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DR. PATRICIA BATH, MD
“Changing the face of medicine”

Dr. Bath was born and raised in Harlem, New York to parents of Trinidadian, Native American and African descent. Dr. Patricia Bath was inspired by her teachers to pursue research after she excelled in science and mathematics during high school. After high school Dr. Bath earned her undergraduate degree in Chemistry from Hunter College. Shortly after, Dr. Bath graduated from Howard University College of Medicine where she was also awarded a fellowship to do research in Yugoslavia. She was the first African-American to complete residency in Ophthalmology, the first woman to chair an Ophthalmology residency program in the United States, co-founded the American Institute for the Prevention of Blindness, and the first African-American female doctor to receive a medical patent for inventing the Laserphaco Probe for cataract treatment. Dr. Bath passed away on May 30th, 2019 but her inventions live on forever.

DR. NADINE BURKE HARRIS, MD, MPH
“Building resilience through childhood trauma”

Dr. Nadine Burke was born in Vancouver, British Columbia- she attended University of California, Berkeley where she earned a Bachelor’s degree in Integrative Biology. After completing undergrad, Dr. Burke Harris attended the University of California, Davis to earn her Medical Degree. Dr. Burke Harris then graduated from Harvard T.H Chan School of Public Health with a Master’s degree. After Dr. Burke Harris finished her education- she completed her residency at Stanford University to serve in Pediatrics. This is where her love and dedication to serve children living in undeserved populations developed. Dr. Burke Harris has created many clinical models focusing on the childhood trauma and how it affects health in across a lifetime. Currently Dr. Burke Harris serves as California’s First Surgeon General as appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom in 2019.
DR. ARCHIE YELLOW-DUKE, PHARMD

"An unmatched passion to serve"

Archie Yellow-Duke was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. As a kid, Archie lived in Nigeria for 5 years experiencing the culture of his parents’ home. After completing his Bachelor of Sciences from the University of Pittsburgh, he conducted research at University of Pittsburgh Drug Discovery Institute focusing on anti-cancer therapeutics and orphan diseases. He later joined the University of Pittsburgh Hillman Cancer Center where he had the opportunity to work on drug design and clinical trials. Archie’s interest in drug development and patient care led him pursing a PharmD. Upon completion of pharmacy school, Archie practiced as a clinical pharmacist at Kaiser Permanente. His passion for optimal patient care and drug discovery led him to seek and complete a post-doctoral fellowship in US Medical Affairs at Pfizer. The fellowship prepared him for an exciting and personally rewarding career in Medical Affairs. Archie is currently a Medical Science Director at Genentech, specializing in hematological diseases. He is also a clinical pharmacist at Shriners Hospital for Children, where his focus is on helping pediatric patients recover from burn injuries without complications. Archie has a passion for patient care, science and finding innovative solutions to unmet medical needs. One of his top priorities is to bridge the gap of racial disparities in clinical outcomes of patients with multiple myeloma.

DR. JOSHUA BLACKWELL, PHARMD

"A leader in the field"

Joshua Blackwell, PharmD, MS currently serves as a Clinical Pharmacy Manager at Johns Hopkins Home Care Group. In his current role, Dr. Blackwell oversees the clinical services and drug distribution operations for the outpatient pharmacy located in the Outpatient Center which includes international patient services, an outpatient surgery center, and patients seen within the ambulatory clinics. Prior to his role within Johns Hopkins, Dr. Blackwell earned his Doctorate of Pharmacy from Ohio Northern University and double-minored in business administration and management. Following completion of his pharmacy degree, he completed his PGY1/PGY2 in Health System Pharmacy Administration and Leadership residency with CHI St. Luke’s Health Baylor St. Luke’s Medical Center, which is one of the seven academic medical centers affiliated with The Houston Program. In conjunction with his residency program, he completed his Masters of Sciences in Pharmacy Leadership and Administration at the University of Houston. Dr. Joshua Blackwell has a strong passion for serving and advocating within his profession as well as mentoring professionals seeking to exude strong leadership in all aspects of their respective fields.