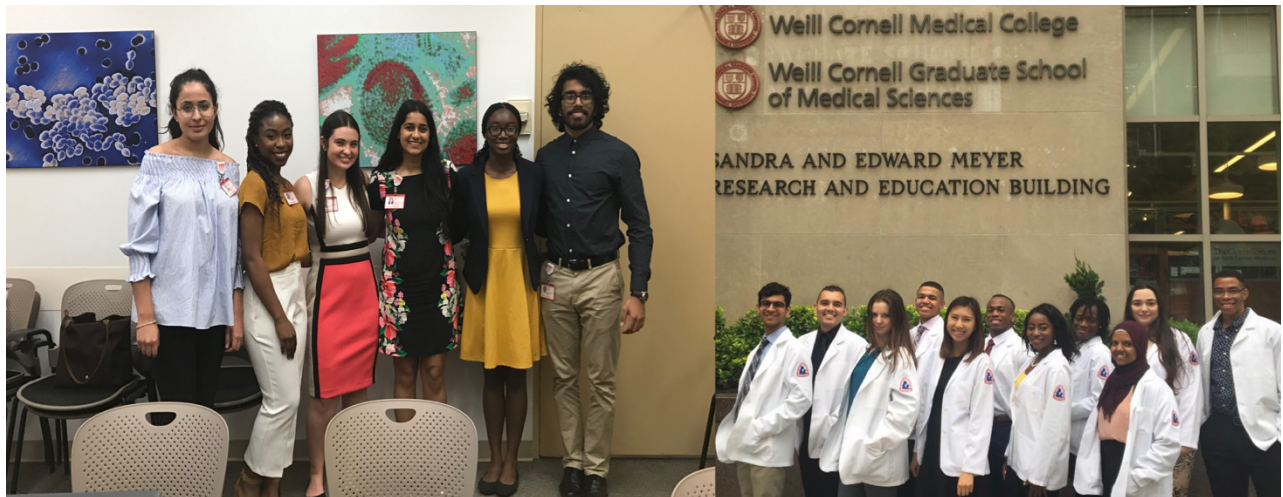
Summer students met with Vice Dean of Research, Dr. Gary Koretzky to discuss about their interests in pursuing sciences. Dr. Koretzky advised the students to explore options available in the sciences and also look for experiences such as internships or mentors to further enhance their interests.

**ACCESS, T-SRF, WISER, and Gateways
Summer Program Students Graduation Ceremonies**



2017 T-SRF and ACCESS Program

Summer students successfully complete this year's programs. Students presented their independent research in front of Weill Cornell Medicine faculty mentors, students, and staff. Congratulations to all of our ACCESS, T-SRF, WISER, and Gateways summer students. Wishing you all the best in your future endeavors!



2017 WISER and Gateways Program Graduates

FACULTY AND STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Tracy K. Paul, MD was appointed Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine and Assistant Attending Physician in the Division of Cardiology. Dr. Paul is an alumna of two Weill Cornell Medicine's pipeline programs! She participated in both the Health Professions Recruitment and Exposure Program (HPREP) and Travelers Summer Research Fellowship (T-SRF) Program.

Congratulations Dr. Paul! And Welcome home!



Joy Dean Howell, MD was appointed Vice Chair of Diversity in the Department of Pediatrics. She is an Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at Weill Cornell Medicine and Associate Attending Pediatrician at the NewYork-Presbyterian Komansky Children's Hospital at the NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center. In her new role, she will be overseeing the department's diversity initiatives for pipeline programs, students, and faculty.

Congratulations Dr. Howell!

WE WISH THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY OF THE MUSLIM FAITH A HAPPY EID AL-ADHA

A graphic featuring Arabic calligraphy for Eid-ul-Adha-al-Mubarak. The text is written in a bold, black, stylized font with white outlines and is set against a light gray background with a subtle bokeh effect of white circles.

EID-UL-ADHA-AL-MUBARAK

PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Elaine Barfield
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics
Publishes Research on Fecal Microbial Transplantation (FMT) in Children



Dr. Barfield and colleagues describe their experience at WCM with performing fecal microbial transplantation (FMT). FMT is the transfer of stool from an individual with a healthy combination of gut bacteria to a patient with an abnormal make up of gut bacteria, known as dysbiosis. FMT has been used in patients with recurrent and refractory *Clostridium difficile* infection and is known to be effective in the treatment of recurrent *Clostridium difficile* in both adults and children. While there is more literature available on FMT in the adult population, more and more pediatric centers are performing FMT in children at this time.

“Going to the Bank: Fecal Microbiota Transplantation in Pediatrics”
Elaine Barfield, MD, Lesley Small, MD, Lauren Navallo, MD, Aliza Solomon, DO
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