

# Minority House Staff Organization Newsletter

## Welcome message

Happy Holidays to all of our MHO family! As the calendar year comes to a close, we join everyone in reflecting over the happenings of 2021.

While this year has certainly brought its share of loss and mental/emotional/physical fatigue, we are grateful for the ability to continue building community with all of you and share in our collective joys and successes.

As we head into this new year, please remember that you are never alone. We are always here to cheer you forward and maintain a safe space whenever needed. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you'd like to connect!

Happy Holidays and cheers to a new year!

Abrazos,

Your Community & Professional Development Committee

Jennifer Bailey, Precious Fortes, Manal Khan and Erica Manriquez



Our excellent pediatrics team enjoying dinner at Fia in Santa Monica.

## *Flavors of the week*

### Paratta

This is a colony kitchen/food truck-style eatery. They make amazing paratta rolls, which are considered Indian/Pakistani street food (meat/tofu marinated in spices, herbs, and yogurt, cooked, and wrapped in a paratta - different from naan bread). They also have amazing fritters (potato, onion and aubergine). My favorites at this place are the mastani roll, aloo (potato) fritters, cheesy jalapeno chicken tikka samosa and lassi.

@helloparatta

(Manal Khan)



### Alta

Situated in the West Adams neighborhood, this lively spot blends traditional West African food and California cuisine. Try the oxtail and grits or chicken and waffles and wash it all down with a creative cocktail. Open for delivery if you're post-call and just need some soul food for the couch!

@altarestaurant

(Brittney Tarrant)



# In the news

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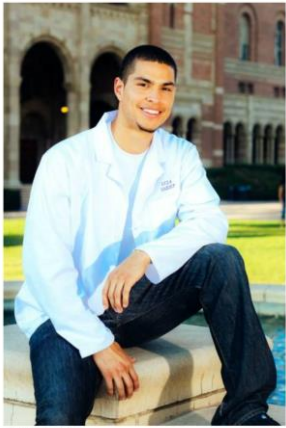
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## Where to reach underrepresented students for health care professions? In community colleges

By Jocelyn Apodaca Schlossberg • December 21, 2021



Dr. Christopher Soriano

**Dr. Chris Soriano** (Internal Medicine PGY1) talks about the role of mentorship and outreach in his path to medicine.

<https://connect.uclahealth.org/2021/12/21/where-to-reach-under-represented-students-for-health-care-professions-in-community-colleges/>

## ¡FELICIDADES!

**Dr. Maria Garcia Jimenez** (Heme Onc Fellow PGY6) recently received the 2-year BMSF/NMF DCTCDP - Diversity in Clinical Trials Career Development Program award aimed at physicians who want to increase diversity in clinical trials research and become investigators focused on community engagement and health equity. She plans to conduct a project incorporating culturally and linguistically appropriate educational material, as well as navigator support, around a phase II cervical dysplasia trial.

**Dr. Manal Khan** (Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellow PGY6) was recently awarded the APSaA fellowship and Laughlin Fellowship.

**Dr. Efe Chantal Ghanney Simons** (Urology PGY5) is the recipient of the Society of Women in Urology's 2021 Outstanding Resident Award.

**Dr. Lovelee Brown** (Internal Medicine Clinical Instructor and MHO co-founder and faculty mentor) recently tied the knot!

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## Improving diversity in the field of urology

December 8, 2021

Janelle Hart



In a recent interview, recipient of the Society of Women in Urology's 2021 Outstanding Resident Award, Efe Chantal Ghanney Simons, MD, discusses the improvements that are needed for women in urology

**Dr. Efe Chantal Ghanney Simons** (Urology PGY5) discusses the journey to choosing her specialty and the future of women, diversity and health equity in urology.

<https://www.urologytimes.com/view/improving-diversity-in-the-field-of-urology>

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## Dr. Alejandra Casillas recognized as 'emerging leader' by the National Academy of Medicine

Enrique Rivero | September 14, 2021



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**Dr. Alejandra Casillas** (Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine), whose health services research focuses on care access and quality of life for minority and limited English-speaking populations, is recognized by the National Academy of Medicine.





# EDI Innovation Grant Winners

**Dr. Brittany Burton**

*Digital Divide: Disparities in Patient Perception of a Preoperative Telemedicine Bariatric Surgery Program*

**Drs. Daniel Gonzalez, Kevin Truong and Daniel Stokes**

*Improving Care for Patients on Medi-Cal at the UCLA Santa Clarita Clinic: A Step Towards Expanding Access and Improving Quality within UCLA Primary Care for Medi-Cal Patients*

**Drs. Nikko Gonzales, Maria Garcia Jimenez and Mary Obasi**

*Assessing perceptions and understanding of colon cancer screening among racial and ethnic minorities experiencing housing insecurity in Los Angeles County*

**Dr. Khalda Ibrahim**

*Leveraging Informatics Tools to Ensure High-Quality Transfusion Support for Patients with Sickle Cell Disease*

**Dr. Laura Santoso**

*Targeting Air Pollution Health Disparities in Obstructive Lung Disease with Human-Centered Design*



**Drs. Nikko Gonzales, Maria Garcia Jimenez and Mary Obasi**

# MHO Travel Grant Winners

**Drs. Preston Igwe, Varina Clark and Angellica Gordon (SNMA)**

**Drs. Lydi Martinez, Hugo Torres and Christian Hernandez (LMSA)**



## Mentorship Corner and other opportunities

CHEC (Cancer Health Equity Collaborative)

The Cancer Health Equity Collaborative is a new initiative at UCLA centered around promoting health equity across the cancer care continuum, fostering multidisciplinary collaborations in oncology research, and increasing diversity in the oncology healthcare workforce. It was formed by trainees and is open to medical students, residents, fellows, and attendings interested in, or already doing work in, cancer health disparities. The mission of this group is: 1) to create a community that facilitates research collaborations, engagement with local organizations in LA county, and networking; 2) to promote cancer health disparities work at UCLA and increase awareness of the importance of this work across the health care system and medical school; and 3) to develop pipeline strategies to increase diversity in the oncology healthcare workforce. If you are interested in joining us and being part of this new endeavor please contact: [domedi@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:domedi@mednet.ucla.edu) to be directed to the organization's founding members.

Be a mentor, support our medical students and their work!

LMSA @lmsa.uclacdu

SNMA @snma\_ucladrew



Bonus: check out Dr. Kemi Doll's podcast "Your Unapologetic Career"! Designed for women of color pursuing academic careers but with pearls of wisdom we ALL need in our life.  
<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/your-unapologetic-career-podcast/id1565219435>

### Professional societies

NMA @nationalmedassn  
<https://www.nmanet.org/>

NHMA @nhmamd  
 @nhma\_cor  
<https://www.nhmamd.org/>

AAIP @aaipdocs  
<https://www.aaip.org/>

Society of Black Academic Surgeons @societyofbas  
<https://www.sbas.net/>

Latino Surgical Society @latinosurgery  
<https://www.latinosurgicalsociety.org/>



Looking sharp! Erin Collier (Dermatology PGY-1) and Angellica Gordon (Nuclear Medicine PGY-2) get out of scrubs and out to a fun night in LA.

MHO housestaff mingle with faculty and staff at this academic year's welcome reception





**Celebrating the holiday season together at the inaugural MHO Holiday Gala.**

**Thank you to photographer Joshua Sudock! ([www.joshuasudock.com](http://www.joshuasudock.com))**



## Hot off the press

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