Essence Magazine Interviews Dr. Angelou

No matter that she’s in her early 80s and has pretty much done it all, she’s still out there lending her name and her almighty words to the causes she passionately believes in the most. The latest on her list include a fundraising appearance earlier this week for the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity based in North Carolina at Wake Forest University School of Medicine in North Carolina. Click [here](#) to read entire interview.

Dr. Thomas D. Dubose, Jr. Elected to Board of National Physicians Organization

Dr. Thomas D. Dubose, Jr., Professor and Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine and a Maya Angelou Center of Health Equity affiliate, has been elected to the Board of Regents of the American College of Physicians (ACP). ([more](#))

Dr. David L. Mount, Assistant Professor in General Internal Medicine and Director of Community Outreach, Recognized

Philanthropy is making our vision reality by connecting people to their passion. A great example of this is through the leadership of Dr. David D. Mount, who recently received recognition and award from Dr. Maya Angelou, and the National Advisory Executive Co-Chairs, Robert J. Brown, and Eldridge Hanes for personally creating a community service oriented mentoring research lab program for students at the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity. ([more](#))

Community Impact Champion

"If three is the charm," then things should go well for Cheryl Harry. Cheryl has successfully managed to combine her three loves Christ, community and culture. Working full time at the mega church, Union Baptist, as the program director, she is responsible for special program planning and execution (i.e., conferences, revivals, galas, forums, concerts, etc.), internal [Student National Medical Association (SNMA) Holds Conference](#)

The SNMA held its National Leadership Institute and Pre-Medical Conference on January 23rd at Hawthorne Inn co-sponsored by the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity, Northwest AHEC and the Office of Diversity & Development Initiatives. Dr. Jorge Calles was the distinguished speaker for the closing banquet.

[Facing HIV: Portraits of Heartache, Healing and Hope](#)

Meet photographer Jay Sinclair and members of the AIDS Care Service (ACS) staff and Board of Trustees at the Delta Arts Center. Feb 10th ([more](#))

[Share the Health Fair Held January 9th](#)

The purpose of this health fair is to make basic health screenings, education and preventive health materials available to those who may not otherwise receive them. With over 600 people in attendance the fair was a huge success! ([more](#))

[31st Annual Health Disparities Conference](#)

Minority Student Caucus,
Excess Protein in Urine is Indicator of Heart Disease risk in Whites, But Not Blacks

The cardiovascular risk that is associated with proteinuria, or high levels of protein in the urine, a common test used by doctors as an indicator of increased risk for progressive kidney disease, heart attack and stroke, has race-dependent effects, according to a new study by researchers at Wake Forest University School of Medicine. Dr. Barry Freedman, M.D. (a Center affiliate) was the lead researcher in the study. (more)

AHRQ Activities Using Community-Based Participatory Research to Address Health Care Disparities

Community-based participatory research (CBPR) is an approach to health and environmental research meant to increase the value of studies for both researchers and the communities participating in a study. (more)

The County Health Rankins: Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH)

In February 2010, the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute will release The County Health Rankings--Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH), which is an initiative to rank the health of all counties within every state based on an index of health outcomes and a related index of health determinants. This project was initiated to increase awareness of the multiple determinants of health including socioeconomic factors, the physical environment, clinical care access and quality, and health promoting behaviors, and to foster engagement at the community level to address public health issues. Click here to see County Health Rankings.

Hope you enjoy this month's Health Equity Update. Please email with any comments or suggestions.

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