Since 1966, CDU has attracted some of the most talented students from around the nation. Our students are committed to attaining the knowledge necessary to improve the health disparities in the communities where they live and serve.

As we approach the end of 2012, CDU challenges alumni and friends to reacquaint themselves with the programs and services provided by the University. These programs provided by the College of Science and Health (formerly College of Allied Health), College of Medicine and the Mervyn M. Dymally School of Nursing have made Charles R. Drew University, “a cut above the rest”.

Learn how you can become actively involved in supporting CDU. Visit us at: www.cdrewu.edu.
Alumni and Students Partner on Video Project

The Office of Alumni Relations has teamed with “Minorities in Medicine and Education” (M.I.M.E.) an organization comprised of students, from the CDU Post Baccalaureate Program, to produce a series of videos profiling alumni and current CDU students. Students conduct one-on-one interviews with alumni and students highlighting their achievements and to ask questions ranging from why they chose to attend CDU to how they currently employ the Drew Mission.”

Says Olisa Okafor, Founder of M.I.M.E., “The mission of the M.I.M.E. project is to inspire minority youth to pursue a career in health. In my own journey, of aspiring to become a physician, I have interacted with many health professionals with inspirational stories. Since working with the CDU Alumni Association, we have been able to more effectively highlight the experiences of alumni and current students, and use media as a vehicle to share their stories. I hope that more alumni and students will get involved.” Videos will be placed on the CDU website.

If you are interested in participating email us at: CDUalumniassociation@cdrewu.edu.

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· Last summer’s graduation of the largest class ever without the residency programs.
· Last spring’s successful match day with a high percentage of matches in primary care.

As a premier medical and health sciences institution located in South Los Angeles, CDU trains health providers who are committed to meet the needs of the underserved. With the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, the state will see an increased number of insured individuals, coupled with health professional shortages. CDU will fill this void by training health professionals dedicated to transforming the health of communities who need it most.

“While the state plans for the implementation of health care reform, it will be hidden gems, such as Charles R. Drew University, that we can rely on to train diverse and committed health care professionals,” said Dr. Robert K. Ross, President and CEO of The California Endowment, a generous granter to the University. “It is the graduates and faculty of this University who will ensure every Californian has access to quality, affordable care.”

The date of the address coincides with the 39-year anniversary of Senate Bill 1026, which was enacted to allocate state support for CDU. The late Senator Dr. Mervyn Dymally, authored the bill and is one of the institution’s greatest patrons.

“We are a health professions university that was founded on the principle that communities like this one—that every community in this nation—deserves access to quality health care and excellent clinicians,” said Dr. Carlisle.

Read Dr. Carlisle’s full State of the University here: http://www.cdrewu.edu/assets/pdfs/state%20of%20the%20university.pdf

Program Announcements

Mervyn M. Dymally School of Nursing - Granted accreditation by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

Grant Award - The UCLA School of Nursing and CDU received a 5-year $1.4 million grant from The National Institutes of Health (NIH) to begin a Partnership for Enhancing Diversity of Nurses with Research Careers.

Urban Public Health Program Granted CEPH Accreditation - The Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), granted CDU’s Urban Public Health Program, Masters in Public Health (MPH) accreditation for five years, until July 1, 2017. This is the program’s first CEPH accreditation review.

Health Information Technology Program - Reaccreditation granted by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education.

Physician Assistant Program - CDU has applied for provisional accreditation from the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA). The Primary Care Physician Assistant Program anticipates matriculation of its first class in Fall 2015, pending provisional accreditation in 2014. Provisional accreditation is an accreditation status for a new PA program that has not yet enrolled students, but at the time of its comprehensive accreditation review, has demonstrated its preparedness to initiate a program in accordance with the accreditation standards.

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In Memory of Mervyn M. Dymally, PhD
1926 - 2012

“Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science is deeply saddened over the loss of a wonderful ambassador, friend, and colleague, Dr. Mervyn M. Dymally. It was just over 46 years ago that Dr. Dymally’s unwavering commitment to increase health care access and medical education opportunities in South Los Angeles led to the incorporation of the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, a University which today stands as the only dually-designated Historically Black Graduate Institution and Hispanic Serving Institution in the country. Dr. Dymally represented the epitome of leadership for this University, the State of California and our nation for recognizing the need for advocates for those who are underserved. We will sincerely miss him, but his legacy will not be forgotten.” - President Carlisle

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Upcoming University Events


October 27, 2012 - Let’s Move! 3K and 5K walk/run - 8:00 am - 1:30 pm - CDU Campus.

November 10, 2012 - College of Medicine (COM) Multi-Disciplinary Breakfast - 8:00 am. Contact the Office of Medical Student Affairs at (323) 563 - 4965 for information.

December 1, 2012 - 18th Annual Project Santa Claus - CDU campus. Contact the Office of Medical Student Affairs at (323) 563 - 4965 to get involved.

December 1, 2012 - World AIDS Day

December 3, 2012 - CDU Presidential Inauguration/Investiture Ceremony & Dinner - Save the Date. Information to follow.

For detailed information on these and other CDU events, visit us at cdrewu.edu - Click on Calendar.
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Alumni Roll Call - We need your help! CDU is actively seeking to connect with lost alumni. We want to keep you informed of your alma mater’s activities and accomplishments. We also want to provide you, with a vehicle to connect with your former classmates and friends. If you are an alumnus or know the whereabouts of other alumni, please send us an email with your name, mailing address and telephone number. Or contact Jackie Brown, Director of Alumni Relations at (323) 563-5963.

Charles Drew University Alumni Association (CDUAA)— All graduates of Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science (including Residents from the KDMC Training Programs) are members of the CDU Alumni Association. Honorary alumni include honorary degree recipients, former faculty and supporters. Register for chapter membership (College of Medicine, College of Science and Health and Mervyn M. Dymanly School of Nursing) at www.cdrewu.edu - Click on Alumni.

Support for the CDU Alumni Association— As a supporter of the CDU Alumni Association and its affiliate chapters you have the satisfaction of knowing your financial support is making a difference in our ability to enhance the educational experience and promote the professional advancement of Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science. Visit https://donate.cdrewu.edu/scholarships_2.asp for information on how to make a donation to the College of Medicine Alumni Association’s $1,000 Fund; Albert J. Saunders, Sr. College of Science and Health Scholarship Fund; Mervyn M. Dymanly School of Nursing: Dr. Gloria J. McNeal Founding Dean Fund; and The Mrs. Lillian Harkless Mobley Presidential Endowed Scholarship Fund. Thank you in advance for your support!

Honoring our Veterans - If you are a CDU alumnus who served in the armed forces, please email us with your rank/title, branch of service, along with the year and CDU program you graduated from. We would like to acknowledge you on our Veteran’s Day Roll Call, November 12th (Observed).

Alumni Newsletter “E-edition” - The alumni newsletter will be moving to an email format. This will help us to improve efficiency, reduce mailing costs and preserve the environment. Make sure we have your current email address to receive your online copy.

Dr. Mervyn M. Dymally, Professor Emeritus, CDU (Deceased): “My legacy has not been my legislation. My legacy has been my openness.” (To the Associated Press, 2012)

Brittany Anderson, Student, Mervyn M. Dymally School of Nursing, Class of 2014: “When I was considering nursing programs last year, I knew I wanted to earn a master's degree, so my options in Los Angeles were limited. The more I learned about CDU and its simulation labs, community involvement, and clinical nurse leader training, the easier my decision became as to where to pursue my MSN.”