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Knowing Meharry

Born at the end of the Civil War. **Tested** through social change. **Nurtured** through the care of her alumni.

A global academic health sciences center advancing health equity through innovative research, transformative education, exceptional and compassionate health services and policy influencing thought leadership.

Empowering diverse populations to improve the well-being of humankind.



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- **FIVE SCHOOLS OF STUDY:**

- Medicine** (1 of 4 HBCU med schools in the U.S.)
- Dentistry** (27% of Black dentists in U.S. are Meharry grads)
- Graduate Studies** (Leader in Black biomedical U.S. Ph.D.s)
- Applied Computational Sciences** (Focused on biomedical data. Partnerships with multiple communities)
- Global Health** (Meharry's newest school, to begin enrolling students Fall 2024—Multidisciplinary approach to health and economic improvement)

- **FALL 2023 ENROLLMENT:** 1,083

- **APPLICANTS:** More than 12,284

- **BREAKDOWN:** 61% Medicine, 21% Dentistry, 17% Graduate Studies, 1% Computational Sciences





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- **DEGREES OFFERED:**

M.D.

D.D.S./Ph.D.

MSDS

M.D./Ph.D.

Ph.D.

MSBDS

M.D./MPH

MPH

MPAS

D.D.S.

MHS

Certificates in Health Policy and Public Health

- **ROBUST RESEARCH** focused on health disparities
- **SECURED MORE THAN \$316.3 million in research funding** in the last five years from the NIH, other federal agencies and other sponsors



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Numbers to consider:

- **96.7% Match Rate** for 2023 School of Medicine grads
- **42.8% matched into primary care fields.** Other specialties included ophthalmology, orthopedic surgery, psychiatry and neurosurgery.
- **Residencies included** Duke, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Mayo Clinic, Vanderbilt, Yale and others.
- **Nearly 8,000 medical & dental alumni** practice in the U.S.
- **83% of those** serve in underserved communities



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Numbers to consider:

- **684 procedures for 305 patients** were performed for **free** at Meharry School of Dentistry's Oral Health Day one Saturday in February 2023.
- **Once annual Oral Health Day** is now a twice-yearly event drawing patients from miles around.
- **During the COVID-19 pandemic**, the School of Dentistry with its strong community health mission, took point in running testing and vaccination facilities for Metro Nashville, treating more than 400,000.



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Who we are:

- **We are approaching 150 years** of training primarily Black physicians, dentists and researchers in the healing arts—in what we call health *caring*.
- **Meharrians** have affected and saved countless lives.
- **We are a United Methodist Church related institution** and take our motto seriously:

Worship of God through service to mankind.

Department of Community Engagement

The Department of Community Engagement curates events to provide M.O.R.E. – Mentoring Opportunities Resources Exposure – to the students of the Nashville community and beyond.

- G.O.A.L.S. with Ascension Foundation
- Career speaker series with local schools
- Annual Black Male STEAM Summit
- Annual Black Girls in STEAM Summit
- Meharry Medical College Campus visits and tours
- Blueprint Virtual Speaker Series
- Power Youth Internship Program with the Nashville Mayor's Office

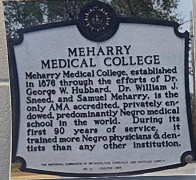
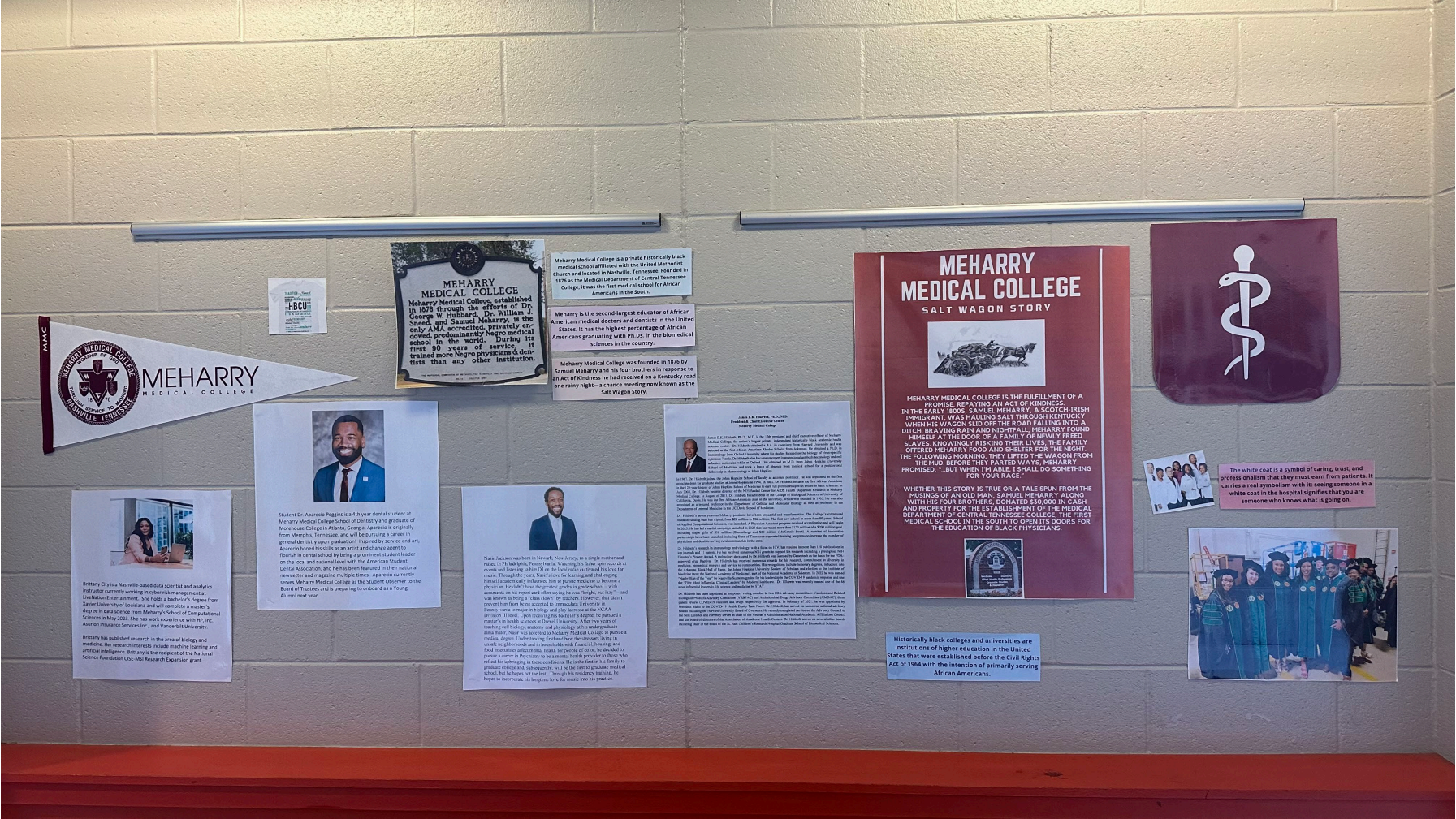
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Career speaker series with local schools



Meharry Medical College is a private historically black medical school affiliated with the United Methodist Church and located in Nashville, Tennessee. Founded in 1875 as the Medical Department of Central Tennessee College, it was the first medical school for African Americans in the South.

Meharry is the second-largest educator of African American medical doctors and dentists in the United States. It has the highest percentage of African Americans graduating with Ph.D.s in the biomedical sciences in the country.

Meharry Medical College was founded in 1875 by Samuel Meharry and his four brothers in response to an Act of Kindness he had received on a Kentucky road one rainy night—a chance meeting now known as the Salt Wagon Story.

MEHARRY MEDICAL COLLEGE

SALT WAGON STORY

MEHARRY MEDICAL COLLEGE IS THE FULFILLMENT OF A PROMISE: REPAYING AN ACT OF KINDNESS. IN THE EARLY 1800s, SAMUEL MEHARRY, A SCOTCH-IRISH IMMIGRANT, WAS TRAILING SALT THROUGH KENTUCKY WHEN HIS WAGON SLID OFF THE ROAD FALLING INTO A DITCH. BRAVING RAIN AND NIGHTFALL, MEHARRY FOUND HIMSELF AT THE DOOR OF A FAMILY OF NEWLY FREED SLAVES, KNOWINGLY RISKING THEIR LIVES, THE FAMILY OFFERED MEHARRY FOOD AND SHELTER FOR THE NIGHT. THE FOLLOWING MORNING, THEY LIFTED THE WAGON FROM THE MUD. BEFORE THEY PARTED WAYS, MEHARRY PROMISED, "... BUT WHEN I AM ABLE, I SHALL DO SOMETHING FOR YOUR RACE."

WHETHER THIS STORY IS TRUE OR A TALE SPUN FROM THE MUSINGS OF AN OLD MAN, SAMUEL MEHARRY ALONG WITH HIS FOUR BROTHERS, DONATED \$30,000 IN CASH AND PROPERTY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL TENNESSEE COLLEGE, THE FIRST MEDICAL SCHOOL IN THE SOUTH TO OPEN ITS DOORS FOR THE EDUCATION OF BLACK PHYSICIANS.



The white coat is a symbol of caring, trust, and professionalism that they must earn from patients. It carries a real symbolism with it: seeing someone in a white coat in the hospital signifies that you are someone who knows what is going on.

Brittany City is a Nashville-based data scientist and analytics instructor currently working in cyber risk management at Lockheed Martin. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Kean University of Louisiana and will complete a master's degree in data science from Meharry's School of Computational Sciences in May 2023. She has work experience with HP, Inc., Amazon Insurance Services, Inc., and Vanderbilt University.

Brittany has published research in the areas of biology and medicine. Her research interests include machine learning and artificial intelligence. Brittany is the recipient of the National Science Foundation CAREER MS Research Expansion grant.

Student Dr. Ayesha Pegaris is a 4th year dental student at Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry and graduate of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia. Ayesha is originally from Memphis, Tennessee, and will be pursuing a career in general dentistry upon graduation. Inspired by service and art, Ayesha hopes to work as an artist and change agent to flourish in dental school by being a prominent student leader on the local and national level with the American Student Dental Association, and he has been featured in their national newsletter and magazine multiple times. Ayesha currently serves Meharry Medical College as the Student Observer to the Board of Trustees and is preparing to be elected as a Young Alumni next year.

Near Nakachi was born in Norwalk, New Jersey, as a single mother and raised in a Third grade, through high school, in the Bronx. Her mother was a nurse and working in her field on the local and national level for her career. Through his years, Near loved for working and challenging himself academically. Influenced by his father, he decided to become a physician. He also loved the process of taking a project from concept to its final product often saying he was "right, but not right" and was known as being a "class clown" in school. (Favorite: Bill Clinton) He spent his years being inspired to contribute. (Favorite: Bill Clinton) From his years in college and his journey as the ALCA President to his current position as the Student Observer to the Board of Trustees at Meharry. After two years of the rigors of medical residency and the challenges of a demanding internship, Near was accepted to Meharry Medical College to pursue a medical degree. Contributing back to his community, Near is active in local and national organizations and is involved in the local and national medical community. He is currently a resident in the field of internal medicine at a hospital in the Bronx. He is currently a resident in the field of internal medicine at a hospital in the Bronx. He is currently a resident in the field of internal medicine at a hospital in the Bronx.

James E. Henson, Ph.D., M.D. President of Meharry Medical College

Dr. Henson joined the Meharry Medical College as its 11th president in 2019. He was previously the president and CEO of the National Black Leadership Initiative Institute (NBLII) at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is also a past president of the National Black Leadership Initiative Institute (NBLII) at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is also a past president of the National Black Leadership Initiative Institute (NBLII) at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is also a past president of the National Black Leadership Initiative Institute (NBLII) at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Historically black colleges and universities are institutions of higher education in the United States that were established before the Civil Rights Act of 1964 with the intention of primarily serving African Americans.



Career speaker series with local schools

Commit to Student Success with AVID

Career Speaker Series

Inspiring Ideas

The Creswell AVID Speaker Series supports giving students access to professionals in order to inspire ideas and innovative thinkers for college and career readiness.

Donovan Gilmore
February 2

Mr. Gilmore was born in Greensboro, North Carolina, and began his career as a 6'7 Harlem Globetrotter. Here in Nashville, he is a first-year dental student at Meharry Medical College. His mission is to advocate for diversity and inclusivity in healthcare and to ensure that EVERYONE has access to high-quality oral health care services. He aims to pave the way for future generations by overcoming obstacles with resiliency and persistence.

AVID



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Annual Black Male STEAM Summit



Annual Black Girls in STEAM Summit



Meharry Medical College Campus visits



Blueprint Virtual Speaker Series

THE BLUEPRINT Speaker Series

Erika King, DDS

Dr. Erika King is a fourth generation Meharrion and currently practicing pediatric dentistry in Sebastian, Florida. She will share her academic and career journey and offer valuable guidance for young people considering a career in dentistry.

A Virtual Event

Saturday, February 24, 2024 | 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. CT

Open to students in high school and undergraduate studies.



Registration is required. Scan the QR code to receive the access link.



A Conversation with Dr. Stephen Williams

An alum of Meharry Medical College, Stephen Williams, Ph.D., is a Medical Genetics Postdoctoral Fellow at Baylor College of Medicine. He will share his career journey and offer valuable guidance for young people considering a career in genetics.

A Virtual Event

Saturday, September 16, 2023 | 10 -11:00 a.m. CT

Open to the public



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Power Youth Internship Program with the Nashville Mayor's Office



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- MLK Joint Day of Service with area Colleges and Universities
- American Heart Association STEM Goes Red
- Annual Women of Color Breakfast

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I'm Every Woman

WOMEN OF COLOR
BREAKFAST AND HEALTH
FAIR

MEHARRY MEDICAL COLLEGE
CAL TURNER FAMILY CENTER
FOR STUDENT EDUCATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024
9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

FREE EVENT



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