



Charles R. Drew University
of Medicine and Science

A Private University with a Public Mission



2018

ANNUAL REPORT

A Unique Role to Play

July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CHAIR

Arthur J. Ochoa, Esq., Senior Vice President of Advancement and Chief Advancement Officer for Cedars-Sinai Health System

VICE CHAIR

John Yamamoto, Esq., Vice President and General Counsel, Southern California Region of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. and Kaiser Foundation Hospitals

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

Patrick T. Dowling, MD, MPH, Professor and Chair, Department of Family Medicine, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

EX-OFFICIO

David M. Carlisle, MD, PhD

FACULTY TRUSTEE

Mohsen Bazargan, PhD

Candace Bond McKeever, MBA, President and CEO, Strategic Solutions Group, Inc.

Linda Griego, Chair, Martin Luther King Health and Wellness Community Development Corporation

Howard A. Kahn, MA, Chief Executive Officer (Retired), LA Care Health Plan

Vidya Kaushik, MD, Emeritus Professor of Medicine, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science

Andrew B. Leeka, MBA, MPH, President and Chief Executive Officer, Good Samaritan Hospital

John C. Mazziotta, MD, PhD, Dean, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

B. Kathlyn Mead, MBA, President and CEO, The San Diego Foundation

Marvin O'Quinn, MPH, Senior Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer, Dignity Health

James Rosser, PhD, President Emeritus, California State University, Los Angeles

Clarence L. Shields, Jr., MD, Partner, Kerlan-Jobe

Jazmyn Childress, MPH, EdD, Student Trustee

Harding Young, MD, Private Practice

TRUSTEE EMERITI

Cornelius L. Hopper, MD, Vice President for Health Affairs, Emeritus, University of California

Robert Tranquada, MD, Professor Emeritus, University of Southern California

BOARD OF COUNCILORS

Chair – Mark Ridley-Thomas, PhD, Supervisor, Los Angeles County

Gene Block, PhD, Chancellor, UCLA

Lloyd Dean, EdD, President and CEO, Dignity Health

Thomas M. Priselac, MPH, President and CEO, Cedars-Sinai Health System



CONTENTS

- 4** PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
- 6** COMMENCEMENT
- 8** FACULTY AND STAFF
- 10** ADMINISTRATIVE HIGHLIGHTS
- 12** ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
- 14** COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
- 15** OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
- 16** COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
- 18** COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH
- 20** MERVYN M. DYMALLY SCHOOL OF NURSING
- 21** RESEARCH
- 22** STUDENT AFFAIRS
- 24** FUNDRAISING
- 26** PARTNER PROFILES
- 28** ALUMNI
- 30** STUDENTS PROFILE
- 32** FACULTY PROFILE
- 33** STAFF PROFILE
- 34** FINANCIAL RESULTS
- 36** DONOR HONOR ROLL
- 38** MISSION, VISION, VALUES, AND EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM



Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science

From our very formation over five decades ago, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science (CDU) has had a singular place in health professions education in this country. Created and chartered out of the Watts Revolt to address two of the most prominent—of the many—reasons for that uprising, lack of access to quality education and healthcare, CDU is an institution for South Los Angeles and hundreds of communities like it worldwide.

South Los Angeles is a medically underserved area, a community with vast healthcare needs.

For CDU, it's also our home. Actually, it's more than that.

It's part of our curriculum.

When students come here and receive their training in under-resourced communities around CDU, they get an educational experience that they can't get anywhere else.

Because of this, we have a unique role to play in health professions education and particularly, in developing the healthcare workforce of the future for South Los Angeles—and the nation.

As this country inevitably becomes more diverse, and areas of significant health disparities remain unaddressed, the need grows for healthcare practitioners who are both culturally sensitive to those communities and personally committed to providing them with high-quality care.

That's what we do. It's why we exist. We educate and train students to be both healthcare practitioners and social justice advocates in underserved communities.

It's part of what we call the "CDU Advantage."

The CDU Advantage is our distinctive curriculum that cultivates and develops health and medical leaders who apply their education and practical training while working for social justice and health equity.

Our graduates become exceptionally qualified leaders who also work in partnership with local communities to serve as change agents, activists and advocates for policy reform and catalysts for societal transformation, particularly among underserved populations.

CDU graduates receive both technical job skills *and* keener

What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.

- Nelson Mandela

President's Message

insights into the causes and the solutions of healthcare disparities—as well as a heightened awareness as to how they can be part of the solutions to those challenges.

The sentiment that drives us is similar to what South African political leader and anti-apartheid revolutionary Nelson Mandela said about his fellow activist Walter Sisulu at his 90th birthday: “What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.”

We at CDU are driven to make a difference. Our commitment to addressing individual and community health disparities and working to ensure that everyone has access to quality healthcare, as a basic fundamental human right, is what impels us. It's why people come to teach and work here, and why students come to get their education here.

Because we embrace our location and it is embedded in our curriculum, CDU indeed has a unique role to play in developing solutions to the significant problem of health disparities.

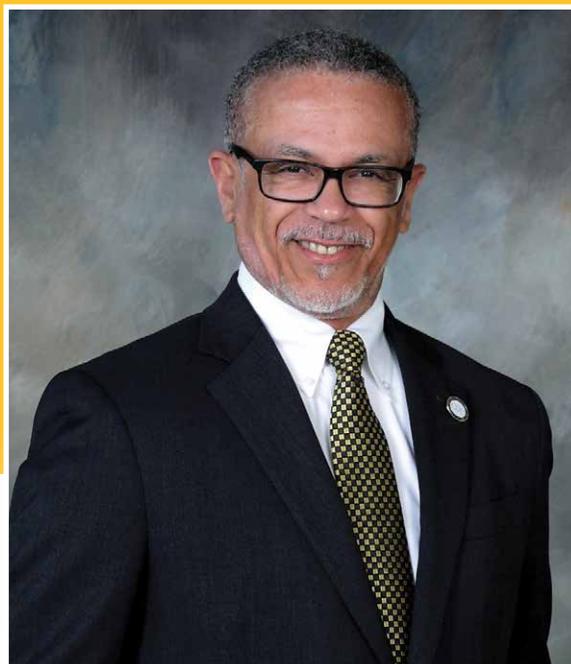
You'll read about some examples of how we do that in this year's annual report.

I hope you enjoy it.

Thank you.



David M. Carlisle, MD, PhD
President and CEO



Commencement

CDU held its 34th Annual Commencement Ceremony at the StubHub Center in Carson on June 6, 2018, conferring 377 degrees and certificates upon the Class of 2018. U.S. Representative Nanette Barragán, the first-ever Latina to represent California's 44th Congressional district, delivered the keynote address.

CDU Student Government President Shenita Anderson was the student speaker, congratulating her peers on a job well done and reminding them to maintain their core values of resilience and dedication as they forge ahead on their careers as health professionals, just as they did during their time at CDU. "In the coming years, we will look back and consider our time at CDU to be a pivotal moment, one that deemed us pioneers of our own paths while uniting us through our dedication to social justice and health equity," Anderson said.



U.S. Representative Nanette Barragan (D-44) gave the commencement address.



CDU Student Government President Shenita Anderson addressed the crowd.

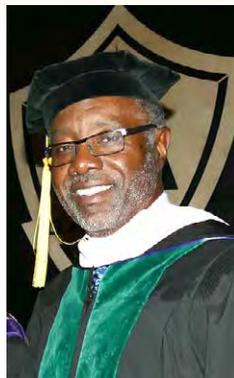
Loretta Jones, ThD, MA (p. 6, below) and L.A. County Supervisor **Mark Ridley-Thomas** (p. 7) received honorary doctoral degrees from the University.





Mark Alan Davidson accepts the President's Medal on behalf of his late father

Ezra C. Davidson, Jr., MD, FACS, was posthumously awarded the President's Medal, which recognizes extraordinary service to CDU by a member of the University community who has performed with excellence in his or her profession.



Marvin O'Quinn received Board of Trustees Medal of Honor

Former CDU Board Chair **Marvin O'Quinn, MPH**, was awarded the Board of Trustees Medal of Honor, the highest honor awarded by the CDU Board of Trustees, for exemplifying the spirit of CDU's mission to serve underserved communities with excellence and compassion.

Both were selected based on their demonstrated intellectual and humane values that are consistent with the aims of CDU's mission and with the highest ideas of their respective fields.



Faculty and Staff



Denese Shervington, MD, MPH, was named the new director of the College of Medicine's Psychiatry Residency Program. Dr. Shervington received her medical degree from the New York University School of Medicine and her Master of Public Health from Tulane University School of Public Health. She is board-certified in Psychiatry and Neurology.



Karen Carr, JD, was named new Chief Compliance and Diversity Officer and Title IX Coordinator. Ms. Carr received her BS from the University of Southern California and her law degree from University of California, Hastings School of Law.



Eileen Forbes-Hill, *(pictured right, with Lorraine Grey, left)* Executive Director of Pipeline and School Partnership Programs, assumed leadership of Saturday Science Academy-II following the January 2018 retirement of Lorraine Grey, who had been at the helm of SSA-II since 2000.



Deborah Prothrow-Stith, MD, Dean of the College of Medicine, was appointed to the Los Angeles School Safety Blue Ribbon Panel by Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer. The panel held public hearings and issued a report on recommendations to keep students safe in L.A. schools. Feuer established the committee following the February 14, 2018, mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.



Professor Cynthia Davis, MPH, was given a KJLH Proven Achiever 2018 Award by the noted radio station. According to her nomination letter, the commendation "is given to those who have demonstrated an upward mobility while consistently giving back to the community from which they have come."



University faculty and staff gather in LSRNE building.



Dr. Jorge Artaza was selected as the 2018 CDU Faculty Member of the Year at the fifth annual Faculty Awards ceremony in May 2018. Dr. Ebere Ume, Dr. Daphne Calmes, and Dr. Shehla Pervin were also recognized with awards at the event for their service to the University.



COSH Professor Victor Chaban, PhD, published his book "Neuroplasticity. Insights of Neural Reorganization" through InTech. The book provides comprehensive and up-to-date insights into emerging research trends on neuroplasticity, or the ability of the brain to change throughout an individual's life, with current or future treatments for neurodevelopment and neurodegenerative diseases.



Roberto B. Vargas, MD, MPH was named assistant dean of Health Policy and Inter-Professional Education in the College of Medicine. Dr. Vargas received his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College and his Master in Public Health from Harvard. He is board-certified in Internal Medicine.



Lola Ogunyemi, PhD, Associate Professor, Dept. of Preventive and Social Medicine, College of Medicine; Director, Center for Biomedical Informatics, was elected President of the CDU Academic Senate. Dr. Ogunyemi holds an undergraduate degree in Computer Science from Barnard College, Columbia University, and an MSE, and PhD in Computer and Information Science from the University of Pennsylvania.

Administrative Highlights



Civil rights and political icon Andrew Young visits CDU

Civil rights activist and former politician Ambassador Andrew Young visited CDU on December 4, 2017, for a lively discussion with school administration, faculty and staff, as well as a number of King/Drew Magnet High School students. The discussion, moderated by CDU President/CEO David M. Carlisle, was the final installment of the University's Haynes Lecture Series of 2017.

The 85-year-old minister/former mayor/former ambassador/civil rights pioneer covered a variety of topics, from lessons he learned from his dentist father that he later applied to his social justice work ("your mind is the most powerful weapon you have"), to the state of the country in 2017 ("angry and balkanized") to interesting observations from inside the civil rights movement ("Martin Luther King was a 'gym rat,' a very quick basketball player and a very good pool player").

At the end of the program, when he was presented with an engraved plaque as a gift from Dr. Carlisle for his many achievements, Young explained that over the last few years, he had begun giving such awards away to provide an inspiration to others. He then called Henry Arinze, a student from the King/Drew Magnet High School to the front of the auditorium. Arinze had asked Young several insightful questions throughout the discussion, which compelled the Ambassador to present him with the plaque. Young then told the young man he hoped he would "grow up to be worthy of it." The presentation drew a long standing ovation, as the lecture came to a close.



Photo credit: Birdman Photos

Partnership with Covered California brings striking MLK mural to CDU campus

In February 2018, CDU was given an extraordinary opportunity to partner with Covered California in its "Covered in Art" outreach effort, a statewide, 22-stop bus store designed to raise awareness of the availability of high-quality and reasonably priced health insurance options. Noted artist Shawn Michael Warren created a mural of civil rights icon, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on the south-facing wall of the Keck Building, directly facing 120th Street and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital. The painting includes Dr. King's most memorable quotes on health care, which support our conviction that health care is an absolute right for all people: "Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and humane."



CNN Commentator Bakari Sellers keynoted the Third Annual President's Breakfast

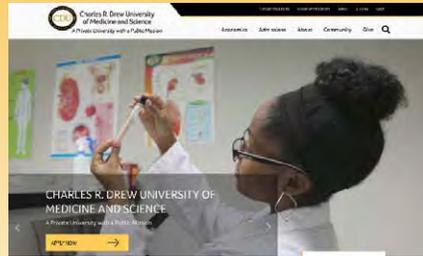
3rd Annual President's Breakfast features CNN commentator

CNN commentator and attorney Bakari Sellers delivered a riveting keynote address at CDU's third annual President's Breakfast on Thursday, February 22, 2018, at the Marina Del Ray Marriott. The panel discussion, entitled **Health Workforce Diversity: Turning "Good" Practitioners into "Great" Ones to Address a Shifting Cultural Landscape**, was moderated by CDU President/CEO Dr. David M. Carlisle and included Representative Nanette Barragan (D-CA 44), Carmela Castellano-Garcia, President/CEO of the California Primary Care Association, and Oliver T. Brooks, MD, Medical Director and Chief of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine at the Watts Healthcare Corporation.

The panel engaged in dialog on how to improve and optimize health workforce diversity as the industry seeks to accommodate the cultural, linguistic and sociocultural needs of an increasingly diverse population seeking care. Mr. Sellers reminded those in attendance of the significance of social determinants of health, or how overlapping social structures and economic systems are responsible for most health inequities, stating, "Health outcomes have a direct correlation to systemic and environmental injustices, and we need to have an understanding of how these systems of oppression are related."

The panel engaged in dialog on how to improve and optimize health workforce diversity as the industry seeks to accommodate the cultural, linguistic and sociocultural needs of an increasingly diverse population seeking care. Mr. Sellers reminded those in attendance of the significance of social determinants of health, or how overlapping social structures and economic systems are responsible for most health inequities, stating, "Health outcomes have a direct correlation to systemic and environmental injustices, and we need to have an understanding of how these systems of oppression are related."

The event concluded with a surprise announcement from Dr. Carlisle: Drs. Ludlow and Ruth Creary, the former of which was the first chair of the College of Medicine's Family Medicine department, made a \$25,000 gift to the University to support student success and campus initiatives. Dr. Ludlow Creary cited early CDU dean Dr. M. Alfred Haynes, who heavily emphasized the importance of competence and compassion in the training of physicians in underserved areas. "[CDU] has done an excellent job of employing that training model in the community," he said. With his gift, he has high hopes for the University to "keep that momentum going."



CDU Launches New Streamlined Website

In March 2018, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science launched its new and improved website. Based on the popular Drupal platform, the new site refresh featured streamlined menus, simple navigation and a responsive layout. In addition to upgrading to a newer and fresher look, CDU also improved the structure of web content so users get more information out of quick reads.



CDU President/CEO appointed to California Health Care Foundation board

In May 2018, CDU President/CEO David Carlisle, MD, PhD, was appointed to the California Health Care Foundation's (CHCF) board of directors. CHCF works to improve the delivery of healthcare to all Californians, especially those with low income and who are not well served by the current delivery system. Dr. Carlisle has served on the California Future Health Workforce Commission, which is supported by CHCF, since 2017. The Commission is working to develop a blueprint to modernize California's health workforce of the future.



From left, COM Dean Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith, Kenny Torrence, Vice President of Advancement, Strategic Development and External Affairs Angela Minniefield, Vice President for Finance and Chief Business Officer Carl McLaney

Kenny Torrence selected Staff Member of the Year

Kenny Torrence, Program and Office Coordinator, College of Medicine, was selected Staff Member of the Year at the annual Employee Service Awards Luncheon on March 26. The Staff Member of the Year award honors the employee that demonstrates outstanding attitude, performance, teamwork, creativity, organizational abilities, dedication, responsiveness, communication and safety in the delivery of service to the University.

In Memoriam



Michael "Mike" Jones, CDU Facilities Plant Supervisor, joined CDU in 1986. Known for his "can do" spirit, Mike took great pride in his work and believed in leading by example. As a supervisor, he was an encourager, supporter and motivator.

Under his leadership, several team members were promoted to higher positions within the University. As a colleague, he could always be counted on to share a kind word, smile, and a helping hand. Mike believed in the Vision, Mission and Values of CDU and we are grateful for his contributions to the University.



Carole Jordan-Harris, MD, MS, was a board-certified obstetrician and gynecologist in Los Angeles and served on the CDU Board of Trustees for over 10 years. In 2003, she was appointed to Chair of the Board, the first and

only woman in that position. She received congressional recognition for her community service, as well as numerous African humanitarian awards and distinguished physician awards from organizations, universities and governors. Dr. Jordan-Harris led medical missions to Africa, where she provided education, free medications, supplies and surgeries to hundreds of residents. An alumna of the CDU King-Drew Medical Center OB-GYN Residency Program, Dr. Jordan-Harris retired from private practice in 2014, but continued her work as a guest lecturer nationally and internationally.



Ezra C. Davidson, Jr. was a Professor Emeritus and Founding Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology from 1971-2006 and Associate Dean of the Primary Care Department from 1997-2007. He was also a professor in

Obstetrics and Gynecology at UCLA, and Chief of Staff of the OB/GYN department at the former King/Drew Medical Center.

CDU also honors the lives of COSH student **Erica Carr** and SON student **Michelle Johnson**, both members of the CDU Family lost this year.

Academic Affairs

ACCREDITATION ROUNDUP

CDU earns ten-year accreditation from WSCUC

The WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) conducted its official visit for re-accreditation of the University from March 14-16, 2018. The WSCUC Visiting Team met with CDU Trustees, senior executives, faculty, students and staff of the University, as well as external clinical and community partners. The WSCUC Team reviewed eight lines of inquiry, including: the use of data in planning and decision making, ensuring the University's infrastructure can support the significant growth outlined in its Strategic Plan and adding depth and breadth to general education course offerings. The team's final report on their findings, commendations and recommendations were discussed by the WSCUC Commission at its meeting in June 2018, and in July 2018 issued the University accreditation for 10 years, the longest accreditation time permitted.

Other Accreditation Achievements:

- The COM Family Medicine Residency received official accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) in February 2018.
- WSCUC approved CDU's planned BS in Nutrition Science and Food Systems program, which permits the University to enroll students.
- CDU received approval from the WSCUC on June 21, 2018, for a Computed Tomography Concentration option in the BS in Radiologic Science Program.
- WSCUC waived the requirement for approval for CDU's Psychiatry/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner and Gerontology/Acute Care Nurse Practitioner programs (MSN and Post-Master's certificates), determining that the core of existing programs is remaining in place and some courses will be added or modified to fit the concentration.
- The Public Health program received a seven-year reaffirmation of accreditation from the Council on Education for Public Health, the national accrediting body for public health education programs.



Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost Dr. Steve Michael (left) and Associate Provost Dr. William Shay (right) led the University's accreditation effort.

More MOUs in the pipeline: University continues to establish partnerships with community colleges, LA County schools and school districts

CDU signed Memoranda of Understanding with Southwest College, Compton College, the East San Gabriel Valley Regional Occupational Program and Technical Center and the YouthBuild Charter School as part of continued efforts to establish direct pipelines for high-achieving students in the L.A. area to receive instant, early or preferred admission to the University. These educational institutions join a number of other local school districts, private schools and community colleges that have MOUs with CDU, including: LAUSD-West, LAUSD-South, Lynwood Unified, Compton Unified, Verbum Dei High School and West Los Angeles College.



From left, CDU Provost Dr. Steve Michael, CDU President/CEO Dr. David Carlisle, Compton College President/CEO Dr. Keith Curry



From left, Dr. Carlisle, Superintendent East San Gabriel Valley ROPTC Dr. Sheryl Carter, Dr. Michael

Enrollment Management offers teacher counseling sessions

The Office of Enrollment Management hosted the second Counselor and Science Teacher Day on March 15, 2018. Counselors participated in sessions focused on maximizing student outcomes through advising and counseling, as well as how to guide students through the financial aid application progress. Science teachers participated in session focused on helping students develop critical thinking skills and foster attitudes towards careers in medicine and science, while also touring CDU's state-of-the-art laboratory facilities and equipment. Counselors and teachers were also able to learn more about CDU's pipeline programs, scholarship opportunities, and how to offer their students instant admission into CDU's undergraduate programs. "[CDU is] a treasure in our backyard... I shared with my principal that it was one of the best conferences I have been to in [my] career," said Ana Hinds, health and science teacher at Bethune Middle School.

*"[CDU is] a treasure in
our backyard... I shared
with my principal that it
was one of the best
conferences I have been to
in [my] career."*

- Ana Hinds



K-12 science teachers and counselors from various schools across LAUSD attended Counselor and Science Teacher Day on March 15, 2018.

Community Engagement

MS-BMS students volunteer in Tijuana with “Healing Hearts Across Borders”

In May 2018, CDU students celebrated Cinco De Mayo in Tijuana, Mexico, providing clinical care to victims of deportation and homelessness, in collaboration with Healing Hearts Across Borders (HHAB), an organization that provides free clinical services at La Roca Shelter the first Saturday of every month, and also does outreach at different sites throughout Mexico. La Roca Shelter is a "sanctuary" for hundreds of men and women who are unable to receive proper health care treatment. The Shelter also provides food and a place to sleep at night. HHAB welcomes medical, pre-med and pre-PA students, as well as those without clinical experience.



CDU hosts first-ever Science Day

CDU hosted 76 early career college students and 21 high school students on July 22, 2017, for its first annual Science Day, a campus-based event designed to build upon the partnerships that CDU established with local school districts through recent pipeline initiatives, and to increase the visibility of CDU to college-ready students.

CDU sponsors National HIV Testing Day event

CDU's Center for AIDS Research Education and Services (Drew C.A.R.E.S.) hosted a community event for the 17th Annual National HIV Testing Day on June 27, 2018. Organized by Professor Cynthia Davis, who also oversees the CDU Mobile HIV Testing Van, the free outdoor event featured entertainment from KJLH Radio and DJ PeeWee, plus food, raffles, health information and confidential HIV testing. Counselors, staff, students, and representatives of local advocacy groups promoted the importance of knowing one's HIV status and reducing HIV stigma.



CDU Family marches in 33rd Annual Kingdom Day Parade

CDU students, faculty and staff joined thousands of Angelenos on January 15, 2018, in the 33rd Annual Kingdom Day Parade, the nation's largest and oldest Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration. The theme for this year's parade was “When They Go Low, We Go High,” and it commemorates both Dr. King's 89th birthday, as well as the 50th anniversary of his assassination.



Saturday Science Academy-II at CDU

The Saturday Science Academy-II at CDU, a STEM program for youth from underserved LA communities, “graduated” 159 K-12 students at its 18th annual “Junior White Coat Ceremony” on Saturday, January 20, 2018 in the King-Drew Medical Magnet High School gymnasium. Remarks were given by Sen. Steven Bradford (D-Gardena) and noted LAUSD board member George McKenna III. Reports show that students who participated in SSA-II in 2017 saw a 91% overall improvement in their grades, with nearly 80% of students increasing their grades from failing to passing (59% increased their grades from "F" to "A," 7% increased from "F" to "B" and 10% increased from "F" to "C"). Parents and students alike credit the program for improving student performance in schools, and better immersing parents into their children's studies.



Earth, Wind & Fire

JAZZ AT DREW

Jazz at Drew

Over 2,000 music aficionados from all over Southern California enjoyed a day of incomparable music, food and networking opportunities at the 20th Jazz at Drew music concert on Saturday, October 7, 2017. The all-day outdoor festival took place on the CDU campus and featured electrifying performances from Grammy-winning group **Earth, Wind & Fire**, Los Angeles' own **West Coast Get Down** featuring **Kamasi Washington**, **Miles Mosley** and more, SoCal favorite **DW3**, music pioneer **Eloise Laws**, and the **Fernando Pullum Community Arts Center Band**. Percussionist extraordinaire **Sheila E.** closed the show with an ultimate mix of her most popular tunes as well as songs from her newest album, "Iconic." The day's festivities were emceed by popular radio hosts Pat Prescott of 94.7 The Wave and Roland Bynum of 102.3 KJLH.



Sheila E.

Since its launch in 1991, Jazz at Drew has sought to alleviate the need for residents in South Los Angeles and surrounding areas to travel far for quality entertainment at affordable prices. Equipped with superior artist line-ups and a unique concert experience, Jazz at Drew has demonstrated that local residents will support big-name entertainment when given the opportunity and venue to do so.

CDU and Watts Rising Collaborative



With a team led by Cynthia Gonzales, PhD, Assistant Director, Division of Community Engagement, College of Medicine and Assistant Professor, MPH Program in Urban Health, College of Science and Health, CDU became a facilitation and data partner of the Watts Rising Collaborative, as it sought and

received a \$35-million Transformative Climate Communities grant in April 2018 from the State of California's Strategic Growth Council (SGC).

The Watts Rising Collaborative is comprised of over 30 Watts-serving agencies and hundreds of Watts residents that have come together to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve public and environmental health outcomes, ensure workforce development and develop anti-displacement work, all informed by community engagement and leadership.

The Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) program funds development and infrastructure projects that achieve major environmental, health, and economic benefits in California's most disadvantaged communities.

Work on the application for the grant began in Fall 2017, culminating in a January 2018 site visit and trip to Sacramento to explain to the SGC why Watts Rising should receive the funding. The SGC agreed, and voted unanimously to give Watts Rising the grant.

CDU and Professor Gonzales worked again with the Watts Rising Collaborative in early 2018, with funding support from Kaiser Community Benefits and AXIS Pilot, to complete a neighborhood assessment of Watts, training 30 high school and undergraduate students in community-based participatory research, while engaging over 30 community partners. After knocking on 2,000 households, they collected 700 surveys and presented data to community partners. This model will be used in the data collection approach of the Watts Rising Collaborative for the next three years.

Office of International Affairs



The Hon. Mame Toucouleur Mbaye (center), honorary Consul to the Republic of Senegal in Los Angeles, gave the inaugural presentation for the Diplomats in Global Health series in November 2, 2017.

Diplomats in Global Health Series brings international partnerships to CDU

Representatives from the consulates of Ethiopia, Zambia, Belize and Senegal visited CDU this year to share information about their countries and initiate partnerships/linkages with CDU. The purpose of the Diplomats in Global Health Series is to challenge attendees to think globally and act "glocally" as they forge ahead in their journeys in the health profession – that is, to begin thinking about the correlation of local and international communities in addressing health disparities.



The CDU Angola medical trip team

Angola health mission trip

A team of 11 students from the Family Nurse Practitioner and Biomedical Science programs, as well as CDU faculty members, travelled to Angola for 14 days in April and May to provide clinical and training support at the Centro Evangelico de Medicina do Lubango (CEML) for 14 days. This team of primarily FNP students, under the supervision of Office of International Affairs Director Dr. Lejeune Lockett and Mervyn M. Dymally School of Nursing Associate Dean Dr. Ebere Ume, led daily medical seminars with the CEML nursing staff, sharing their knowledge and passion for healthcare challenges faced in Angola. The trip provided students with both clinical and community exposure to international healthcare.

College of Medicine

2018 Match Day: Another big day for COM

CDU's College of Medicine had yet another highly successful Match Day, with 65 percent of the class pursuing primary care and the remaining 35 percent in other specialties. Sixty-five percent will complete their residency programs in California. This year's Match Day also saw the return of medical resident training to South Los Angeles—specifically Service Planning Area (SPA) 6—for the first time in over a decade as CDU officially announced which medical students were selected for new residency programs in Psychiatry and Family Medicine.



Family Medicine Residents

Joan G. Choi, MD
Zeus Fernandez, MD
Leslie Ann Johnson, MD
Uchenna Jones-Conley, MD, MBA
Roquell Laney, MD, MPH
Francisca Mata, MD, MBA
Nadia Mian, MD
Gigi Simmons, MD



Psychiatry Residents

Joshua F. Cenido, MD, MS
Clarence B. Glenn, MD, MBA
Jacob J. Gutierrez, MD
Osagie N. Obanor, MD
Kwaku Oppong, MD, MS, MHSA
Nancy M. Rodriguez, MD, MPH





CDU residents join L.A. County Board of Supervisors



CDU COM Dean Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith (center) and CDU President Dr. David M. Carlisle (right) at Board of Supervisors meeting.

Graduate Medical Education returns to South L.A.: Family Medicine and Psychiatry Residencies

In September 2017, the L.A. County Board of Supervisors, acting on a motion by Board Chair Mark Ridley-Thomas and Supervisor Janice Hahn, approved \$800,000 in funds to develop two new residency programs at CDU in Family Medicine and Psychiatry. The new programs officially marked the return of Graduate Medical Education to the University and are expected to turn out physicians who will practice in some of the most medically under-resourced communities of Los Angeles. A Medical School Affiliation Agreement between the County Health Agency and CDU, equipped with \$14 million in funding, will provide the programs with ongoing support through 2023.

Both programs began in June 2018. The Family Medicine residency began with eight and expects to enroll up to 24 by 2020. They will perform their inpatient work at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center and their outpatient rotations at Martin Luther King, Jr. Outpatient Center. The Psychiatry residency began with six residents and is expected to enroll 24 by 2021. They will perform their inpatient work at Kedren Community Health Center, and their outpatient work at various ambulatory services in South Los Angeles.

STUDENT PROFILE



Diana Partida is a fourth year medical student in the Charles R. Drew/UCLA Medical Education program. A native of Southern California, Partida completed her undergraduate education at Pomona College in Claremont, California, majoring in Molecular Biology and minoring in History. She is particularly interested in public health and health outcomes in under-resourced communities, as well as gastroenterology and endocrinology.

“I love the intersectionality between science and society that comes with being a physician,” Partida said of her desire to practice medicine, citing the influence of an early pediatric mentor for igniting the spark within her to pursue studies in science and health. “My love of science was confirmed through my undergraduate experiences, and medicine provides an avenue for me to continue pursuing my passion while also serving my community.”

She was drawn to the Charles R. Drew/UCLA Medical Education Program for several reasons: the ardent support of the CDU community, access to world-renowned researchers and lecturers on both campuses, and the knowledge that she would be surrounded by likeminded peers who had goals of becoming physicians for under-resourced communities.

Currently, she serves as co-president of her cohort, and works closely with third-year medical students through mentorship and tutoring. Additionally, she was recently inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society at UCLA’s David Geffen School of Medicine. Following her time at CDU, she will train in Internal Medicine and hopes to sub-specialize in gastroenterology, cardiology or endocrinology after completing her resident training. Her ultimate goal is to practice in an academically-affiliated county medical center in a role that involves patient care and medical education.

“I love the intersectionality between science and society that comes with being a physician”

College of Science and Health

MPH students report back on Cuba trip

Led by Dr. Bitá Amani, graduates of the College of Science and Health's Master of Public Health (MPH) program were able to study abroad in Cuba as part of the course MPH 584: Global Health Studies: The Cuban Health Model. The student team was comprised of Simon Alarcon, MBS, MPH; Saleemah Glover, MPH; Nicoyia Hurt, MPH; Shaemion McBride, MPH; Juan Mendez, MPH; Alexander Molina, MPH; Emma Negula, MPH; and Janae Oliver, MPH; Tiffany Polar, MBS, MPHc; Linda Wright, MPS, MPHc; Lucia Vides, MPH; and Jasmine Yakub, MPH.

These students were among the first group of students from the United States to ever complete an immersion course at a Cuban school of public health, highlighting the value of collaboration between Cuban schools of public health and U.S. universities of public health. The graduates were able to share their experiences and key takeaways from their trip as a part of the Cuba Health Exchange Conference in May 2018, sharing what they learned at the Escuela Nacional de Salud Pública (ENSAP) during their two week stay.

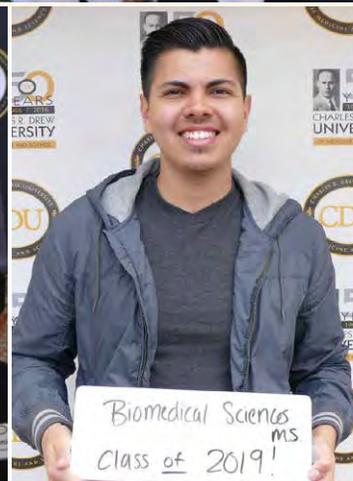


COSH launches two new programs

The Fall 2017 semester saw the launch of two new undergraduate programs in the College of Science and Health: the Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Science and the Bachelor of Science in Urban Community Health Sciences (now "Bachelor of Science in Public Health"). The BS in Radiologic Science is a 38-unit, four-semester advanced program designed for the professional development of registered radiologic technologists at the entry level or working technologist level. The BS in Public Health prepares students for the public health workforce and/or advanced education in the health sciences.



COSH Dean Dr. Hector Balcazar in lab with student



STUDENT PROFILE



At just 16 years old, **David Yacoub** is on a much different trajectory than most teenagers. While many of his peers are preparing for SAT's and filling out application waivers, the Los Angeles native is already pursuing undergraduate education and is slated to receive his degree in biomedical science from the College of Science and Health in June 2020.

His decision to pursue medicine was initially motivated by the loss of his grandfather at a young age to mesothelioma. "[His passing] hurt me tremendously," he recalled. "From that day on, I've always felt that my calling was in medicine." Yacoub is particularly interested in community health and children's health, noting for the latter that "children have long lives ahead of them, and I believe that every child should have the fundamental right to live without worrying about health problems."

Similar to the majority of people who join the CDU community, Yacoub was drawn to the University due to its service-oriented mission of aiding underserved communities. He also credits the influence of his mother Lorine and two elder brothers, Joseph and Michael, who also attended and graduated from the University in June 2018. "My family constantly told me how much they loved the school and I really wanted to find out for myself – they were right," the youngest Yacoub admitted. "CDU is akin to one big family and that's what makes it so special to me."

On campus, Yacoub regularly attends Pre-Health Society meetings. Following his graduation from CDU in 2020, he hopes to continue onto medical school and eventually work at the neighboring Martin Luther King Jr., Community Hospital, where he can continue serving residents of the surrounding area.

"CDU is akin to one big family and that's what makes it so special to me."

Mervyn M. Dymally School of Nursing



Nursing student works on simulated patient

Concurrent RN to BSN/ADN program graduates first class

Helmed by Dr. Ebere Ume, the RN to BSN program graduated its first class of students in Spring 2018. The program continues to coordinate with various institutions such as Compton College and Southwest College to have their current Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) students enroll as concurrent students at CDU in a carefully orchestrated six-semester curriculum. “This program provide a very cost effective Bachelor’s degree to students from neighboring communities and meets our CDU mission of cultivating diverse health professionals,” said Dr. Ume.



Dr. David Carlisle, new MMDSO Dean
Dr. Diane Breckenridge, Dr. Steve Michael

Mervyn M. Dymally School of Nursing welcomes new dean

Diane Breckenridge, PhD, MSN, RN, ANEF joined CDU as dean of the Mervyn M. Dymally School of Nursing in the Spring 2018 semester. She succeeded Dr. Margaret Avila, who presided over the school as interim dean for two years.

Dr. Breckenridge received her PhD in Nursing from the University of Maryland, and her MSN from the University of Pennsylvania, as well as graduate credits from their School of Education. She is a recipient of millions of dollars in grant and donor funding for target Strategies for Success programs supporting educational access and advancement of underserved, diverse students and nurses. Her international work has taken her across the globe, including a recently-concluded a trip to Cuba for health care education and to study the difference and similarities in health care systems.

STUDENT PROFILE



Jazmyn Childress, EdD, MPH, is a student in the Entry Level Master’s program at the Mervyn M. Dymally School of Nursing. Born and raised in Los Angeles, Dr. Childress received her undergraduate degrees in Sociology and Urban Studies before going on to complete her Master of Public Health and Doctorate of Education degrees at California State University, Long Beach.

Inspired by two generations of grandmothers who worked as surgical nurses, Dr. Childress always had a desire to become a nurse. She regularly participated in programs and internships that would align her with a pathway to a career in medicine throughout high school, and even considered applying to CDU early on in her educational journey. “CDU was always on the top of my list because of its reputation for serving the community and underserved populations,” she explained. “I also liked the historical aspect of the school and the small class sizes.”

She ultimately found herself working various jobs in hospital administration and education, but still felt unsatisfied with her trajectory. “I wanted more from my career and to make a bigger impact, so I decided to take the risk and do something that would always interest me,” Dr. Childress said. “This will be my third career and I am happy to say that I finally found the career that I will have for years to come.”

On campus, Dr. Childress was recently elected to serve as the student trustee on the CDU Board of Trustees for the 2019-2020 semester. In this capacity, she ensures that the collective voice of the CDU student body is represented in board meetings. Following her graduation from CDU in December 2019, she hopes to continue working in public health, but is open to different opportunities.

“I wanted more from my career and to make a bigger impact, so I decided to take the risk and do something that would always interest me.”

Research and Health Affairs

Latino Community Academic Council and CDU Research

Led by the CDU/UCLA Cancer Center, the Latino Community Academic Council (LCAC) is a group of 25 Latino community members that emerged from bi-directional activities between CDU's Research Division and the community in disseminating recent scientific developments and findings to the surrounding community. The group is working on implementing an 18-month cancer outreach plan with focus on building a wellness center geared towards the Latino community, as well as organizing two Community Cancer Conferences in 2019.

Two new research pillars established

Two new research pillars, in Health Policy and Health Services and Behavioral and Mental Health, were established to accommodate the increased number of studies in each area. Dr. Noel Chavez was recruited as assistant professor in the Mental Health pillar.

Research Division lands cutting-edge equipment

Through federal funding, the Division of Cancer Research and Training and the Office of Research have enhanced the University's research capacity through the addition of cutting-edge research equipment that enables CDU to conduct state-of-the-art research, education and training. For example, this funding made possible the purchase of the Illumina NextGen Sequencing System, an integral instrument for CDU's path to becoming a national leader in Precision Medicine.

More additions to the Research team

Joseph Daniels was recruited as assistant professor in the HIV pillar, and Dr. Roberto Vargas was hired as Assistant Dean for Health Policy and Inter-professional Development and Director of the Health Services and Policy Research Core in the Urban Health Institute.

Publications *During the 2017-2018 fiscal year, CDU's faculty and investigators authored/co-authored 74 publications.*

Led by medical students **Shariska Peterson** and **Marianna Sarkissyan**, a team at the Division of Cancer Research and Training (DCRT) have published their study entitled "Time to follow-up after abnormal mammogram among African American and Hispanic women." This study has highlighted for the first time that, although mammography screening rates have improved for minority and underserved populations, the mortality rates are still higher. Lack of timely follow up and access to treatment could contribute significantly to the health disparity for these women. The study concludes that health care providers need to do a better job in ensuring that women have timely follow up treatment and care.

Dr. Yong Wu and his team at the DCRT published a paper titled "Targeting of PP2C δ By a Small Molecule C23 Inhibits High Glucose-Induced Breast Cancer Progression in Vivo." Findings from the study suggest novel mechanisms by diabetic patients could have increased risk for getting breast cancer. The investigators identified a compound which significantly inhibits hyperglycemia triggered BC cell proliferation, migration and invasion.

Robust year for Research grants



Vice President of Research and Health Affairs Dr. Jay Vadgama

CDU had 75 active awards with a total of \$33 million in funding. From this pool, 49 awards were from NIH, and other federal, state and local funding sources were valued at about \$22 million. CDU investigators also submitted 74 new and continuation award proposals totaling over \$57 million.

The CDU/UCLA Cancer Center Partnership was awarded two diversity supplements for postdoctoral fellows Dr. Diondra Harris and Dr. Juana Gatson, bringing the total amount of funding for Year 9 to \$2,022,066. The partnership increases the number of scientists in cancer research and enhances CDU's cancer research and infrastructure capacity to address significant disparities in cancer among minority populations.

A study led by Dr. Nina Harawa entitled, "Mobile-Enhanced Prevention Support for People Leaving Jail" has been awarded \$2.3 million for four years, of which \$574,000 will be allocated to CDU. This study will provide HIV prevention services and related support services to men who have sex with men (MSM), as well as transgender women who battle substance use disorders upon release from jail.

Led by Dr. Mohsen Bazargan, the CDU-CRECD Mentored Postdoctoral Training in Translational Research and Biomedical Informatics Program received funding for an additional five years for \$2.7 million, or \$540,000 annually. The program is a mentored clinical research and career development program designed to develop a diverse cadre of clinical and translational investigators who conduct innovative research on the underlying causes of diseases that disproportionately impact minority populations.

Division of Student Affairs

Division of Student Affairs increases the array of student services

The Division of Student Affairs (DSA) works diligently year-round to conduct multicultural programming, student engagement activities and workshops for the CDU community. In the past year, DSA has significantly increased the number of seminars offered to students, incorporating stress management workshops, writing seminars, expanded tutoring hours and much more into the University's event schedule. From July 30, 2017, to June 1, 2018, CDU students received nearly 4,000 hours of tutoring.



Student Affairs serving other students

CDU Student Government elects new leadership

Sana Abbasi and Abdu Mahmoud, both Masters' students in the College of Science and Health's Biomedical Sciences program, were elected president and vice president, respectively, of the 2018-2019 Charles R. Drew University Student Government cabinet. Both indicate they were drawn to CDU not only because of the quality of the education but also because of its commitment to social justice.



Newly elected CDUSG Vice President Abdu Mahmoud (second from left) and President Sana Abbasi (second from right) with CDU students

The Retreat: A Creative Social Justice Workshop at CDU

Held at the Watts Towers Arts Center Campus on Sunday, July 30, 2017, "The Retreat" was co-hosted by Break the Chains, a social justice student organization at CDU and the Division of Student Affairs. The Retreat was designed to educate and empower students through exploration of their own narratives while becoming agents of change in underserved communities.



Through artists' teach-ins, art therapy and extensive experiential learning situations, students acquired new information around social justice issues and became equipped to integrate their new knowledge into the lives of themselves and others to expand the CDU mission. The Retreat was fully funded through the CDU Annual Mission Maker Campaign.





Fundraising

Philanthropy and fundraising had another big year



CDU fundraising targets reached for fiscal year 2017 include Gifts Received/Pledged of \$5,072,241 versus a target of \$3,330,000. Additionally, the Mission Maker Annual Fund Campaign exceeded its \$111,000 fiscal year 2017 amount by 28%, raising \$142,302. Along with the Office of the President and the three schools across campus, the Office of Strategic Advancement has raised an additional \$475,000 from The Ballmer Group, Health Net, Wells Fargo Foundation, the ECMC Foundation, CDU Board Chair Marvin O'Quinn and Drs. Ludlow and Ruth Creary. The funding will support campus improvements and initiatives such as the President's Scholarship Program, the development of the Psychiatry residency program and general operating costs.



CDU participates in Giving Tuesday annually

Spring Gala honors one of CDU's own



The 2018 Legacy Leaders Spring Gala saw the CDU community come together to honor the lifetime accomplishments of Loretta Jones, ThD, MA, for her many decades of service to the community as a civil rights activist, health policy advocate and social architect.

The event took place on April 19, 2018, at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, and raised nearly \$130,000 to support University scholarships and pipeline programs.

Dr. Jones has long advocated for community-based participatory research (CBPR) to address health disparities that underserved populations face. In 1992, through an agreement with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), CDU and UCLA, she founded Health African American Families (HAAF) to advance health education and facilitate collaboration among community organizations, academia and government agencies to improve the health of communities of color in Los Angeles. Since its inception nearly three decades ago, HAAF has demonstrated how CBPR can be an effective mechanism for directing power, collective action, system change and social justice in the process of addressing health disparities at the community level. "[Dr. Jones] is an amazing person, and we are grateful to be able to honor her at this event," Dr. Carlisle said.

"I'd like to think that this honor doesn't just belong to me, it belongs to all of us," Dr. Jones said. "It belongs to those who couldn't be [at the Gala] due to cost, lack of childcare or other obligations. I'd like to thank [CDU] for this honor, and my community members and family for their support."

The event was emceed by Toni Guinyard, general assignment reporter for NBC4 Southern California, for the sixth year in a row. Entertainment was provided by the Legacy Tribute Band, featuring Debra Parsons and CDU alum Paul Gillis, Jr.

Mission Maker Mini Grants

The Office of Strategic Advancement and Development announced awards totaling \$32,150 for the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science Mission Maker Mini-Grant Program Spring 2018 cycle. Support of the Mission Maker Annual Fund Campaign allows CDU to fulfill its mission to serve the health and educational needs of underserved and under-resourced. Spring 2018 Mini-Grant Program Grantees are as follows:

Lambda Nu Induction Ceremony/Open House

Lambda Nu is a national honor society for the radiologic and imaging sciences. The chapter at CDU, the first in California, is named "California Alpha Chapter," established in 2004.

(Submitted by College of Science and Health)

CDU's Community Garden Projects

Faculty member Cynthia Davis, CDU graduate students and community partners establish community garden projects throughout South Los Angeles, particularly in areas where food deserts exist, and on the grounds of local elementary, middle and high schools.

(Submitted by College of Science and Health)

Report Back Conference

A two-day conference that involves sessions from MPH students about their experiences, a panel with persons who have studied the Cuban Health Model system and applied to health disparities work in other places and a lecture.

(Submitted by College of Science and Health)

Pre-Medical Mentoring Program

PMP provides mentorship between CDU medical students and post-baccalaureate students to provide guidance throughout the academic year in preparation for the medical school application process.

(Submitted by College of Medicine)

Homies Feeding the Homeless Project

Partnering with the Break the Chains student organization at CDU, this project seeks to conduct three homeless feedings of approximately 2,250 meals in 2018 with a focus on the Los Angeles/Skid Row area.

(Submitted by College of Medicine)

CDU PA Program and Homeboy Industries Community Health Elective

Students will partner with Homeboy Industries in their tattoo removal clinic. PA students will work with Homeboy Industries to provide laser tattoo removal to individuals enrolled in their programs as well as offering the service to walk-in community clients. Homeboy Industries provides support to former gang members and previously incarcerated men and women to help them become contributing members of the community.

(Submitted by College of Science and Health)

Celebrate Your Wellness Fair

A collaborative volunteer effort developed by CDU PA students with a goal to build a healthier community in the South Los Angeles area. This includes quarterly health fairs which will include delivery of fresh, healthy foods to families of South Los Angeles in combination with health screenings and education about nutrition and exercise.

(Submitted by College of Science and Health)

Preconception Peer Educators Training

The objective for PPE training is to reach the college-aged population with targeted messaging that emphasizes preconception health and healthcare. It also equips students and leaders with peer educator materials, activities and exercises to train other students and community leaders according to the Office of Minority Health.

(Submitted by College of Medicine)

STEM Travel for Educational Planning Success

An ongoing project to assist undergrad students with medical school placement via scholarships for travel to various universities in an effort to boost their perception and recognition while also providing clarity to students as they pursue graduate studies in medicine and allied health. This opportunity is open to all high-performing undergrads.

(Submitted by College of Science and Health)

Partnership for Progress

Twenty high school juniors attending school in Service Planning Area (SPA) 6 will be chosen and provided a CDU student mentor from COSH, SON or COM. Students will then be able to receive assistance with the college admissions process and personal statement writing, as well as information on careers in the health/medical field through workshops.

(Submitted by College of Medicine)

College Success and Beyond

Addresses the immediate needs of first-time and first-generation college students who would benefit from fundamental college skills strategies designed to facilitate their learning in a new and challenging college environment. It will include a four-part workshop series on goal-setting, study skills, note-taking formats and time management.

(Submitted by College of Science and Health)

Move Your Feet Then Eat

The collaboration of volunteer health professionals to promote healthier lifestyles through multicultural dance and food preparation classes. Students will have an opportunity to learn dance styles and health food choices from different cultures. Move Your Feet Then Eat will encourage students of SPA6 in grades four through eight to express themselves, promote teamwork and increase confidence while fighting obesity and the development of cardiovascular disease.

(Submitted by College of Science and Health)

Drew Cares International Initiative

Students will travel to Tijuana, Mexico and distribute fotonovelas on learning how to control blood pressure and improve diet for cardiovascular health. Items needed in Tijuana will also be purchased and donated. The trip will be in collaboration with Healing Hearts Across Borders.

(Submitted by College of Science and Health)

Leaders in Transformation Fellowship

A youth engagement initiative led by a passionate group of students committed to revolutionizing the provision of health services in communities most adversely impacted by poverty, institutional racism and violence. LIT seeks to pilot an innovative evidence-based model for youth leadership that builds the capacity of eight King Drew Magnet High School juniors to become agents of change in their own communities.

(Submitted by College of Medicine and College of Science and Health)

Christmas Toy Drive for Children in South Los Angeles

Deliver toys to children in South Los Angeles and provide community engagement, fundraising and leadership experience opportunities for students in Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health and the Master of Public Health Student Association.

(Submitted by College of Science and Health)

Project Santa Claus

Project Santa Claus is an annual event held for children and families that attend the HUB clinic and other pediatric clinics at the MLK hospital. Children and families are invited for a day filled with a holiday carnival, which includes health education booths, opportunities to engage in physical activities as well as receive a toy and have a visit with Santa.

(Submitted by College of Medicine)

CDU Pre-Health Society

Organization developed to help CDU students gain valuable information regarding their preferred health profession through multiple workshops, guest speakers and volunteer events. Pre-Health Society promotes both academic excellence and community involvement while serving as a resource to students as they prepare to pursue careers in healthcare.

(Submitted by College of Science and Health)

Los Angeles Helping Los Angeles

A collaborative volunteer effort developed by CDU PA students with a goal of building a healthier community in the South Los Angeles area. This includes quarterly health fairs which will include delivery of fresh, healthy foods to families of South Los Angeles in combination with health screenings and education about nutrition and exercise.

(Submitted by College of Health)

Saturday Science Academy-II

Two-day Next Generation Science Standards-based (NGSS) STEM workshop for 30 community youth in grades 9-12 as part of the Saturday Science Senior Academy.

(Submitted by Pipeline and School Partnership Programs)

Partner Profiles

Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science values the relationships we have with our many community partners. We include the stories of several of them in each annual report. This year, we are proud to feature The Ralph M. Parsons Foundation, Healthcare Staffing Professionals and Comerica Bank

THE
RALPH M. PARSONS
FOUNDATION



Wendy Garen
President and CEO – Ralph M. Parsons Foundation

Wendy Garen leads one of LA County's best-known philanthropies, the Ralph M. Parsons Foundation, which focuses on supporting nonprofit and community benefit organizations throughout Los Angeles County in four areas: health, education, human services and civic and cultural experiences. Within these four areas, Parsons looks for entities that improve circumstances

for disadvantaged families.

What makes Parsons unique is that more than half their grantmaking is for general support of an organization, and as such, are highly prized awards. Most philanthropies provide funding only for specific programs or positions. "We feel that unrestricted funds give nonprofits much more flexibility in deploying and using their money," said Ms. Garen. "It helps nonprofits better fulfill their missions and meet community needs."

With over two decades at Parsons, Ms. Garen has been very familiar with CDU and its history. CDU had applied to Parsons unsuccessfully for funding in 1986, 2002 and 2006. Then, a grant request in 2012 for an upgrade to the central security system was approved. The reason for CDU's success this time was the stability of CDU and the vision of new President, Dr. David M. Carlisle. "We need to step up and invest in people and organizations that can perform," Ms. Garen stated, "and the new leadership at CDU at that time showed that the University was ready to perform."

CDU also showed the University was ready to meet Parsons' rigorous grant review process. "These are investments, not charity donations," said Ms. Garen. "It's not just Parsons, but all philanthropic organizations are looking closely at grant applicants. We meet with and interview leadership and boards of directors. We want to determine how well run the organization is. We want to know, 'Are their business practices fundamentally sound?'"

The output and results produced by grant applicants is very important. "We want to see outcomes," she said. "We want to see what difference they can make and are making. We want to make investments in very compelling institutions."

Parsons also includes the community in its thorough grant review. "Their perspective is very important," Ms. Garen emphasized. "We want to engage the community, and we welcome the opportunity to get to know them and the nonprofits seeking to use Parsons' support to help their communities."

She said that Parsons is proud to help contribute to the renaissance in South Los Angeles by supporting CDU. "With the new Martin Luther King, Jr., Community Hospital and the resurgence and newfound strength of Charles R. Drew University, we have institutions that honor the great leaders after which they are named," she stated. "We're proud of them and look forward to what they'll do in the future."



Maxie Juzang
CEO and President –
Healthcare Staffing
Professionals

“We feel it’s important to support organizations that are making a difference in the community,” said Maxie Juzang, CEO and President of Healthcare Staffing Professionals (HSP), a Reseda-based firm that recruits and places individuals in healthcare, information technology, administrative

and finance disciplines nationwide.

Mr. Juzang has made a point of instilling that social consciousness into his business, and the people who work for him. “When we hire people, we want to build a team for the long haul,” he said. “I believe that, beyond the profit motive, we need to have a higher purpose. Supporting a great cause helps people want to come to work. It brings people together in a way that’s more than simply providing staffing to other organizations.”

He also involves his employees in selecting the causes that HSP supports. As a result, HSP supports animal rescue organizations, homeless advocacy groups, disabled veterans charities and such nonprofit healthcare facilities as Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, among others. “We make monthly donations to a variety of organizations,” Mr. Juzang said. “We want to support organizations who are doing great work.”

How did CDU come to be one of those causes? HSP has been involved with CDU for about 4 years. Mr. Juzang says he went to Jazz at Drew about 15 years ago, but got involved more recently through his many connections with “friends of CDU,” such as LA County Second District Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and The California Endowment president Dr. Robert K. Ross. There was also another factor: “We’re in healthcare,” he noted, “so we see the lack of diversity in many of our premier healthcare institutions. And specifically, we see that African Americans are underrepresented.” With its mission of eliminating health disparities and bringing more students from communities of color into the health professions, he deemed CDU was a good fit for HSP.

Mr. Juzang was sold on CDU after being led around campus by President and CEO Dr. David M. Carlisle. “It was a heckuva tour,” he admitted. “You see the school’s history, and you hear his commitment and passion for the under-represented communities, it’s amazing. Everyone I’ve met on the leadership team at CDU has the same passion. They’re very impressive, so it’s been easy for us to support the University.”

“Every time I leave there, I feel good. It rejuvenates the spirit,” he says. “It’s been an honor to play a small part in supporting CDU.”



Donald A. Kinsey
Senior Vice President of
California Community
Affairs and Corporate
Communications –
Comerica Bank

Though CDU has been partnering with Comerica Bank since about 2012, Don Kinsey’s familiarity with CDU goes back 49 years. A native of Compton, he experienced the Watts Rebellion in 1965 first-hand and returned to the community after graduating

college in 1969 when glimmers of hope began to appear in the area. “Watts Health Foundation and Martin Luther King Jr./Drew Medical Center were becoming very important community institutions,” he says. “They made an impression on everyone.”

After serving as a commercial lender with several major banks, Kinsey joined Watts Health Foundation in 1979, where he volunteered and worked for two decades, first as Board Treasurer and later as vice president of development and health center administrator. In 1999 he was introduced to Comerica Bank by the Watts Health Foundation to help implement a strategic initiative in South Los Angeles to invest in underserved communities such as Watts and Willowbrook. “The first two organizations I wanted to work with were Watts Health Foundation and CDU,” Mr. Kinsey said, “not only because of their leadership in community health and wellness but also because of the University’s reputation as an academic institution.”

When Dr. Carlisle became President and CEO in 2011, the University enhanced its financial stability and educational accreditation—critical considerations for a bank partnership. “CDU was able to obtain substantial bond financing which institutions based in and serving communities of color aren’t always associated with,” Mr. Kinsey said. “I felt like we had an opportunity to develop a mutually beneficial long-term relationship.”

Even though Comerica Bank has a progressive outlook on community investment, it is a business bank, and as such, Kinsey looks for three primary competencies when considering nonprofit organizations to support. “First, and most important, social competency,” he said. “Which means valuing cultural differences, leadership in the community, and a positive reputation. Second, economic competency. We need stability and a good financial track record. And third, political competency. Does the organization have political champions who can assist it in navigating difficult legislative issues that impact its ability to serve the community?” CDU checked all the boxes as a good relationship and investment opportunity. As a result, the partnership with Comerica Bank continues to grow.

“It’s a core value of Comerica Bank to treat everyone like an asset, not a liability. We believe that we can invest in communities, in institutions that serve under-resourced communities, and that our investment will have a measurable positive impact,” explained Mr. Kinsey.

Alumni



COM Dean Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith talks with Cookie Johnson

Inaugural COM Homecoming Weekend features Cookie Johnson

CDU alumni and faculty enjoyed a variety of activities for Homecoming Reunion Weekend from October 6-7, 2017. On Friday, October 6, Drs. Wilbert Jordan and Nina Harawa hosted an HIV Update for Clinicians at the Renaissance LAX Hotel. Later that evening, alumni enjoyed a reunion banquet and party that was keynoted by Cookie Johnson, wife of legendary basketball player Earvin “Magic” Johnson and author of the memoir *Believing in Magic*, which chronicles her own experiences with HIV/AIDS. Of her visit, Mrs. Johnson said: “I had such a great time sharing more of my testimony [at the banquet]. I hope [attendees] were encouraged to continue the essential work of keeping our communities healthy.” Homecoming weekend activities concluded with alumni enjoying a day of “great music for a greater mission” at Jazz at Drew on Saturday, October 7, 2017.



Adrienne Martinez



Charles Johnson

Alumni Council Elects New Leadership

In March 2018, Adrienne Martinez, MMDSON Entry Level Master’s Program, ’13, and Charles Johnson, COSH Physician Assistant Program, ’88, were elected President and Vice-President, respectively, of the CDU Alumni Council. For more information about the Alumni Council and University events, please contact Ms. Brittney Miller at (323) 357-3681 or visit our website at <http://www.cdrewu.edu/alumni>.

Alumni Profiles



Adrienne Martinez '13, is a graduate of the Mervyn M. Dymally School of Nursing's Entry Level Master's program. She is currently a doctoral candidate at UCLA and serves as a charge registered

nurse at Gateways Hospital and Mental Health Center in northern Los Angeles. Additionally, she is a member of the National Clinician Scholar Program and CDU's Urban Health Institute under the guidance of Dr. Keosha Partlow.

As a Los Angeles native, Martinez saw firsthand how health inequities negatively impacted communities and referenced her own family's lack of access to preventive care and health education as the impetus of her pursuing a career in health. In fact, her past experiences greatly inform the work she conducts as a health professional and researcher today: "My research focuses on the emotional and mental health impact of living with a chronic illness among Latinos and African Americans in Los Angeles," she said. "My clinical work in the community informs my research and is vital to my understanding of the challenges facing Latinos and African Americans as they attempt to access and navigate our current health care system."

Martinez' desire to make a difference led her to CDU, where she knew she would be "going to a school at the forefront of making changes and helping people live longer, healthier lives." However, it was the campus' tight-knit community that cemented her affinity for the University. "I'm grateful for my education and the support I have received from CDU...", she said. "It's one of the reasons I stay involved as an alum; I often tell people about how the education at CDU changed my life and encourage others to check it out."

Her message to current students pursuing careers in the health sciences is one of resiliency. "It's never too late to go back and start - or finish - your education," Martinez urged. "For a lot of us, life gets in the way and our career can get a little derailed, but don't give up."



La'Quana Williams, MPH '12, is a graduate of the College of Science Health. Williams currently serves as Health Equity Manager at Prevention Institute's (PI) Los Angeles office. At PI, she

oversees a number of health equity-related projects by engaging local health departments in violence prevention efforts across Southern California, including the development of Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's proposed Office of Violence Prevention. She is also a lecturer at California State University, Monterey Bay in the Department of Health, Human Services and Public Policy, where she teaches online courses in community health and food policy.

A native of South Los Angeles and a first-generation college student, Williams found it important to return to her community to continue her education following her graduation from San Diego State University in 2008. She ultimately decided to attend CDU, where she found the combination of hands-on training opportunities and the University's vibrant tapestry of shared experiences to be appealing.

She credits her time at CDU for helping her realize her passion for urban public health and deepening her understandings of social determinants of health. "[Being able to understand] the root cause of health inequities from the perspectives of people who understood it academically and on a personal level was very important to me," she said.

Williams encourages current health care students to be proactive, ensuring that they're involved in activities outside of school and that they have encouraging mentors. She has more tailored advice for first-generation students, encouraging them to allow themselves a margin of grace as they approach new frontiers in their lives. "First-generation college students face a lot of pressures to be amazing when they already are," Williams explained. "Having to break down all of those barriers can be exhausting and overwhelming, so allow some grace for yourself and take everything in stride."



Scott Nass, MD '09, is a graduate of the Charles R. Drew/UCLA Medical Education Program. He has served as residency faculty with an emphasis on inpatient medicine for six years, with appointments at the

University of Southern California, Western University of Health Sciences and Loma Linda University. In 2017, Dr. Nass was named as an inaugural Leaders for Health Equity Fellow and Atlantic Fellow for Health Equity by George Washington University, which connects him to a network of health equity champions across the globe.

Dr. Nass' roots in rural Kentucky afforded him natural empathy for communities faced with serious health inequities and social determinants of health. However, he was also intrigued by the unique challenges that plagued urban and seemingly more resource-affluent areas. "[It] makes sense to me that resources can be scarce and take time to travel to [in smaller communities]; but in large, urban areas, people often can't access services that are literally across the street," Dr. Nass explained. "CDU helped me understand many of these barriers and gave me tools to help me start breaking them down."

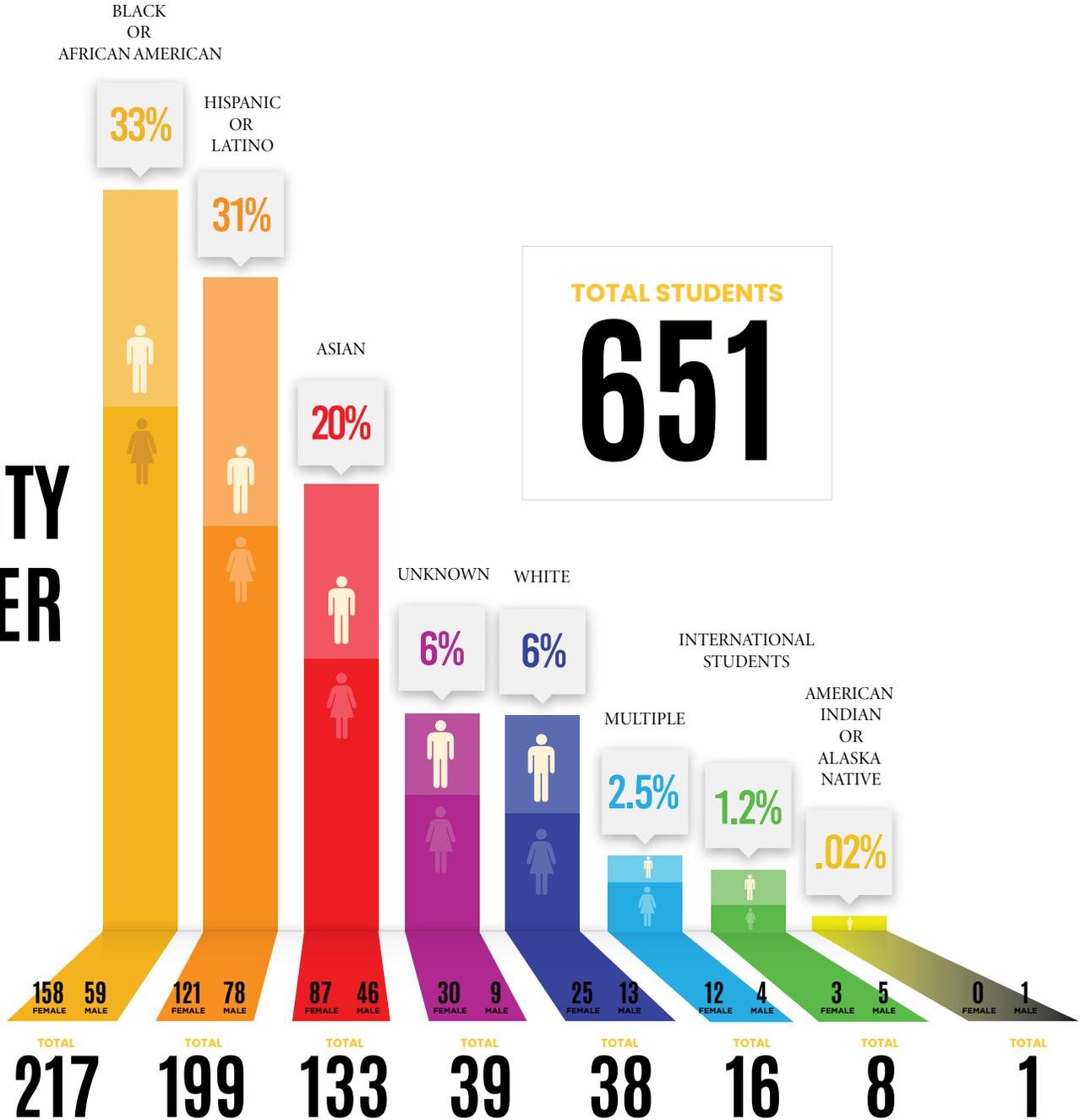
He regularly advocates for the health of his community, in the exam room and beyond. As a fellow of the Academy of Family Physicians, he has learned how to leverage the gravity of his patients' testimonies at the state and national level, where Dr. Nass says "so many factors dictate access to care and other major public health issues."

Dr. Nass recalled his time at CDU with fondness and appreciation for the supportive staff and faculty he encountered, and urged current students not to make the mistake of taking those resources for granted. "Take advantage of the access you have to the amazing teachers, leaders and advocates you have around you; they are there for you," he advised. "Build strong relationships now so you can carry them with you into your careers of making a real difference."

Students

DEMOS AND STATS

RACE, ETHNICITY & GENDER



ENROLLMENT BY COLLEGE

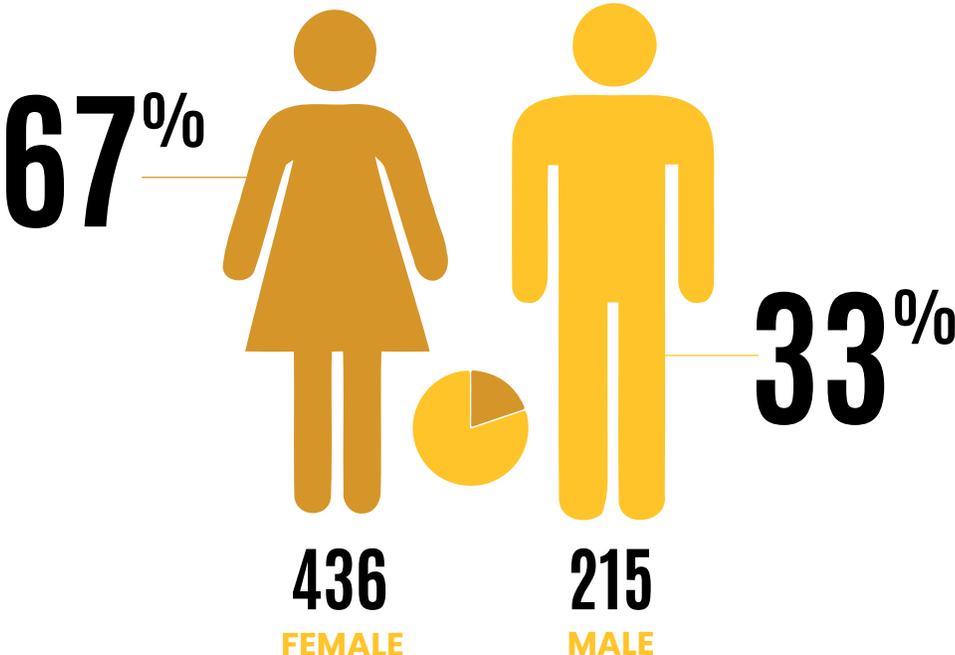
127
222
302

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH

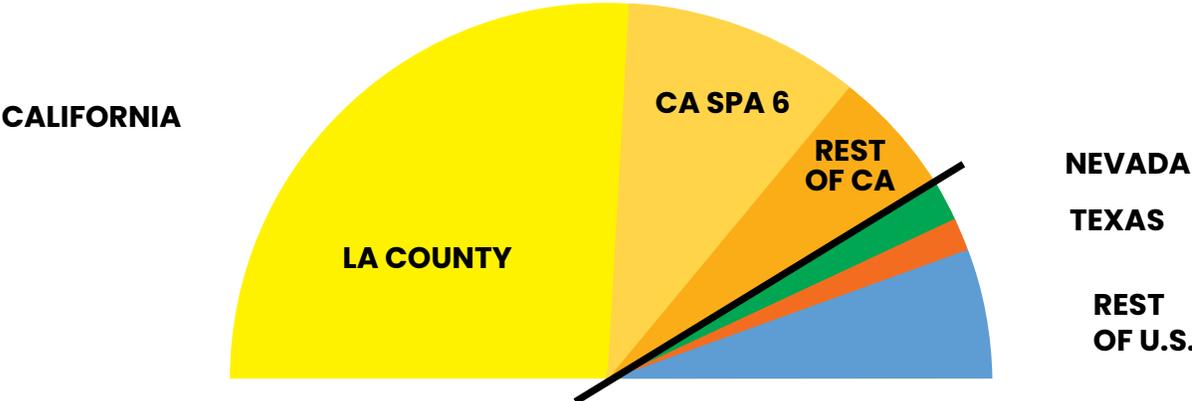
SCHOOL OF NURSING

OVERALL GENDER



WHERE

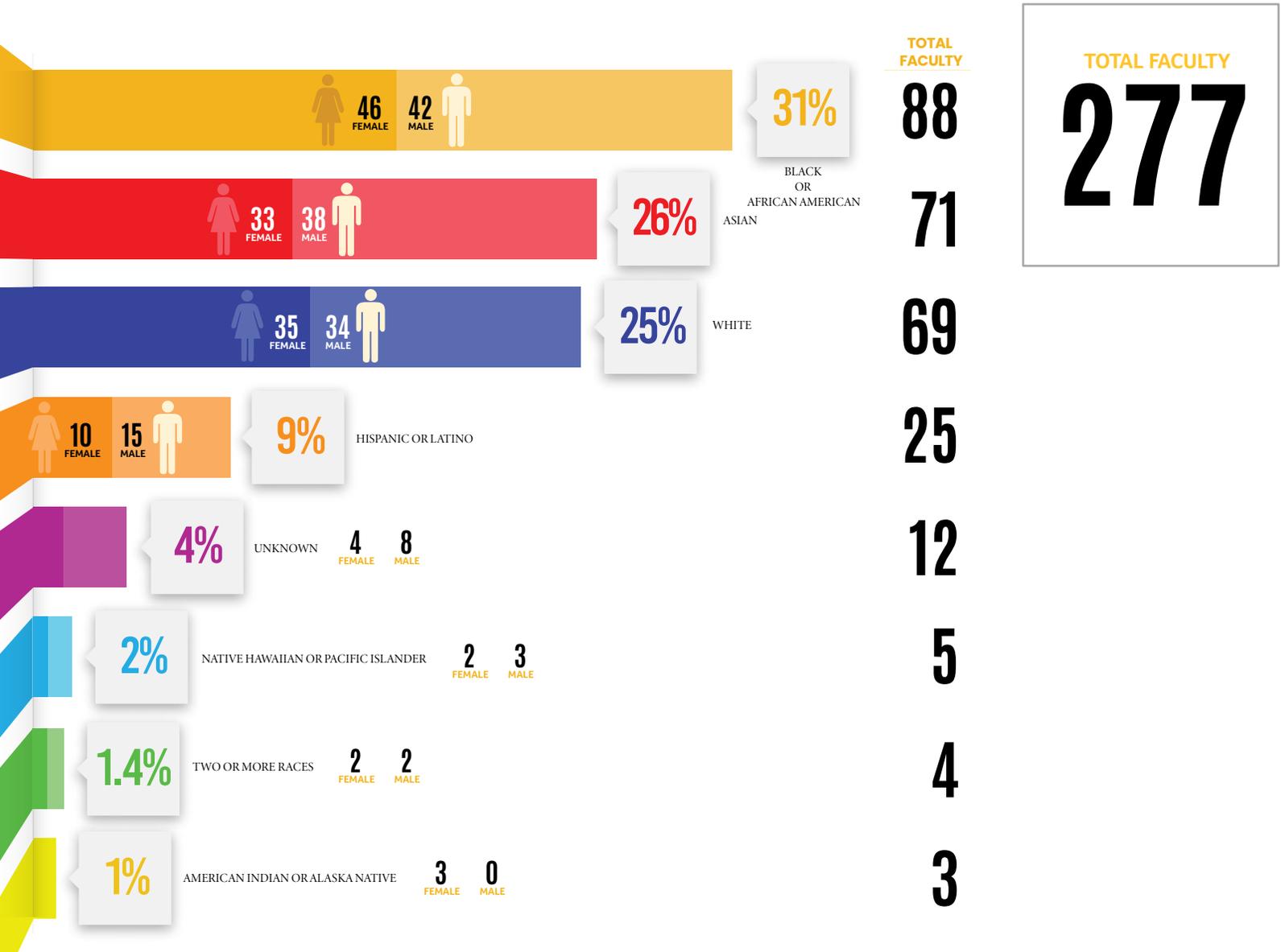
CDU STUDENTS COME FROM



STATE	PERCENTAGE
CALIFORNIA	88%
LOS ANGELES COUNTY	63%
SPA 6	12%
NEVADA	3%
TEXAS	2%
REST OF U.S.	7%

Faculty

DEMOS AND STATS

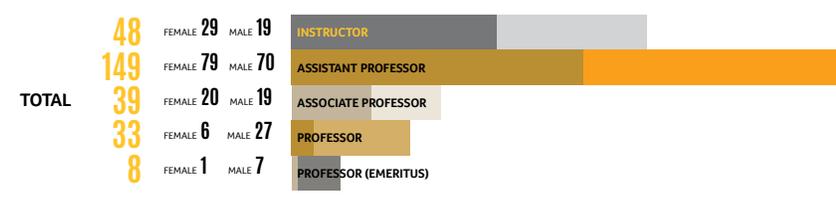


TOTAL FACULTY
277

GENDER



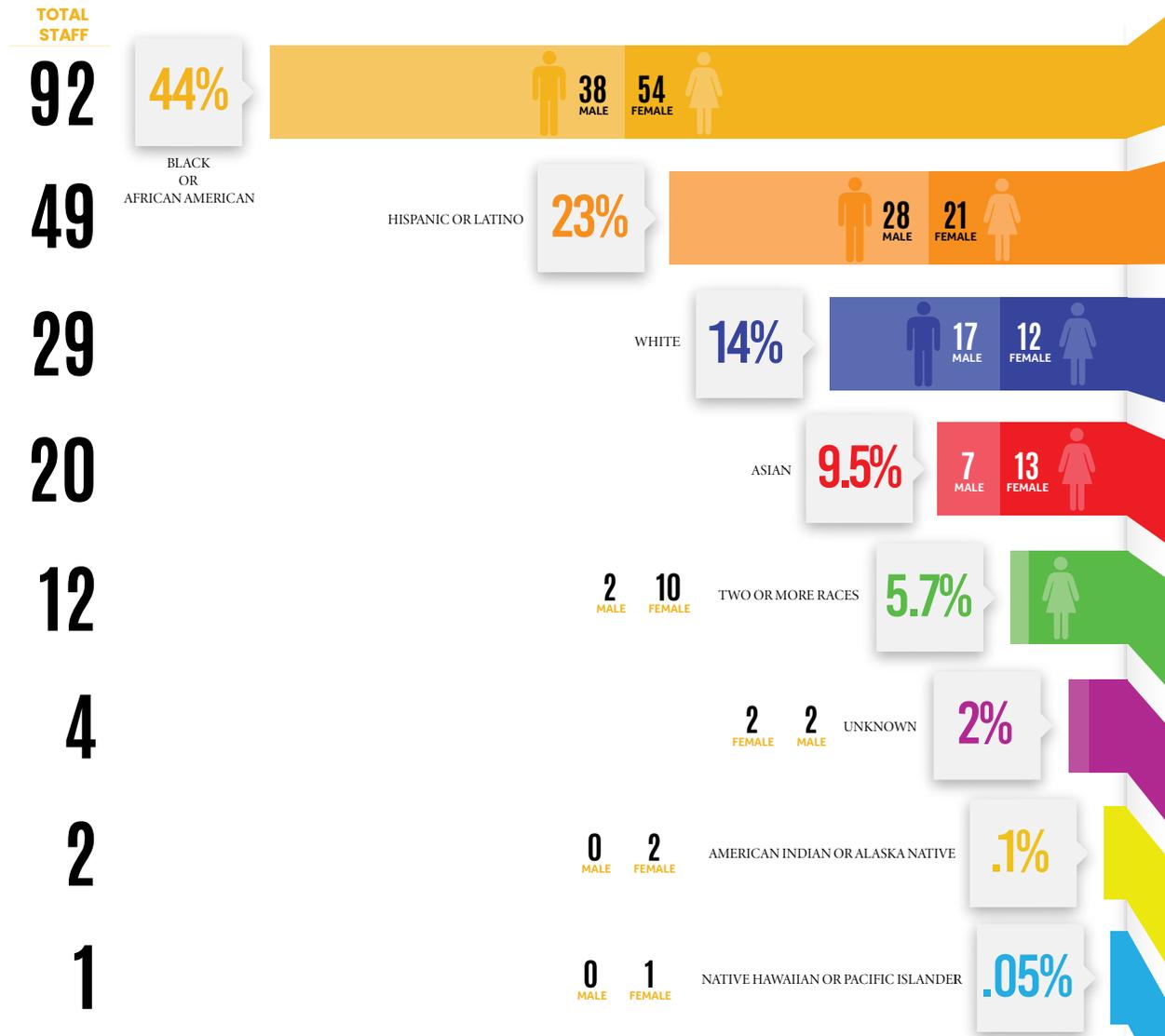
BY RANK AND GENDER



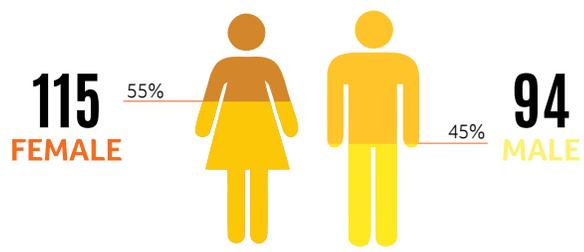
Staff

DEMOS AND STATS

TOTAL STAFF
209



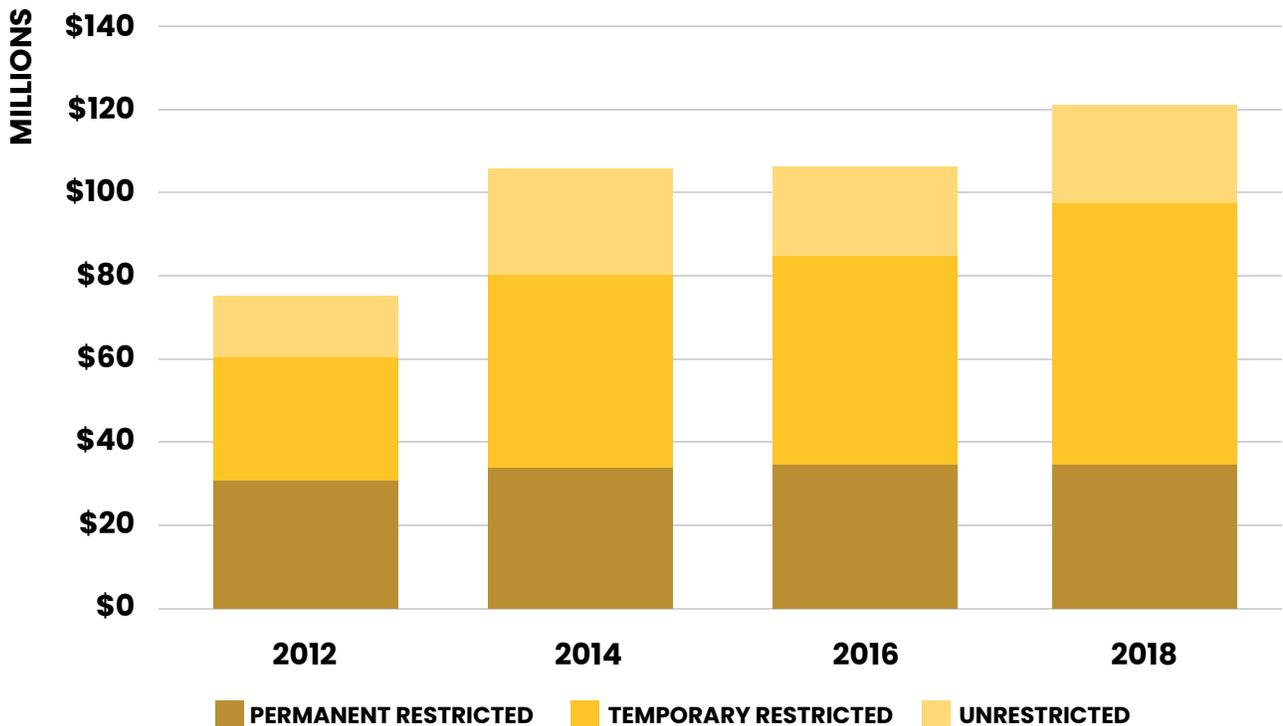
GENDER



Financial

CDU NET ASSETS

Total Net Assets have increased by 61% over the past six years
Temporary Net Assets increased 112% in the past six years, mainly due to NIMHD endowment



The University Total Net Assets have increased from \$75 million in FY2012 to \$121 million in FY2018, or an increase of 61% over 6 years.

FISCAL YEAR 2018

The Net Assets increased in FY2018 primarily due to investment gains on endowments.

TEMPORARY RESTRICTED

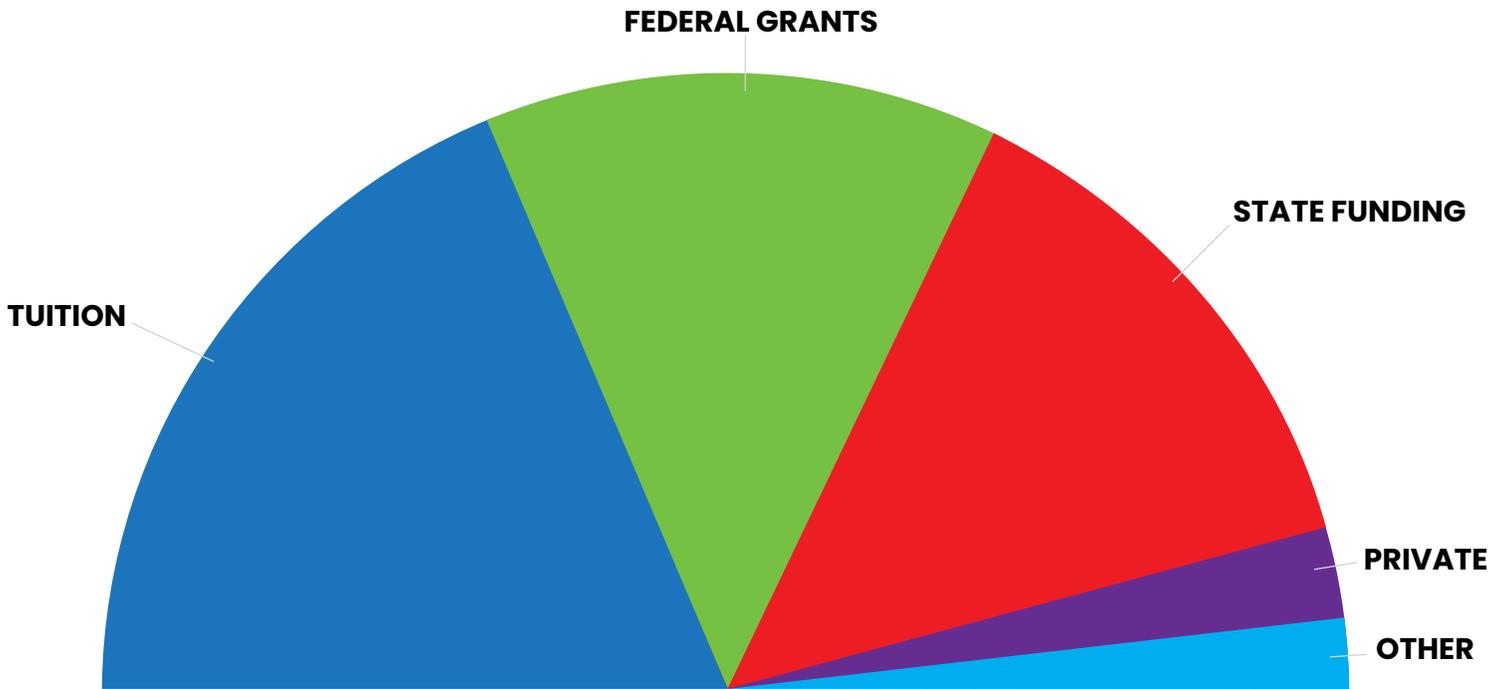
The \$63 million balance is primarily due to a Federal grant from the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) to support research infrastructure.

Results

AS OF JUNE 30, 2018

REVENUE

The University Total Revenue for fiscal year 2018 was \$47 million



REVENUE FY2018 (\$000's)

Tuition	\$17,886	38%
Federal Grants	\$12,744	27%
State Funding	\$12,797	27%
Private	\$2,238	5%
Other	\$1,266	3%
Total Revenue	\$46,931	100%

\$100,000+

Ballmer Group
Dignity Health
Health Net, Inc.
Kaiser Foundation Hospitals
LA Health Foundation
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
The Ahmanson Foundation
The California Wellness Foundation

\$50,000+

ECMC Foundation
McMillan Stewart Foundation
The Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Marvin O'Quinn
UniHealth Foundation
Wells Fargo Foundation

\$25,000+

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
Don Levin Trust
Linda Griego
L.A. Care Health Plan
Pasadena Community Foundation
Torrey Pines Bank/Western Alliance
Public Finance, Inc.

\$5,000+

John Coleman
Dr. Norman C. Cottman
Crane Fund for Widows and Children
Dr. Vidya S. Kaushik
Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital
Dr. Steve O. Michael
Angela L. Minniefield
Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith
Pula Group International
RFP Insurance Agency
Dr. James M. Rosser
Dr. Arthur M. Southam
US Bank
Wells Fargo Bank

\$10,000+

AECOM
AIDS Healthcare Foundation
AltaMed
Dr. David M. Carlisle
Comerica Bank
Dr. Hong T. Mai
Northrop Grumman Foundation
Southern California Edison
The California Endowment

\$1,000+

Reggie Andrews
AOE Consulting
Arthur J. Gallagher & Co
Dr. Margaret Avila
Dr. Mohsen Bazargan
Dr. Curley Bonds
Dr. Diana Bonta
Jackie R. Brown
Dr. Daphne P. Calmes
Charles R. Drew Medical Society
Dr. Ezra C. Davidson, Jr.
Dr. Patrick T. Dowling
Sylvia Drew-Ivie
Dr. Charlene Drew-Jarvis
Easy Choice Health Plan, a Wellcare Company
ECC Insurance Brokers, Inc.
Marie Espinal
First Foundation
John S. Geraghty
Good Samaritan Hospital

Dr. John Griffith
Hazel Haynes
Dr. L. J. Haywood
Healthcare Staffing Professionals, Inc.
Dr. Milnes R. Henson
Monica Holt
Dr. Cornelius L. Hopper
Samantha Jones
Maxie Juzang
Dr. Genevieve Kufuor
Jennifer Loveall
Mark Loveall
Anna A. Lucas Wright
Dr. Janiene D. Luke
Mattison L. Haywood "LovelsKey" Foundation
Carl McLaney
B. K. Mead
Paula Mejia
John Merryman
Dr. Melissa Moseberry

Elias Munoz
Dr. Scott E. Nass
John W. Patton Jr.
Patricia F. Pellegrini
Bebe D. Price
Avis Ridley-Thomas
Dr. Monica Rivera
Stand Up To Cancer
Stith Hope Fund
Harvey J. Strode
Dr. Robert E. Tranquada
Dr. Jaydutt Vadgama
Dawn Vincent
Watts Healthcare Corporation
Weingart Foundation
Geraldine D. Westbrooks
Dr. Harding Young
Your Cause-Good Done Great Division

10r HONOR ROLL

\$500+

Emmanuel Anyakpor
Bishop Charles E. Blake
Candace Bond McKeever
Karen Carr
Tammy V. Carter
Kim Dang
Dr. Ronald A. Edelstein
Clara A. Embree
Forgiving for Living Inc.
Dr. Henry W. Foster
Dr. Barbara Gales
Crystal Haling
Dr. Jimmy Hara

Carmen Ibarra
Maria Recanita Jhocson
Perrilla Johnson-Woodard
Howard A. Kahn
Bryan Lam
Paul Markovich
Marsh & McLennan Companies
Martin & Martin, LLP
Dr. Eva McGhee
Angie Millan
Darlene Parker-Kelly
Roy Pitkin
R-T Specialty, LLC

Dr. Edward W. Savage, Jr.
Dr. Clarence L. Shields
Dr. Shenee R. Slade
Special Needs Network, Inc.
Dr. Jeanne J. Taylor
Dr. Kevin Tee Hee
Paul Umbach
Dr. Ebere Ume
Dr. Madeleine Valencerina
Dr. David Werdegar
Fred Williams

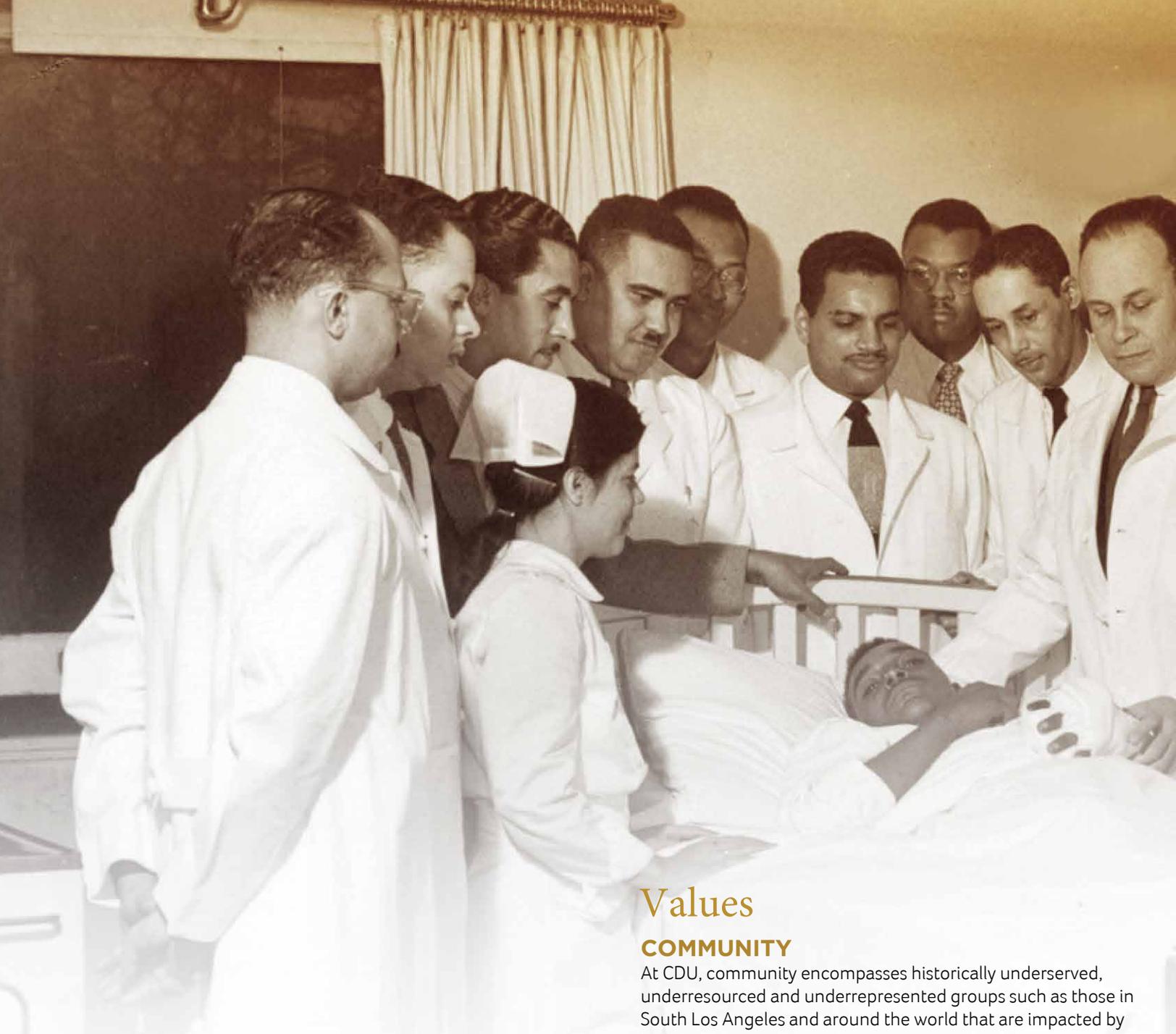
\$100+

America's Best Local Charities
Michael H. Anderson
Anonymous
Dr. Glen A. Aquino
Dr. Hector Balcazar
Dr. Ronald Beavers
Thomas Belin
Barbara A. Bell
Shanika Boyce
California Black Health Network
Chipotle
Dr. Mihai A. Chituc
Jackie Clarke
Ana Cortez
Dr. Mayer B. Davidson
Vernon Davis
Dr. Margie R. Dike
Charlene Dimas-Peinado
Dr. Keith A. Emmons
Armando Estrada
Eric Fein
Dr. Arthur Fleming
Dr. C. V. Freeman
Dr. Peter Gleiberman

Dr. Sandra Gonzalez
Lorraine Grey
Julie Harbour
Elizabeth C. Harris
Philip Hart
Todd A. Hawkins
Jaleesa Hazzard
Dr. Charles L. Herring
Judith Hicksisrael
Jasmine D. Hill
Jerry T. Hodges, C.P.A.
Karen Jackson
Dr. Mike Jackson
Fran Jemmott
Bruce W. Johnson
Charles J. Johnson Jr.
Dr. Harry S. Jonas
Rhonda Jones
Meagan Julian
Keith Kobayashi
Michael Koch
Morton Lebow
David Lee
Dr. Jacqueline T. Lezine-Hanna

Dr. Glenda A. Lindsey
Dr. Lejeune Lockett
Dr. Ashis K. Mandal
William McCuller
Dr. Wendy L. Mednick
Omar Merino
Phil Meyer
Brittney S. Miller
Dr. Hezla Mohamed
Rima Nashashibi
Denise F. Noldon
Mosi Odom
Augustine Odume
Dr. Jinny Oh
Dr. Charles Ojielo
Dionisio Ong
Carol Osborne
Eileen Packer
Dr. Ma Clara M. Padero
Yolanda Parker
Isidra Person-Lynn
Dr. Mary Pittman
Theda Price-Brown
Gabriela Quintinalla

Robbin Randolph
Vanessa Riggins
Bridget Rogala
Mariles Rosario
Alireza Roshanaei
Dr. Katherine Russell
Farnaz Saadat
Robin Schiff
Jack Schlosser
Dr. Steven Schroeder
Dr. William Shay
Shirley Earlise Starke-Wallace
Ambrose Stevens
Jason Taylor
The Community Foundation
Dr. Roberto Vargas III
Dr. Betti Jo Warren Streeter
Dr. Eleby R. Washington, III
Emily C. Williams
Sydney Williams
Andwele Worrell
Patricia S. Yoder-Wise
Dr. Thomas T. Yoshikawa



Vision Statement

Excellent health and wellness for all in a world without health disparities.

Mission Statement

Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science is a private, non-profit, student-centered University that is committed to cultivating diverse health professional leaders who are dedicated to social justice and health equity for underserved populations through outstanding education, research, clinical service and community engagement.

Values

COMMUNITY

At CDU, community encompasses historically underserved, underresourced and underrepresented groups such as those in South Los Angeles and around the world that are impacted by health disparities. As a value, “community” is the binding spirit that inspires and drives our unique approach in preparing health professionals dedicated to social justice and health equity.

LEADERSHIP

At CDU, we hold ourselves accountable and define our collective and individual responsibility as a catalyst for change necessary to reduce and eliminate health disparities. As a value, “leadership” means we embrace our role as a pioneer in health education and research.

EXCELLENCE

At CDU, excellence is the highest quality performance in our operations, interactions, activities and service to our community. Excellence invokes the desire to challenge and transcend the status quo. As a value, “excellence” represents the transformation we seek in ourselves and in our students, faculty and staff.



EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM

DAVID M. CARLISLE, MD, PhD
President and Chief Executive Officer

STEVE O. MICHAEL, PhD
Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost

CARL A. MCLANEY, MPA
Vice President for Finance and Chief Business Officer

ANGELA L. MINNIEFIELD, MPA
Vice President of Advancement, Strategic Development and External Affairs

JAY VADGAMA, PhD
Vice President For Research and Health Affairs

JOHN W. PATTON, JR., Esq.
General Counsel

SYLVIA DREW IVIE, JD
Special Assistant to the President for Community Relations

LOLA OGUNYEMI, PhD
President, Academic Senate

KAREN CARR, JD
Compliance and Diversity Officer, Title IX Coordinator

SONJA HOWE
Chief Internal Auditor

JERRY WEISSMAN
Executive Service Corp Consultant

DIVERSITY

At CDU, diversity is defined by the multiple perspectives and ideas, plurality of cultures, variety of ethnicities and differences in individuals within our communities. As a value, “diversity” represents a quintessential element of humanity and social justice for all.

INTEGRITY

At CDU, integrity is the strength of character necessary to remain true to our values even in the face of adversity. As a value, “integrity” is conducting trustworthy, ethical and respectful education, research, clinical and other services in our committed engagement with underserved communities.

COMPASSION

At CDU, compassion is empathy for the plights and predicaments of disadvantaged populations. As a value, “compassion” propels us to hear the voiceless, compels us to advocate for the oppressed and obliges us to seek relief for the deprived.

“A unique role to play...”



Charles R. Drew University
of Medicine and Science
A Private University with a Public Mission



www.cdrewu.edu

1731 East 120th Street | Los Angeles, CA 90059

(323) 357-3669 | (323) 568-3339 Fax