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Congratulations to Mount Sinai 2022 Administrative Fellowship Graduates!

Happy Thursday, Mount Sinai Community,

Today, we are introducing four recent graduates of the Mount Sinai Administrative Fellowship Program. This two-year initiative offers an innovative development opportunity uniquely designed for individuals from underrepresented groups who have also recently received a master’s degree.

The program offers an intensive, accelerated managerial learning experience with the goal of developing a clear talent pipeline into Health System leadership roles. Administrative fellows are mentored by senior hospital and corporate leaders and consistently immersed in departmental rotations, projects, and experiential learning opportunities, ensuring that they are equipped with the skills necessary to advance and progress into senior-level administrative roles at Mount Sinai.

Oladapo “Dapo” Durojaiye, MS/HSA, MPH – Mr. Durojaiye will serve as the new Associate Director of Administration at Mount Sinai West. During his fellowship, he co-directed the COVID-19 Vaccine POD project and oversaw COVID-19 state and federal compliance for visitors to Mount Sinai hospitals.

Precious Nwajei, MPH – Ms. Nwajei was recently promoted to Senior Administrative Manager at Mount Sinai Downtown. During the final year of her fellowship, she served as Interim Practice Manager for the Samuel Friedman Health Center for the Performing Arts and delivered operational and administrative support for a bustling multispecialty practice.
Hazel Rogers, MPH – Ms. Rogers is the new Assistant Director of Patient Experience and Cultural Transformation at Mount Sinai Morningside. During her fellowship, Ms. Rogers pioneered the Health System’s first Workforce Cultural Transformation Program while also implementing new information technology tools to manage COVID-19 health care protocols and daily operations for Morningside’s COVID-19 Vaccine POD.

Francisca Ruth, MHA – Ms. Ruth has assumed the role of Senior Manager, Ambulatory Care Operations at The Mount Sinai Hospital. This newest position comes after she spent the two-year fellowship providing key support for a diverse range of Health System offices and departments from Ambulatory Care to the Office of the Chief Medical Officer to Mount Sinai Queens Administration.

Since its inception in 2015, the Administrative Fellowship Program has accepted 26 fellows into the program with five more joining in July. We wish our four talented 2022 graduates the best as they transition into their well-deserved new roles—and we look forward to hearing about what the incoming cohort of fellows accomplishes!

To learn more about the Administrative Fellowship Program, contact Shana Dacon-Pereira, MPH, MBA, Senior Director, Office for Diversity and Inclusion, at shana.dacon@mountsinai.org.

We welcome you to join us at an upcoming event celebrating Juneteenth. Until next Thursday.

All the best,

Angela and Shawn
Celebration of Juneteenth—Visit information tables throughout the Health System on Monday, June 13, to learn about Juneteenth, which recognizes the day in 1865 when enslaved Black Americans in Galveston, Texas, found out that they had been officially freed two years earlier by the Emancipation Proclamation.

- Corporate Services Center, Fourth Floor Dining Area, noon-2 pm
- Mount Sinai Beth Israel, Linsky Lobby, 10 am-noon
- Mount Sinai Brooklyn, Cafeteria Lobby, 1-2 pm
- Mount Sinai Hospital/Heart, Guggenheim Pavilion Lobby, 11:30 am-2 pm
- Mount Sinai Morningside, Hospital Lobby, 11 am-2 pm
- Mount Sinai Queens, Café Lobby, noon-1 pm
- Mount Sinai West, Cafeteria Lobby, 11 am-3 pm
- Mount Sinai South Nassau, Hospital Atrium, noon-2 pm

This link (Registration Link: https://bit.ly/Celebrating_Juneteenth) includes registration details for all of our upcoming Juneteenth events. Hope to see you there.

- **Reflections of Healing and Hope**—Join us on Tuesday, June 14, at 1 pm as we reflect on recent racial and ethnic tragedies and share stories and experiences of strength and resilience as we approach Juneteenth.

- **Juneteenth Jeopardy**—Watch BLACC ERG teams from Mount Sinai Morningside, Mount Sinai Queens, and Mount Sinai West compete in a Jeopardy game on Wednesday, June 15, at noon! Come cheer on your colleagues and maybe learn something new.

- **A Conversation with Black Leaders**—Learn more about several of our Black Health System leaders as they share critical moments that impacted their careers on Thursday, June 16, at noon.

- **Juneteenth Poetry Open Mic Night**—Recite your own poems or recite one or two from a favorite Black poet during Open Mic night on Thursday, June 16, at 5:30 pm. Words and knowledge are powerful.

- **Juneteenth Dance Performance by the Edge School of the Arts (ESOTA)**—On Friday, June 17, at noon, view a special dance performance in celebration of Juneteenth.