MOREHOUSE
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Department of Pediatrics

16th Annual Joint Residents' Graduation Ceremony

On
Friday, the Third of June
Two Thousand Eleven
At
1pm
Morehouse School of Medicine
Louis W. Sullivan National Center for Primary Care Auditorium
And
E. Ginger Sullivan Atrium

Graduation Dinner:
McCormick & Schmick's
CNN Center 190 Marietta Street, NW
Atlanta, GA 30303

Morehouse School of Medicine
2011 Graduation Program

Welcome ..... Yolanda Wimberly, MD

Benediction ..... LaKimberly Pearson, MD

Presentation to Graduates ..... 2011 Intern Class

Reflection by Faculty ..... MSM Faculty

Presentation to Graduates ..... Yolanda Wimberly, MD

Lampoons ..... 2011 Graduating Class

Presentation to Dr. Wimberly ..... 2011 Graduating Class

Presentation to Program ..... 2011 Graduating Class

Words to Remember:

During my second year of nursing school our professor gave us a quiz. I breezed through the questions until I read the last one: "What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?"Surely this was a joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times, but how would I know her name I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank. Before the class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our grade. "Absolutely", the professor said. "In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say hello. "I've never forgotten that lesson. I also learned her name was Dorothy."

Joann C. Jones

Congratulations!

Morehouse School of Medicine
2011 Graduation Menu @
McCormick & Schmick's

Starter

Traditional Caesar Salad with Garlic Crustinis

or

Crab Bisque with Sherry Lump Crab

Entrée

Cedar Roasted Salmon with Northwest Berry Sauce

or

Parmesan Crusted Tilapia with Lemon Butter and Caper

or

Chicken Breast with Apricot Cranberry Chutney

or

Vegetarian Option

Dessert

Upside Down Apple Pie with Cinnamon Ice Cream

or

Seasonal Cheesecake

Bon Appétit

Morehouse School of Medicine

2011 Community Pediatrics Residency Program Graduates

Noor-Jihan Ahmad Abdul-Haqq

Noor-Jihan Ahmad Abdul-Haqq, MD is a native of Oklahoma who moved to Atlanta in 2000 to attend Spelman College as a Presidential scholar. While there she obtained her BS in Biochemistry and graduated with honors. Jihan then transitioned to Morehouse School of Medicine for medical school before joining the MSM Community Pediatrics Residency Program in July 2008. While at MSM she received the Leonard Tow Humanism in medicine award. Jihan has definitely grown while in her residency training, both professionally and personally. She not only married her soul mate, Masood, but recently gave birth to twins, Ma'isah Saraa and Ahmad Yusuf. Jihan has continued to dedicate countless hours to community service and has been an advocate for her community. She was awarded the Practitioner of Excellence Award at the 13th Annual Interfaith Health Conference, for her participation with education programs for youth and as a member of their feeding program for the homeless. Throughout her residency she has been very involved with the Atlanta Masjid of Al-Islam as well as her sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha. Jihan will be working as a general pediatrician in the Atlanta area.

Tiffini Billingsly

Tiffini N. Billingsly, MD joined the MSM Community Pediatrics Residency Program in July 2008 after attending Morehouse School of Medicine for her medical degree and UNC-Chapel Hill for her undergraduate degree, majoring in Psychology. Tiffini's strong interest and belief in education, healthcare, and mentorship is apparent in her future plans to establish educational programs as it relates to classroom curriculum and healthcare. She established the Science Enrichment Program at Romar Academy and enjoys mentoring teenage girls. Tiffini was named Pediatric Resident of the Quarter in 2009. She has a strong sense of dedication to her family, friends, church, and community. Tiffini will continue to make great contributions to healthcare and her community through her work as a general pediatrician at Children First Pediatrician with Dr. Valerie Manley.

Latasha Bogues

Latasha Bogues, MD was born to parents Eddie G. Gaines, Jr., MD and Barbara E. Gaines and grew up in Huntsville, Alabama area with her two brothers, Eddie and George. She completed her undergraduate education at Duke University and continued to work there in the Biology department for a year. Latasha then came to Morehouse School of Medicine for medical school and stayed for pediatric residency, truly enjoying her time here. While in medical school, she married Darryl Bogues who has been a great source of support since meeting during college. In her spare time, she loves spending time with her family, that includes her niece Olivia and nephew Dennis, and reading for leisure. She has enjoyed volunteering at health fairs and elementary schools as a tutor during past year. She is looking forward to being able to appropriately follow the Duke Blue Devils when residency is over and plans to stay in Atlanta doing general pediatrics. Latasha's mother recently passed away and all kind thoughts and understanding received inside and outside of rotations have been truly appreciated. Though she imagined celebrating this accomplishment with her mother in addition to other family members, she is glad for this achievement and looking forward to many great things in the future.

Samantha Jackson Dilts

Samantha L. Jackson Dilts, MD is a native of London, England who moved to Michigan at 12 years of age. After completing high school and college, Samantha went to Mozambique in East Africa as an HIV/AIDS education volunteer. Mozambique is where she decided to pursue a medical degree and also where she met her future husband, Adam. After returning from Mozambique, Samantha attended Georgetown University in Washington, DC to obtain her Post-Baccalaureate Pre-Medical Degree. She then attended Michigan State University for medical school before joining the MSM Community Pediatrics Residency Program in July 2008. Samantha is married to Adam Dilts, an attorney for the Environmental Protection Agency in downtown Atlanta. They recently welcomed their first child, Hadley, who is now 9 months old and they are enjoying the truly joyful and intoxicating ride of parenthood. Samantha has felt privileged to be part of the Morehouse community for the past 3 years and has learned immensely about this nation's history, the city of Atlanta, barriers to healthcare for the underserved, and last but not least of course - medicine. Samantha will be starting a three year pediatric pulmonology fellowship at Emory University this July. She is interested in researching the pulmonary complications of sickle cell disease as well as asthma and the environment.

Ruby Thomas

Ruby Thomas is a native of the Atlanta area. She completed her undergraduate education at Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans, Louisiana. After graduating in 2004, she chose to return home and attend medical school at Morehouse School of Medicine. Completing her pediatrics training has been a great learning and growing experience for Ruby. She credits her family, friends, fiancée and fellow residents for giving her the motivation and encouragement to successfully complete this chapter in her life. In addition to becoming a pediatrician, Ruby has recently become a new mother to her son, Kwame. After residency, she plans to explore her interest in public health by pursuing a residency in Preventive Medicine, also at Morehouse School of Medicine.

N. Bande Mangaliso Virgil

N. Bande Mangaliso Virgil, MD is originally from South Africa but grew up in Massachusetts. She attended Wellesley College where she majored in History and minored in Biology. After graduating from Morehouse of Medicine in 2008, Bande joined the MSM Community Pediatrics Residency Program. She is married to Timothy Virgil and during her residency training; they were blessed with a son, Isaiah Asande Vuyo, an absolute joy. Bande has always been committed to international health issues, and has done medical missions in Central America, and speaks Spanish. Despite being quite busy with the obligations of both family and residency life, she continued to participate in service at various community fairs, volunteering for MedShare Atlanta, travelling to Haiti with Project MediShare and the MSM International Health Council. She is committed to serving patients from diverse cultural backgrounds, and bridging cultural gaps. Bande is thankful for the foundation of her faith and support from her husband, parents, sister, and in-laws through this journey. Bande will be working at Well Star Kennestone and Cobb Hospitals in the pediatric emergency room. She also plans to continue her mission work in Haiti, work on learning French, and is considering a fellowship in pediatric emergency medicine.

Where are they now?

Graduates of the Morehouse School of Medicine Community Pediatrics Residency Program

Oluyemsi Akintunde	2004	Rural Pediatrics	Orangeburg, SC	Renee Williams	2008	General Pediatrics	Atlanta, GA
Denise Claxton	2004	Urgent Care	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta	Kisha Wilson	2008	General Pediatrics	Atlanta, GA
Maribel Woodward	2004	General Pediatrics	Newark, DE	Chevon Brooks	2008	General Pediatrics	MSM
Franca Iorember	2005	Nephrology Specialist	Tulane - New Orleans, LA	Eseovhe Egborge	2008	General Pediatrics	Gallup, NM
Yejin Kim	2005	General Pediatrics	Atlanta, GA	Tyshantra Coleman	2009	General Pediatrics	Atlanta, GA
Aminu Mohammed	2005	Gastroenterology Fellowship	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta	Dion Martin	2009	Rural Pediatrics	Donalson, GA
Evelyn Simpkins	2005	Adolescent Specialist	Children's National	Surinder Tank	2009	NICU Fellowship	Richmond, VA
Deneta Howland-Sells	2006	General Pediatrics	Atlanta, GA	Emarcia Peete	2009	General Pediatrics	Beloit, WI
Nicole Barnes	2006	Endocrinology Fellowship	UT Southwestern	Fredly Bataille	2010	General Pediatrics	Atlanta, GA
Shearlyn Peoples	2006	General Pediatrics	Mobile, AL	Charlaya Campbell	2010	General Pediatrics	Atlanta, GA
Najaz Woods-Bishop	2006	General Pediatrics	Atlanta, GA	Salma Elkhabier	2010	General Pediatrics	Atlanta, GA
Sarvpreet Kaur	2006	General Pediatrics	Atlanta, GA	Benjamin Roberts	2010	General Pediatrics	Marietta, GA
Moneesha Sahgal	2006	General Pediatrics	Atlanta, GA	Generose Tejada	2010	Neonatal Specialist	Indiana
Joey Low	2007	Endocrinology Fellowship	Emory University	Pragya Verma	2010	Chief Resident	MSM
Shekou Sesay	2007	Preventive Health Residency	MSM	Noor-Jihan Ahmad	2011	General Pediatrics	Atlanta, GA
Dinet Sintim-Amoah	2007	General Pediatrics	Atlanta, GA	Tiffini Billingsly	2011	General Pediatrics	Atlanta, GA
Cristina Lau	2007	General Pediatrics	Ogden, Utah	Latasha Bogues	2011	General Pediatrics	Atlanta, GA
Ghada Osko	2007	General Pediatrics	MSM	Samantha Jackson Dilts	2011	Pulmonology	Emory University
Olufolake Adisa	2007	Hematology/Oncology Fellowship	Emory University	Ruby Thomas	2011	Preventive Health Residency	MSM
Stephanie Waldrop	2008	General Pediatrics	Atlanta, GA	N. Bande Virgil	2011	General Pediatrics	Atlanta, GA
Angela Jackson	2008	General Pediatrics	Atlanta, GA				