Dr. Kizzmekia S. Corbett is a research fellow and the scientific lead for the Coronavirus Vaccines & Immunopathogenesis Team at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Vaccine Research Center (VRC). Appointed to the VRC in 2014, her work focuses on developing novel coronavirus vaccines, including mRNA-1273, a leading candidate vaccine against the virus that causes COVID-19. In response to the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic, the vaccine concept incorporated in mRNA-1273 was designed by Dr. Corbett’s team from viral sequence data and rapidly deployed to industry partner, Moderna, Inc., for U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved Phase 1 clinical trial, which unprecedentedly began only 66 days from the viral sequence release.

https://asm.org/Biographies/Kizzmekia-S-Corbett,-Ph-D
More Teens Than Ever Are Vaping. Here’s What We Know About Their Habits

♦ Three years ago, only about one in ten high school students reported having recently used e-cigarettes. But a study published this week in JAMA shows the proportion of students vaping nicotine has now grown to more than one in four.
♦ Teen nicotine vaping has become so prevalent in recent years that the Food and Drug Administration has called it an "epidemic." An estimated 5.3 million teens use e-cigarettes, according to the study.

It is illegal in all states for people under 18 to purchase e-cigarettes, and some states have raised that age to 21. Despite this and recent efforts to crack down on retailers selling to youth, rates of teen vaping have continued to rise.

Scientists say they’re also worried about vaping’s effect on teenage brains. Potential problems include attention disorders like ADHD, impulse control issues and susceptibility to substance abuse.

HOSPITALITY CLUB MEMBER’S BIRTHDAYS

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National Donor Day
February 14, 2020

Hospitality Club Corner

The Hospitality Club’s PURPOSE:
To promote and encourage positive employee relationships, by providing its members an opportunity to network in a non-work environment and share in fun and creative activities. To uplift members’ spirits during their time of illness and bereavement and to acknowledge birthdays and Christmas.
The history of African-Americans health care is replete with stories of both tragedy and triumph. From the horrific conditions of slavery, through the centuries leading to the Civil Rights Era, to today's freedoms and hopes, our nation has been formed and transformed by our shared experiences. These are just a few of those experiences that focus on health care. During this Black History Month we'll explore how extraordinary challenges and obstacles impacted both access to health care and opportunity in health care professions, and how the work continues today to achieve equality.

#1 A Slave Brought the Science of Vaccines to the Early Colonies
In the early 1700s, a man named Onesimus was born in Africa and brought to the Massachusetts colony, where he was sold to a theologian named Cotton Mather (a man with his own interesting history). Despite his status as a slave and his utter lack of freedom in his new home, Onesimus shared scientific knowledge of inoculation from his home in Africa with Mather, who used those practices to protect Boston from a major outbreak of smallpox.

#2 First Medical Degree Earned by an African-American Was Awarded By The University of Scotland
James McCune Smith was born in New York City in 1813, the son of a woman who was a slave. His freedom at birth came thanks to the state's "gradual abolition" policy that enabled children of slaves to be "born free," allowing young James to attend the New York African Free School (albeit a segregated school). His exceptional abilities were recognized early in life, so James received tutoring and advanced coursework, preparing him for success in college and beyond. His applications to American universities, however, were denied due to racial discrimination. Thanks to more progressive thinking in other parts of the world, Smith was accepted at the University of Glasgow in Scotland, where he graduated at the top of his class. Dr. Smith earned his bachelor's, master's and medical degrees at the University, and completed his internship at a hospital in Paris.

#3 Inequality in Health Care Continued for Centuries
Even after the abolition of slavery, access to health care by African-Americans was extremely limited. Segregated health care facilities meant African-Americans did not have the same resources as other Americans, and many did not even have a facility close to them that would provide them with care. There were a few hospitals created and administered by African-Americans, and a few hospitals that served African-Americans in segregated wards (usually in remote and unhealthy locations such as unheated attics or damp basements), but not even close to enough to serve those in need. Until the Civil Rights Era of the 1950s and 60s, over 200 years into our nation's history, African-Americans did not have the right to access quality health care or the legal grounds to demand it.

#4 The 1963 Simkins v. Moses H. Cone Hospital Case Would End Health Care Segregation
The Civil Rights Era represents two decades of social upheaval that upturned the "separate but equal" myth and ended segregation. First, school segregation was deemed unconstitutional in the Brown v. Board of Education case of 1954. Almost ten years later, the Simkins v. Moses H. Cone Hospital case accomplished the same ruling for federally-funded hospitals, but only in the Fourth District where it was ruled. The 1964 Civil Rights Act then banned discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin for any agency (including hospitals) receiving state or federal funding.

#5 Brave Individuals, Groups, and Organizations Continue to Work for Equality in Health Care and Health Professions
Throughout our nation's history, brave individuals have stood up for equal rights and protections for all Americans. Despite social pressures, threats, and even violent responses, these brave Americans paved the way for continued progress towards equality. When African-American doctors were not allowed to join the American Medical Association, a group of ten African-American doctors formed the National Medical Association in 1908, "Conceived in no spirit of racial exclusiveness, fostering no ethnic antagonism, but born of the exigencies of the American environment," the enable "the banding together for mutual cooperation and helpfulness, the men and women of African descent who are legally and honorably engaged in the practice of the cognate professions of medicine, surgery, pharmacy and dentistry."

Together with the National Hospital Association (a hospital version of the NMA), the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and other supporters, medical schools and internships were opened to African-Americans seeking medical training, and hospitals and clinics were built or renovated in the first part of the 20th century to provide higher quality service to African-American patients. The heroes of the Civil Rights Era would lead to changes in the law, and our contemporary heroes have continued to work towards achieving health equality.

Today, access to medical training, internships, and employment is no longer barred by racial discrimination. While there is an argument to be made for the role race continues to play in access to education, Americans of all races are accepted to medical schools and go on to practice throughout the country. Despite this progress, in 2018 only 5% of physicians identify as African-American, and only 6.2% of 2019 medical school graduates were African-American. There is much work to be done to achieve parity at the doctor's office.
National Children's Dental Health Month (NCDHM) - a great opportunity to promote the benefits of good oral health, because developing good dental health habits at an early age, including scheduling regular dental visits, helps children get a good start on a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums.

The Nation Goes Red in February
The first Friday each February, American Heart Month, the nation comes together, igniting a wave of red from coast to coast.

From landmarks to news anchors, neighborhoods to online communities; this annual groundswell unites millions of people for a common goal: the eradication of heart disease and stroke.

Did you know about 2,200 Americans die each day from cardiovascular diseases?

That's about one every 40 seconds. Cardiovascular diseases claim more lives than all forms of cancer combined.

Dentist Corner

Ryan White Corner

Presented by A Cupcake and Condoms Event

Coahoma Community College
3240 Friars Point Rd. • Clarksdale, MS
Friday, February 26, 2021
National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness
Rock the Red Fashion Show
6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

For more information contact:
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Free Testing
HIV & COVID-19
9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
Prep for prevention
Black organizations across Georgia put in the work to turn state blue

**Jan 5, 2021:** Georgia turned “blue” in the presidential election this year for the first time since 1992. It’s also one of the few places where Democrats picked up a Republican-held U.S. House seat.

Since at least 2018, organizations such as the Peoples’ Agenda, Stacey Abrams’ Fair Fight, Black Voters Matter, the New Georgia Project and even “Get Your Booty to the Poll,” a campaign that rose out of Atlanta strip clubs, have been fighting against voter suppression and to increase the voter rolls, especially for Black and disenfranchised populations.

Focusing on voter suppression and voter turnout, Abrams has registered about 200,000 new voters in Georgia since she lost the 2018 gubernatorial race by 1.4 percentage points. 


Upon taking his oath, Georgia’s Raphael Warnock became the 11th Black senator to serve in the office, the first from Georgia and the third serving currently. Jon Ossoff, also of Georgia, became the first senator born in the 1980s, the youngest since Biden began his first Senate term in 1973 and the Peach State’s first Jewish senator. Their wins in a run-off election handed democrats senate control.

“Black people saved America from Jefferson Davis and now Donald Trump,” civil rights activist Jesse Jackson told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Jan 20, 2021: Nation's first youth poet laureate **Amanda Gorman** delivers message of America's resilience and strength. Ms. Gorman, a Harvard student has been heard to have announced her intentions for presidential candidacy in 2036.  

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jp9pyMqnBzk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jp9pyMqnBzk)

Jan 6, 2021 (2:13 p.m.): A black Officer, **Eugene Goodman**, diverted rioters from attacking VP Mike Pence, his family and other lawmakers. Rioters threatened and chased Officer Goodman inside the Capitol. Goodman attempting to hold back the crowd before luring them away from the unprotected Senate chamber, was focused on "defusing the threat to lawmakers, not his own safety."

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Billing Associate
Administration
February is Low Vision Awareness Month
Low vision affects millions of Americans, including many older adults in your community. Low vision can make it hard to do things like reading, shopping, cooking, or writing. And it can't be fixed with eyeglasses, contact lenses, medications, or surgery.

But there's good news! Vision rehabilitation can help people with low vision stay independent and make the most of their sight. Low Vision Awareness Month is a time to raise awareness about low vision and spread the word about vision rehabilitation services.

If you know someone who you think suffers from Low Vision, the first step is to get a diagnosis. Make an appointment with your healthcare provider.

The National Girls and Women in Sports Day is an annual day of observance held during the first week of February to acknowledge the accomplishments of female athletes, recognize the influence of sports participation for women and girls, and honor the progress and continuing struggle for equality for women in sports.

The history of women in sports timeline is quite revealing. The following link will open your eyes for sure.

https://www.oprahmag.com/black-history-month/

https://faculty.elmira.edu/dmaluso/sports/timeline/index.html
Brain Power: 100 Ways to Keep Your Mind Healthy and Fit

Get plenty of mental exercise
The brain can atrophy just like a muscle can. Take the following suggestions (in the link below) to give your mind a mental workout every day.

Whether you are 25 or 75, it’s always a good time to think about ways to keep your mind healthy. People with strong minds live a richer and more fulfilling life. There are 100 ways to incorporate plenty of mental, physical, and nutritional ways to keep your mind sharp throughout your lifetime.

Go to: https://oedb.org/librarian/100-ways-to-keep-your-mind-healthy/

During February, Teen Dating Violence Awareness Months provides an opportunity for prevention and healing for teen victims of violent relationships.

According to the Domestic Violence Awareness Project, approximately 1.5 million high school students in the United States experience physical abuse from a dating partner. One-quarter of parents don’t talk to their teens about domestic violence.

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month encourages parents and adolescents to take an inventory of their relationships. Abuse includes physical, psychological or sexual abuse. Visit youth.gov, loveisrespect.org, breakthecycle.org for conversation starters and resources.

You can also call AEHCHC Behavioral Health providers: 662.624.2504

News reports that 4 insurrectionist died as a result of their attack on the capitol, January 6, 2021. It is suggested that their behavior resembled that of brainwashing: Ashli Babbitt, 35, of Huntington, Md., was shot and killed by a Capitol police officer as she tried to break through a door inside the Capitol, officials confirmed Thursday. The other three people — Benjamin Philips, 50, of Ringtown, Penn., Kevin Greeson, 55, of Athens, Al., and Roseanne Boyland, 34, of Kennesaw, Ga.

Police Officer Killed in US Capitol Siege Was Air National Guard Veteran, Deployed to Iraq

Brian D. Sicknick enlisted in the New Jersey Air National Guard in 1997 and served for six years. Sicknick’s duties included serving as a fire team member and leader with the 108th Security Force Squadron at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. He deployed to Saudi Arabia in 1999 as part of Operation Southern Watch and to Kyrgyzstan in 2003 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He was honorably discharged in 2003 as a staff sergeant.

1/28/21-MSNBC Reports that Officer Sicknick may have taken his own life.

Remembrance
Lest We Forget

Another Capitol Police Death: Officer Dies By Suicide After Responding To Pro-Trump Riot

Initially announced as an “off-duty” death by the U.S. Capitol Police on Sunday morning, multiple news outlets, former police chief Terrance Gainer and a police report confirmed that Howard Liebengood, 51, died by suicide on Saturday. Liebengood, a 15-year veteran of the force, “was among those who responded to the rioting at the U.S. Capitol on January 6,” according to a statement released by the USCP union.

If you or someone you know is thinking about suicide, please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-TALK (8255) or text the Crisis Text Line at 741-741.

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Jan 20, 2021—Kamala Harris, Vice-President of the United States takes the oath of office while husband Douglas Emhoff holds the bible upon which she places her left hand.

In 2004-2010, Kamala Harris served as the first woman District Attorney in San Francisco's history, and as the first African American woman and South Asian American woman in California to hold the office, before acquiring a seat in the Senate.

Kamala Devi Harris, an American politician and attorney, is the 49th and current vice president of the United States. She is the United States' first female vice president, the highest-ranking female elected official in U.S. history. [Wikipedia]

Capitol Police Hero and Army Vet Eugene Goodman Promoted, Escorts VP to Inauguration

Petition to award Officer Eugene Goodman the Presidential Medal of Freedom

CBS News was first to report that Goodman, who served as an infantryman in Iraq, is the new acting deputy House sergeant at arms. He is credited with leading a mob of protesters away from the Senate chambers during the Jan. 6 siege of the Capitol, in which five people died, including a Capitol police officer. Another police officer died by suicide days later.

Jan 20th — AEH ladies: Jacqueline, Summer, Chanyta, Candace, Laquitta, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority members Antionette, Linda and Dartneya wore Chucks n Pearls in solidarity for the inauguration of VP Harris of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.
Hi, I’m Michelle, My goal is to help you make healthier choices and show you how healthy eating is easy and delicious.

All the work has been done for you! They are all vegan and gluten-free, they include flavorful Gumbo, creamy Mac And Cheese and Classic Sweet Potato Pie.

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by Michelle Blackwood, RN

2021 Theme-The Black Family:
Representation, Identity, and Diversity.

Embrace Change

Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.  
-George Benard Shaw

President Biden’s diverse cabinet is a team that better reflects America.

Colorectal Cancer & Endometriosis Awareness; Kidney & Nutrition Month; Problem Gambling Awareness; Save Your Vision; Trisomy Awareness; Patient Safety, School Breakfast & Sleep Awareness Weeks; Youth Violence Prevention; Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day; World Kidney Day; Diabetes Alert Day