

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MINORITY EDUCATORS, INC.**

**NAMME**

**ACCOUNTABILITY FOR IMPACT:  
INCREASING DIVERSITY IN THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS**



**MARCH 27-30 , 2008**

**2008 NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE  
Burkshire Marriot Conference Center Hotel  
Towson, Maryland**

# MAYORS WELCOME



Sheila Dixon  
Mayor 250 City Hall  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

A Message from Mayor Sheila Dixon:

It is an honor to extend greetings and well wishes to the participants at the Annual Spring Meeting of the National Association of Medical Minority Educators (NAMME). On behalf of the citizens of Baltimore, I want to welcome you to our great region.

NAMME understands the difficulty minorities face when confronting health issues. By breaking down barriers to education and health care for underserved communities, you are providing individuals with a chance to become more dynamic members of their communities. As a public servant, I am inspired by your commitment to positive change in communities throughout the world.

During the course of your stay, I hope you have an opportunity to visit Baltimore City and enjoy our cultural, culinary and historic traditions. I encourage you to enjoy the attractions at the Inner Harbor, the history and great dining in Fells Point, and the arts in Mount Vernon — they are just minutes from each other!

Best wishes for an exciting rewarding weekend!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheila Dixon".

Sheila Dixon  
Mayor  
Baltimore City

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Greetings from  
The Regional Director Anika Daniels-Osaze



Dear NAMME Northeast Members and Friends,

On behalf of the Executive Board and the Conference Planning Committee of the Northeast Region of the National Association of Medical Minority Educators, Inc, (NAMME), I would like to welcome you to our 2008 Annual Spring Conference. This year’s conference focuses on “**Accountability for Impact: Increasing Diversity in Health Professions**”

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Accountability must be held on various levels. Health professionals, faculty, students, community organizations, and politicians must be accountable for the quality of care provided, the access to these services, and the diversity amongst its service providers.

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We are witnessing history in the making with one of the most exciting political elections that we have seen in many years. The message is clear...we need change. In order to diversify the health professions, there must be change on a national level. Without diversity in our government, there will be little change in the quality and access of healthcare or in those who provide it.

I would like to thank the board and the planning committee for all of their hard work and sacrifice to make this conference a success. I look forward to seeing you all in Towson, MD.!

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Sincerely,

*Anika Daniels-Osaze*

Anika Daniels-Osaze, M.A.  
NAMME Northeast Regional Director  
2007-2009

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**2007-2008 Officers**

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David L. Taylor, M.Ed.  
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Joan Y. June, M.S. Ed.  
New York Medical College

# **Accountability for Impact: Increasing Diversity in the Health Professions**

## Conference Schedule

### **Thursday, March 27th**

### **Location**

11:00am-1:00pm	Conference Registration	Rodgers Forge Rm 205
1:00pm-3:00pm	NE NAMME Board Meeting	Riderwood Rm 204
3:00pm-5:00pm	Registration	Rodgers Forge Rm 205
6:00pm-7:00pm	New Member Orientation	Riderwood Rm 204
7:00pm-9:00pm	Welcome Reception <i>(Light Fare)</i>	University Club

**Friday March 28th**

**Location**

6:30-9:30am	Breakfast Buffet	Nathan T's
8:00-11:00am	Conference Registration	Rodgers Forge Rm 205
9:30-9:45	<b>Welcome</b> <b>Anika Daniels-Osaze, M.A</b> NE NAMME Regional Director	Oak Hill Rm 202
9:45-11:00am	Opening Plenary Session <b>Keynote Speaker:</b> <b>Marc A. Nivet, M.S</b> Chief Operating Officer and Treasurer of Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation	Oak Hill Rm 202
11:15-12:15pm	Workshop I: <b>Speaker: David L. Taylor M.Ed</b> <b>Curriculum Reform:</b> <b>Value vs. Status Quo</b> Senior Facilitator Georgetown University School of Medicine	Riderwood Rm 204
12:30-1:30pm	Lunch On Own	
1:30-3:30pm	Business Meeting Part I	Riderwood Rm 204
3:30-4:30pm	Membership Networking	Lutherville Rm 201

**Saturday, March 28th**

**Location**

6:00am—9:30am Breakfast Buffet Nathan T's  
9:30am-10:30am Workshop I: Lutherville Rm 201

**Speaker:Gabrielle Kersaint, MSPH**  
***Strategies to Encourage and Support Youth's Entry into the Health Professions: New York Metropolitan AHEC's***  
Executive Director  
Brooklyn Queens  
Long Island Area Health Education Center

**Speaker:Mary Mitchell, M.S**  
Executive Director  
Manhattan Staten Island  
Area Health Education Center

10:45-11:45am Workshop II: Lutherville Rm 201

**Speaker: Deborah Harmon-Hines Ph.D**  
***Applying for National Institutes of Health R25***  
Associate Vice Chancellor  
University of Massachusetts  
Medical School

12:00pm-2:00pm Awards Luncheon Riderwood Rm 204

2:15pm-4:15pm Business Meeting Part II Lutherville Rm 201

5:00pm Dinner On Own

**Sunday, March 30th**

6:30am-9:30am Breakfast Buffet Nathan T's

9:30am-11:00am Recruitment Fair Stoneleigh Rm 301

11:15am-12:15pm Student Development Workshops Group 1 Riderwood Rm 204

Student Development Workshops Group 2 Stoneleigh Rm 301

12:30pm Student Lunch 2nd & 3rd Fl. Break Area

## About our Speakers

### Marc A. Nivet, M.S.



**Marc A. Nivet** is the Chief Operating Officer and Treasurer for the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation. The Foundation has as its primary focus the improving of health professional education in the United States. As COO, Nivet oversees the day to day operations of the Foundation and manages an endowment of 160 million dollars.

Prior to joining the Foundation he worked at the Sallie Mae Fund as the Director of State Outreach. Before that, Nivet worked for 7 years as the Associate Executive Director of the Associated Medical Schools of New York where he oversaw several programs designed to increase enrollment and retention of minority students in the health professions.

Nivet is known for creating innovative collaborative initiatives that have been recognized nationally as models of success. From 1995-1998, he was the Director of Minority Affairs for the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine. Nivet is a past President of the National Association of Medical Minority Educators, Inc. He has received numerous awards and has served as an advisor/consultant to several national foundations and organizations. He was recently inducted as a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine. Additionally, he serves on the board of several local non-profit organizations.

Nivet is currently a doctoral candidate at the University of Pennsylvania, School of Education. His dissertation topic is “Future Careers in Academic Medicine: Perspectives of African American Medical Students.”

## **David L. Taylor, M.S**



**Mr. David Taylor** is an Academic & Administrative Professional (AAP) in the Office of Special Programs at Georgetown University School of Medicine. Since 1990, he has served as the Senior Facilitator for the Georgetown Experimental Medical Studies (GEMS) Program. Reporting to the Associate Dean for Students and Special Programs, Mr. Taylor provides supplemental instruction and academic support to graduate and medical students. Additional responsibilities include member, Subcommittee on Evaluation and Assessment; Pre-Clinical Advisor to freshman and sophomore medical students; Careers in Medicine Advisor to junior and senior medical students; and, Facilitator, Study Skills & Test-Taking Strategies Workshop for USMLE, Step 1.

Prior to Georgetown University, Mr. Taylor was employed by National Clinical Research Centers where he managed patient recruitment for Phase I – IV clinical trials. Mr. Taylor received the Bachelor of Science in Biology from Howard University, completed selected graduate studies at the Howard University College of Medicine, and holds a Masters in Education from George Mason University. He is presently enrolled in the doctoral program in Educational Psychology at George Mason University, with a concentration in Assessment, Evaluation and Testing.

Mr. Taylor is an active member in NAMME-NE, serving two terms as Treasurer, and continuing in an appointed position of Fiscal Advisor for three successive Regional Directors. He and his wife, Donna Wells-Taylor, have two adult children and are blessed with the arrival of their first grandchild.

**Gabrielle Kersaint, MSPH**



**Gabrielle Kersaint** is a public health professional with over 15 years experience in non-profit management planning and directing multicultural public health programs in the areas of HIV/AIDS, Maternal and Child Health and Immigrant Health. She is currently the Executive Director of the Brooklyn-Queens-Long Island Area Health Education Center, (BQLI AHEC). BQLI AHEC's mission is to improve health care outcomes in underserved communities by developing programs to increase the number of underserved and underrepresented students entering the health professions.

Prior to her tenure at BQLI AHEC, she was the Executive Director of the Haitian's Women's program, a community based organization in Brooklyn that provided HIV/AIDS services to Haitian, Caribbean and African immigrants and refugees. She also has an interest in international health and has done volunteer work with several health delegations working on projects in the Caribbean and Africa.

Ms. Kersaint has a Masters degree in Public Health Policy, Planning and Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a certificate in Non-Profit Management from Columbia University's Business School and a BA in Psychology and Community Health from the State University of New York at Binghamton. Ms. Kersaint currently serves as Board Secretary for the Brooklyn Nursing Partnership, Co-Chair for the New York City Department of Education Health Careers Advisory Commission and Program Chair for NAMME NE region.

## **Mary Mitchell, M.S.**



**Mrs. Mary Mitchell** received a Master's Degree in Public Administration, with a concentration in Health Care Administration from Long Island University, where an internship enabled her to study and work in South Africa. She completed a Bachelor's degree in Community Health from St. Joseph's College, and a Certificate in Non Profit Management from the Columbia University Institute for Non Profit Management.

Prior to her current position, Mrs. Mitchell served as the Brooklyn Regional Vice President for the American Cancer Society, Director of the Health Careers Institute of Long Island University, Assistant to the Brooklyn Borough President, and Executive Director of the Brooklyn Teen Pregnancy Network.

Mrs. Mitchell currently serves as Vice Chairperson for the NYS AHEC System Executive Council, Chairperson for the Center Directors Leadership Group, Member of the National AHEC Organization Board of Directors, and Membership Chairperson for NAMME NE Region.

**Deborah Harmon-Hines, Ph.D**



**Deborah Harmon Hines, PhD**, is ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR SCHOOL SERVICES (1995 - present) University of Massachusetts Medical School (UMMS) and PROFESSOR of Cell Biology (1995 - present).

Her Doctorate Degree is in Human Anatomy from the University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences, Memphis, Tennessee. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from LeMoyne-Owen College (LMOC), Memphis, Tennessee. She has received over \$3.5 million in grants and awards.

**Selected Honors include:**

- ◇ Founders Day Award for Outstanding Leadership in Education, LeMoyne-Owen College, 2005.
- ◇ Doctor of Divinity honoris causa from the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, New York City, May, 2003. Washington, D.C., 1992.

## **CONFERENCE CONTACTS:**

### **Conference Hotel Information**

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