



**Health Career Opportunity Programs  
Aetna Health Professions Partnership Initiative  
Summer Enrichment Programs**

**Virtual Commencement**

**Friday, July 31, 2020  
12:00pm**

**Commencement Cisco WebEx Access Website:**

**Keynote Speaker**

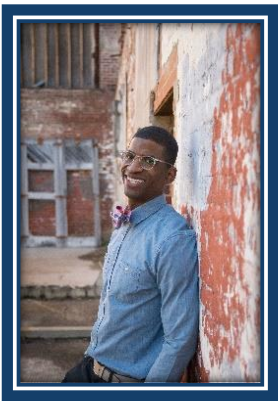
**Patrice Desvigne-Nickens, M.D.** is a Medical Officer in the Heart Failure and Arrhythmias Branch in the Division of Cardiovascular Science in the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI). Dr. Nickens is responsible for the scientific development and fiscal management of relevant research programs focused on prevention, recognition and treatment in cardiovascular medicine. Her research portfolio has included many mechanisms of research: investigator-initiated projects, center grants, contract and grant solicitations, small business and conference grants to support basic and clinical investigations including clinical trials. Her current portfolio includes a clinical trial network, an international multisite trial, a large pragmatic trial addressing heart failure and Cardio-Oncology. Dr. Nickens is responsible for initiative development, workshops, and meetings and provides updates within these scientific areas to the Division and Institute Directors. Dr. Nickens is a reviewer for several journals and is the NHLBI liaison to the Heart Failure Society of America.



Dr. Nickens received her Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Medical Doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. She began an Internal Medicine residency at the Thomas Jefferson University Medical Center and completed her training in Internal Medicine as a NHLBI medical staff fellow at the Clinical Center of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Dr. Nickens is board certified in Internal Medicine. Dr. Nickens joined NHLBI in 1982 and was the project officer for the Thrombolysis in Myocardial Ischemia (TIMI) trial. In 1987, Dr. Nickens left NIH to serve as primary care physician in Detroit and in 1988 in Baltimore. Dr. Nickens rejoined NHLBI in 1991 and was responsible for research initiatives that investigated coronary disease in for underserved populations including women and African Americans. Dr. Nickens's interests include training, the practice of medicine and public health policy and its impact on cardiovascular health disparities and their effect on women and minorities.

**Alumni Speakers**

**Michael Woods, D.M.D.** graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine in 2010. Dr. Michael Woods attended Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia from 2001-2005 for his undergraduate education. In the summer of 2005, Dr. Woods participated in the Health Career Opportunity Programs' Medical/Dental Preparatory Program. Dr. Michael Woods also participated in the National Institutes of Health Academy Post-baccalaureate Fellowship Research and Health Disparities Program for one year, from 2005-2006, undertaking research in Vitamin D Signaling Regulates Oral Keratinocyte Proliferation in Vitro and in Vivo. Upon graduating from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine Class of 2010, Dr. Michael Woods attended the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) for a three year Orthodontics Residency from 2010-2013. In 2014, Dr. Michael Woods received the American Board Orthodontics Certification. He is currently in private practice for the past three years outside of Charlotte, North Carolina. Outside of work, Dr. Michael Woods enjoys spending time with his wife, Dr. Jennifer Bailey-Woods a Pediatric Cardiac Intensivist, and three lovely daughters Grace, Eden and Noelle.



**David Woods, D.M.D.** is a dual-trained dental specialist in Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics. Dr. David Woods attended Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia from 2001-2005. Upon completing his undergraduate studies with Magna Cum Laude in 2005, he earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Biology. Dr. David Woods participated in the National Institutes of Health Academy Post-baccalaureate Fellowship Research and Health Disparities Program for one year, from 2005-2006, undertaking research on Wnt Signaling and Secreted Frizzled-Related Proteins. Dr. David Woods is an alumnus of the University of Connecticut School Of Dental Medicine Class of 2010. In the year 2014, Dr. David Woods received the American Board of Orthodontics Certification. In 2015, he graduated from Maryland School of Dentistry in Baltimore, Maryland with a Doctor of Medicine degree in the specialty of Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. David Woods has also worked to build the Johns Hopkins Craniofacial Dental Clinic that treats children with craniofacial anomalies and syndromes in Baltimore, Maryland. He currently serves as an associate of Main Street Pediatric Dentistry and Children's Orthodontics in Elkton, Maryland and Havre de Grace, Maryland for the past five years, and also serves at Johns Hopkins Pediatrics in Baltimore, Maryland as a Craniofacial Orthodontist providing orthodontic services for pediatric patients undergoing corrective jaw surgery on an as-needed basis for the past seven years.

