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Building the Next Generation
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OUR MISSION

TO HELP DIVERSE MEDICAL STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS EMBARK UPON AN
ACADEMIC MEDICINE CAREER

LETTER FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Dear BNGAP Community,

Welcome to the June 2024 edition of the BNGAP Newsletter! We are thrilled to share some exciting news and celebrate significant achievements within our community.

First and foremost, we are delighted to announce the resounding success of the LGBT Conference held last month. This year, we saw a record number of submitted abstracts and registrants, reflecting the growing interest and engagement in our mission. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the sponsors whose generous support made this event possible. Your contributions have been instrumental in fostering a space for knowledge exchange and collaboration.

As we embrace LGBT Pride Month, let us celebrate the progress we've made and reaffirm our commitment to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in academia and beyond. Pride Month is a powerful reminder of the strength and resilience of the LGBTQ+ community, and an opportunity to honor our shared history and ongoing struggle for equality.

To the class of 2024 embarking on your monumental adventure into residency/fellowship, we extend our warmest wishes for success, fulfillment, and endless possibilities. May you find joy in the pursuit of knowledge, purpose in your calling, and fulfillment in the lives you touch along the way.

Additionally, we are proud to recognize the recipients of the NBME Academic Writing Fellowship Award. These outstanding individuals have demonstrated exceptional skill and dedication in their academic pursuits. Their achievements highlight the importance of scholarly excellence and the impact of rigorous research and writing in shaping the future of medical education.

Thank you for being a part of the BNGAP community. Together, we continue to drive positive change and support each other in our professional journeys.

Warm regards,

NELSON SANCHEZ. MD
VICE-PRESIDENT, BNGAP INC.



UPCOMING EVENTS

**BNGAP National
'Pre-Faculty'
Career
Development
Conference**
[October 25th, 2024](#)



REFLECTIONS: LGBT HEALTH WORKFORCE CONFERENCE

May 2nd to 4th, 2024

We are thrilled to congratulate everyone on the resounding success of the LGBTQ Health Workforce Conference held from May 2nd to 4th in NYC. This year's conference featured the highly acclaimed LGBT Allies Training Course, a new addition that received outstanding feedback for its impactful content and engagement. The conference also continued its important work with modules focused on creating a welcoming clinical environment for LGBTQ+ Patients, reinforcing our commitment to inclusive healthcare. We congratulate all of our award winners and look forward to the future success of the conference.

[More information about the conference](#)



NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS/BELLEVUE PRIDE HEALTH CENTER: ORGANIZATIONAL/INSTITUTIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

LGBT Health Workforce Conference

Congratulations to the Pride Health Center at NYC Health + Hospitals/Bellevue for receiving the LGBT HWC's Organizational/Institutional Leadership Award. The Pride Health Center at Bellevue was established in 2018 to address the needs of LGBTQ patients and communities across New York City.



“We developed the Pride Center really to meet the needs of New Yorkers across the city and deliver gender affirming comprehensive care to all New Yorkers regardless of their ability to pay or country of origin,” said Dr. Pitts. “This award exemplifies the outstanding gender affirming care we deliver on a daily basis, and is a testament to our promise to make sure that all New Yorkers—including queer New Yorkers—can live their healthiest lives possible.”

Bellevue's Pride Health Center is staffed by five primary care providers who see patients every day of the week. The Center has a dedicated psychiatrist, as well as a clinical pharmacist who sees patients for gender affirming hormone therapy, including estrogen and testosterone, as well as long acting HIV prevention. The Center now cares for nearly 400 LGBTQ patients, 20 percent of whom are uninsured, 20 percent of whom speak a primary language other than English, and 80 percent of whom identify as either Black or Latino. In more than five years of care, none of them have become HIV-positive thanks to a suite of innovative and empathetic approaches, including a clinical trial for long-acting injectable pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).

[Article Link](#)



LGBTQ HEALTH WORKFORCE CONFERENCE

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12TH ANNUAL LGBT HEALTH WORKFORCE CONFERENCE



CLINICIAN-TO-CLINICIAN ADVICE

Transforming Health Care with the NCCC: Your Partner in Inclusive Care



Translating science into care

For more than 30-years, the National Clinician Consultation Center (NCCC) based out of the University of California, San Francisco has provided **free, on-demand**, telephone-based consultation to LGBTQ-serving health care providers nationally.

nccc.ucsf.edu

- ◆ **HIV**
HIV treatment, ARV management, complications and co-morbidities
- ◆ **Perinatal HIV**
Pregnancy, infant feeding and HIV
- ◆ **PrEP**
HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis

- ◆ **Substance Use**
Substance use evaluation and management
- ◆ **Hepatitis C**
HCV testing, staging, monitoring, and treatment
- ◆ **PEP**
Occupational and non-occupational exposure management

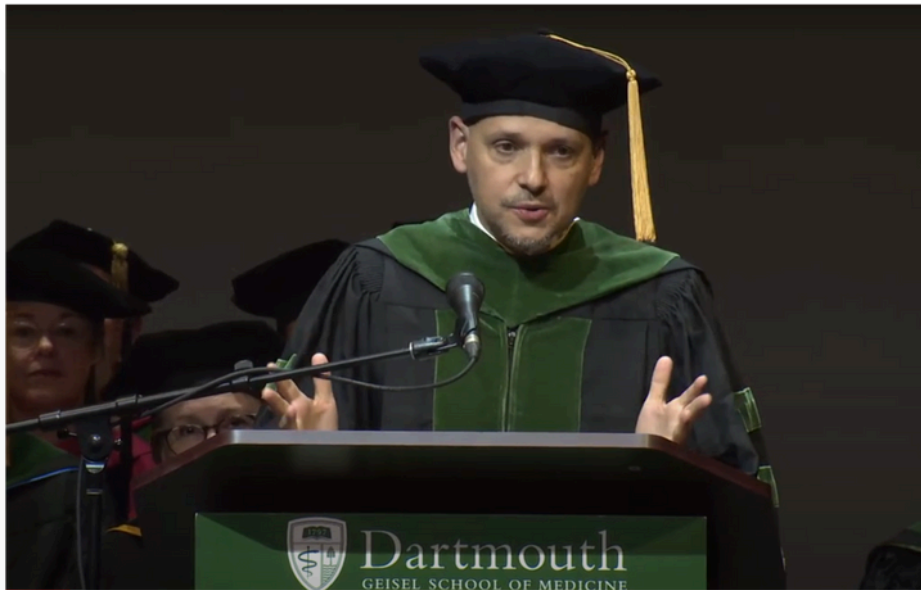
The National Clinician Consultation Center is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of an award totaling \$3,236,220 with 0% financed with non-governmental sources (grant number U10HA30039, awarded to the University of California San Francisco, and in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention).

DR. SANCHEZ COMMENCEMENT SPEECH

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Dr. John P. Sanchez, BNGAP Founder and President, and Dean of Universidad Central Del Caribe (UCC) School of Medicine in Bayamón, Puerto Rico served as the keynote speaker. Dr. Sanchez shares his journey to his current position inclusive of obstacles overcome. "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter;" Dr. Sanchez reminds us of important words shared by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and empathizes that the right to vote is not only a civic duty but a powerful means of honoring the sacrifices made by those who fought tirelessly for equality and justice. Let us remember that our vote is our voice, and every voice counts. By casting your ballot, you contribute to the ongoing struggle for a more just and equitable society, embodying the very principles Dr. King championed.

We congratulate the Class of 2024! Your hard work, dedication, and resilience have brought you to this remarkable milestone. As you step into the field of medicine, remember the profound impact you can make on countless lives. Embrace your roles as leaders and innovators, always striving to advance healthcare and improve patient outcomes. Be bold in your pursuit of knowledge, compassionate in your care, and unwavering in your commitment to excellence. The future of medicine is in your hands, and we are confident you will drive meaningful change and inspire those who follow in your footsteps.

To view full commencement ceremony and speech, [visit youtube link](#).

2024 NBME ACADEMIC WRITING FELLOWS
National Center for Pre-Faculty Development



Fiyinfoluwa Olasoko, MS3

New York Medical College
(SNMA)



Karen Chen, MS1

Columbia University Vagelos College of
Physicians and Surgeons
(APAMSA)



Veronica Davilla, MS3

Universidad Central del Caribe
(LMSA)



Kaitlin Wilson, MS3

University of Minnesota Medical School
(ANAMS)



Congratulations to the selected NBME fellows for the 2024-2025 academic year. The fellows will work to complete a MedEdPORTAL submission that will be a stand-alone, complete teaching or learning module that will be implemented and evaluated among medical or dental trainees or practitioners. We look forward to the novel education curricula that these fellows will create and look forward their presentations at the [Medical Education Conference](#) in March, 2025.

This fellowship provides opportunities to publish in medical education journals, learn components and best practices to submitting a project to MedEdPORTAL, and provides skills on how to work in a team to submit a scholarly project to MedEdPORTAL. It also provides one-on-one advising sessions with fellowship co-directors and advising by diverse authors who have successfully published in reputable journals including MedEdPORTAL.

NELSON FELIX SÁNCHEZ M.D. LGBTQ+ EXCELLENCE AWARD

Weill Cornell Medicine

Congratulations to Jodie Nghiem, medical student from Weill Cornell Medicine - Cornell University on being awarded the Nelson Felix Sánchez M.D. LGBTQ+ Excellence Award.

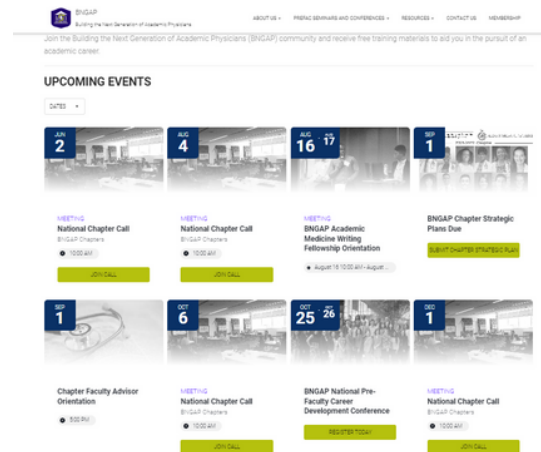


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Website

Please mark your calendar for the following events over the upcoming year (2024-2025):

- Writing Fellowship, Aug 16-17, 2024
- National Pre-Faculty Conference, Oct 25-26, 2024
- Medical Education Conference, March 29, 2025
- LGBT tentative May 1-3, 2025



Join our community today!
Register at www.BNGAP.org/registration

