



The National Diamondback Pharmacy Alumni Council



June 21-23, 2024

*Celebrating Men's  
Health Month*

# 54TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

**8 Hours of Live  
Continuing Education  
for Pharmacists and  
Pharmacy Technicians**

*Live Continuing Pharmacy Education Presentations  
Joint Provider with Florida A&M University, College of Pharmacy  
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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Registration Policy:

Pre-registration is encouraged to serve you more efficiently. Therefore, we are requesting that you pre-register for the convention on or before **Saturday, June 15, 2024**.

### REGISTRATION FEES:

Pharmacists	\$360
Guest (14 and older) & Students	\$160
Pharmacy Technicians	\$180
Children (4-13)	\$80
Children 3 and younger	No Charge

### PAYMENT OPTIONS:



Make payments with Credit Cards, PayPal, CashApp and Zelle via website at [www.nationaldpac.com](http://www.nationaldpac.com).

**PayPal:** [PayPal.me/NDPAC](https://www.paypal.com/NDPAC)

**CashApp:** \$NDPAC

*A processing fee will be charged for using a credit card or PayPal.*

### Hotel Accommodations and Meeting Location:

**Atlanta Airport Marriott Gateway** 2020 Convention Center Concourse, Atlanta, GA, 30337-4200

- Standard Double/Double Occupancy-\$169.00
- Standard King-\$159.00

+plus State of Georgia Hotel Motel Fee-\$5.00 per night and local taxes of 16.75%

### Reservations: Call 1-800-468-3571

Ask for the group rate for the National Diamondback Pharmacy Alumni Council.  
(Do not use NDPAC, FAMU Pharmacy Alumni Association).

*Room blocked guaranteed until **Friday, May 31, 2024**.*

**Note:** *As the temperature in meeting rooms varies, we encourage you to bring a sweater or jacket.*

*An early departure fee of one night room and tax will be assessed if departure is earlier than the date confirmed at check-in. Emergency and special situations will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Check-in: 3:00 pm; Check-out: 11:00 am. No room transfers by guest.*

**Convention Registration and Cancellation Requests:** All cancellation requests must be made in writing. Requests may be made by email to *Rita Brown* at [RLBrown21@aol.com](mailto:RLBrown21@aol.com).



## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Grievance Policy:** All grievances regarding Florida A&M University College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (FAMU COPPS) should be communicated in writing to the Director of the Office of Pharmacy Continuing Education. Grievances will be reviewed and acknowledged by mail within 30 days after receipt. Unsatisfactory responses to grievances should be communicated in writing to the Dean of FAMU COPPS.

**Attendance and Evaluation Forms:** You must attend the program to receive credits. As confirmation of attendance, you will be required to complete a continuing education attendance form. Additionally, participants will be required to submit a completed evaluation form for each presentation attended and program evaluation.

**Continuing Education Credits:** Continuing Education Credits will be posted on CE Broker and ACPE Monitor within four (4) weeks following the program.

**CE "Handouts":** Will be posted on our website at [www.nationaldpac.com](http://www.nationaldpac.com) by 6:00 PM on Sunday, June 16, 2024.

**Americans with Disabilities Act:** If you require a reasonable accommodation pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADAA), please contact Rita Brown at (850) 321-4256 or Email: [RLBrown21@aol.com](mailto:RLBrown21@aol.com). before Saturday, June 15, 2024.

**Accreditation Information:** Florida A&M University College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences is approved by the Florida Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy as a provider of Continuing Education (CPE). Florida A&M University College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) as a provider of Continuing Education.



ACPE is working in partnership with the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) to authenticate and store data for completed CPE Units received by pharmacists and pharmacy technicians from ACOPE-accredited providers.



Pharmacists may obtain their NABP e-Profile ID, the unique identification number required when registering for a CPE activity from an ACPE-accredited provider, by going to [www.MyCPEmonitor.net](http://www.MyCPEmonitor.net).

### Required Information:

We will not be allowed to issue CE credit hours without your NABP number along with your DOB: (MM/DD). This information will be required each time you request CE credit hours.



## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT


Welcome to the 54th Annual Convention for the National Diamondback Pharmacy Alumni Council. With the collaboration of the revived Atlanta chapter and other crucial members and supporters, this convention has come to fruition. While convening in Atlanta, GA and incorporating the theme of “Celebrating Men’s Health Month”, I hope you find the 2024 convention insightful, informative, and gratifying. I thank each of you for your commitment to the profession of pharmacy and the Florida A&M University College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Institute of Public Health.

Over the years, the Council has experienced many accomplishments with the potential to achieve even more through your continued efforts, support, and resources. We are at a pivotal time in which the Council must act to reinvigorate efforts to bring CoPPS, IPH alumni and supporters together to continue the legacy of ensuring the next generation of pharmacists has the necessary resources to thrive.

I am asking all CoPPS, IPH alumni and supporters to remember the mentors, friends, or cheerleaders who encouraged and guided you through your journey to become a pharmacist. Become active by paying membership, joining a committee, heading a committee, actively participating in a chapter, encouraging others to join, and/or leading as an officer. The Council will not flourish without active participation and input from alumni and supporters. Finances alone will not grow the Council; input from all stakeholders will do so.

My final call to action as president is for you to act in one of the ways mentioned above. In gratitude towards those who helped you become the pharmacist you are today; I request that you contribute in your special way.

With gratitude,





## GREETINGS FROM THE DEAN

It is with great enthusiasm that I humbly greet you as the 54th Annual convention assembles, aptly themed “**Celebrating Men’s Health Month!**” Indeed! Men’s Health Month is celebrated every June to raise awareness about men’s health issues and promote prevention and wellness. During this month, various activities and initiatives take place to encourage men to take care of their bodies and prioritize their health (Learn more [here!](#))

As such, you—The National Diamondback Pharmacy Alumni Council—serve as a dedicated group of focused, ardent alumni supporters of the FAMU College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Institute of Public Health. And its variety of terminal degree programs, residencies, fellowships, and postdoctoral training opportunities, including the BS in Pharmaceutical Sciences places the College at the pinnacle of pharmacy programs, anywhere!

The College plants the seed for its baccalaureate and terminal degree programs through its high school [summer camp](#) for emerging pharmacists. Much nurturing ensues and ensures perpetual productivity of our practice and profession. The National Diamondback Pharmacy Alumni Council is an integral part of that process, which consistently yields progress and promotion.

This convention is an intentional time for networking, planning, development and enhancement of the University’s “**Boldly Striking**” strategies parallel with the College’s [Strategic Plan](#). We will aid by sharing its current status, challenges, rewards, and aspirations with fixed and flexible timelines. There will be many common points of intersection—please let’s ENGAGE and ENJOY!!



**Thank you and be well!!!**



## GREETINGS FROM THE METRO-ATLANTA CHAPTER



It is truly an honor to welcome our guest to the city of Atlanta also known as the ATL. Atlanta was founded in 1837 and first named Marthasville after the Governor's daughter at that time. Atlanta is known for its many Peachtree streets and Georgia peaches. Atlanta is the birthplace of Coca-Cola and the World of Coke, also the Civil Rights Movement. Atlanta is famous for great music from jazz to classical to hip-hop. We also have the busiest airport in the world.

When visiting you will meet some friendly people and maybe hear a southern drawl. We are very proud of the Atlanta Braves, Falcons and Hawks despite their records. We want to extend a warm welcome to all the pharmacists and technicians attending the convention. We hope you will enjoy your stay here. As Ludacris and Jermaine Dupree say in their song.



# Celebrating Men's Health Month

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!



## THANK YOU TO OUR EXHIBITORS & VENDORS!



## MANY THANKS TO OUR STRUCTURED GIVERS!

Dr. Beatrice Armstrong  
Dr. Rita Brown  
Mr. Walter Clark  
Ms. Anita Nelems  
Mr. Kenrico Oakley

Dr. Karen Powell  
Dr. Michelle Rutledge  
Dr. John Scrivens  
Dr. Maui Umar





## FRIDAY 6/21/24

All meeting sessions will be in the Gulfstream Room except the Reception

7:00 AM-6:00 PM	<b>Convention Check-In</b>
8:00 AM-9:00 AM	<b>Breakfast</b>
9:00 AM-11:00 AM	<b>Opening Session and Professional Development</b>
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	<b>Lunch</b>
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	<b>Paternal Postpartum Depression – Identifications and Barriers &amp; Psychotropic Medications: What Every Pharmacists Needs to Know</b> (2 CE Hours) <i>Dr. Shari Allen</i>
2:00 PM-2:15 PM	<b>Break</b>
2:15 PM-4:15 PM	<b>Prioritizing Men's Health: A Comprehensive Overview of Prostate Cancer Awareness and Prevention</b> (2 CE Hours) <i>Dr. Edwin Lang</i>
4:15 PM-4:30 PM	<b>Break</b>
4:30 PM-6:30 PM	<b>The Role of the Pharmacist in Closing the Gap in Health Disparities</b> (2 CE Hours) <i>Dr. Angela Hill</i>
7:00 PM-9:00 PM	<b>Networking Reception</b> <i>Ballroom A-C</i>

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

6 Contact Hours

Co-sponsored by FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY

College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, IPH

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*\*See **Session Descriptions** for CEU Universal Activity Numbers, target audience and objectives.*



# SATURDAY 6/22/24

*All meeting sessions will be in the Gulfstream Room except the Sneaker Ball*

7:00 AM-8:00 AM	<b>Breakfast</b>
8:00 AM-8:15 AM	<b>Bus Loading at Front of Host Hotel</b>
8:30 AM-9:00 AM	<b>Bus Departure</b>
9:00 AM-12:00 PM	<b>Tyler Perry Studios Tour</b>
12:00 PM-1:00 PM	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00 PM-3:00 PM	<b>New Strategies for Diabetes Management: Making it Work for the Highest Risk Groups</b> (2 CE Hours) <i>Dr. Lenore Coleman</i>
3:00 PM-3:15 PM	<b>Break</b>
3:15 PM-3:45 PM	<b>2nd Plenary Session</b>
3:45 PM-5:00 PM	<b>Dean's Chat</b> <i>Dean Johnnie Early, FAMU CoPPS, IPH</i>
7:00 PM-11:00 PM	<b>Sneaker Ball</b> <i>Speaker: Honorable Jason Esteves, Georgia State Senator</i> <i>Tango Ballroom, Renaissance Atlanta Airport Gateway Hotel</i> <i>Attire: Semi-formal with or without sneakers</i>

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# SUNDAY 6/25/23

*All meeting sessions will be in the Gulfstream Room*

7:30 AM-9:00 AM

**Breakfast**

9:00 AM-9:15 AM

**Student Presentation: African Mission Trip** *Jeania Bloom, P3 Student*

9:15 AM-10:00 AM

**Convention Closing**

10:00 AM-11:00 AM

**Transitional Meeting for Old and New Officers and Committee Chairs**

*See you next  
year!*



## SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

### **Paternal Postpartum Depression – Identifications and Barriers**

*Shari Nicole Allen, PharmD, BCPP, Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, School of Pharmacy, Suwanee, Georgia*

#### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

**Upon completion of this activity pharmacists will be able to:**

- Identify the signs and symptoms of postpartum depression in paternal partners;
- Discuss difference in the presentation of postpartum depression between maternal and paternal partners;
- Recognize barriers to recognizing paternal postpartum depression and the outcomes of delayed identification;
- Develop an appropriate treatment plan to address postpartum depression in paternal partners.

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**TARGET AUDIENCE:** Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians

This program has been approved for the following live credit hours for pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians.

Knowledge-based CPE activity: 1 contact hours (0.1CEUs) of General CE

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### **Psychotropic Medications: What Every Pharmacists Needs to Know**

*Shari Nicole Allen, PharmD, BCPP, Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, School of Pharmacy, Suwanee, Georgia*

#### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

**Upon completion of this activity pharmacists will be able to:**

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- Describe expected outcomes of psychotropic medication use;
- Manage the drug interactions and monitoring parameters associated with psychotropic medications use;
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## SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

**Prioritizing Men's Health: A Comprehensive Overview of Prostate Cancer Awareness and Prevention** *Edwin Lang, PharmD, PGY-1 Pharmacy Residence, CareSource, Dayton, OH*

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

**Upon completion of this activity pharmacists will be able to:**

- Describe the etiology and epidemiology of prostate cancer;
- Explain the importance of screening requirements and predisposing factors to the disease;
- Identify current guideline directed therapy as well as advancements in treatment;
- Discuss variables that may contribute to health disparities in the management of prostate cancer.

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**TARGET AUDIENCE:** Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians

This program has been approved for the following live credit hours for pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians.

Knowledge-based CPE activity: 2 contact hours (0.2CEUs) of General CE

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**The Role of the Pharmacist in Closing the Gap in Health Disparities**

*Angela Hill, PharmD, CRPh, FACCPh, University of South Florida, Taneja College of Pharmacy, Tampa, FL*

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

**Upon completion of this activity pharmacists will be able to:**

- Explore the causes of gender-related health disparities;
- Describe the impact of gender-related health disparities on therapeutic outcomes;
- Discuss strategies to eliminate gender-related health disparities;
- Explain how pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and other health professionals can close the gap of health disparities.

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## SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

### **New Strategies for Diabetes Management: Making it Work for the Highest Risk Groups**

*Lenore T. Coleman, PharmD. CDE, President and Founder, Healing Our Village of Maryland Inc.*

#### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

***Upon completion of this activity pharmacists will be able to:***

- Describe the shift from a glucose-centric to a cardiometabolic focus for diabetes management;
- Design an effective treatment approach for high-risk patients with diabetes and comorbidities;
- List the limitations of current clinical practice guidelines for Diabetes as they apply to high-risk minority patients;
- Design an integrated approach to diabetes education / management optimizing new diabetes related technologies and community-based resources.

**Technicians will be able to:**

- Identify psychotropic medications by name and indication;
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- Identify the roles of pharmacists in behavioral health.

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## SPEAKER BIOS



Dr. Allen is an Associate Professor of Pharmacy practice at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) – School of Pharmacy. She earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Florida A&M University College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and completed an ASHP accredited PGY-1 (General Practice) and PGY-2 (Psychiatry) residency at the Buffalo Psychiatric Center. At PCOM, Dr. Allen teaches the mental health and neurology components of the therapeutics curriculum. She also has maintained a clinical site at the Atlanta VA Medical Center in outpatient general mental health. In addition to her work at PCOM and the Atlanta VA.

Dr. Allen is an active member of many pharmaceutical organizations such as the American Association of Psychiatric Pharmacists and American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. Both in the classroom, at her hospital, and through public social media forums, Dr. Allen has a goal of educating patients, caregivers, students, and other health care professionals on mental health medication.

Dr. Edwin Lang is a current PGY-1 Managed Care Pharmacy Resident at CareSource, and a 2023 graduate of Florida A&M University, College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Institute of Public Health. He is originally from Florida and grew up in Jacksonville before relocating to Tallahassee for college. During his time at FAMU, he gained an appreciation for community and ensuring those who follow behind him are given the same tools and resources he received, that led to where he is today.



With regards to pharmacy, he has a strong passion for upmost patient care, and advocacy for our profession. Due to fortune circumstances and exposure, he received during P4 rotations, he was drawn to the complex and ever-evolving world of managed care and dedicated his time and effort to achieving a residency position in this field. During his year of residency, the level of challenges and personal growth he received have been astounding and extremely fulfilling. He looks forward to continuing his personal and professional growth, as he demonstrates his skills as a life-long learner throughout whatever challenge or opportunity comes his way.



## SPEAKER BIOS



Dr. Angela Hill is the Professor and Associate Dean of Clinical Practice at the USF Taneja College of Pharmacy at the University of South Florida. Although Dr. Hill is a career academician, she has worked and consulted for community pharmacy practice, outpatient substance abuse treatment programs, long-term care facilities, and carved out specialty areas of practice to include, but not be limited to geriatrics, psychiatry, neurology, alternative medicine, substance abuse, and health disparities.

She is the pharmacy consultant for the USF Health Neuroscience/Byrd Alzheimer's Institute where she is involved in comprehensive medication reviews, patient visits, investigational drug-related research and community outreach. Dr. Hill has been involved in Brain Health Awareness Programs and Memory Disorder Clinics within the State of Florida. She is currently providing medication optimization services at Dr. Tracey's House which is a one-stop shop for comprehensive medical and behavioral health services for families.

Dr. Hill has developed pharmacy residency programs with a focus on mental health and neurology while at Florida A&M University, and developed a fellowship program with an emphasis on Women's Health, Neurology and Geriatrics at the University of South Florida. She has also served as a preceptor and on the residency advisory committee for residency programs with the Veteran's Administration and regional hospitals. In these programs, she helped develop and implement rotations and training in teaching excellence. She has also precepted undergraduate and post-graduate trainees in research methodology.

Dr. Hill has a career-long legacy of educating pharmacy learners and practitioners in her areas of expertise. She has provided numerous lectures for state, regional, and international pharmacy organizations. During the pandemic, she coordinated COVID Care and Pharmacy Practice trainings for the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria, and developed and implemented an immunization training for the University of Lagos, Nigeria.

One of her duties as the Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs includes her serving as the project manager for WE-CARE, a community-based participatory research entity within the College of Pharmacy where she coordinates activities within the community to recruit, retain, and educate marginalized groups on research participation and other health issues. Some of the focus areas for her work with WE-CARE include Alzheimer's disease, mental health, cancer, wellness, health promotion, and health disparities.

Dr. Hill received her Doctor of pharmacy degree from Florida A&M University, received postgraduate training in the neurosciences, and holds a certificate in Medication Therapy Management, a Health Equities Train-the-Trainer for Moffitt Cancer Center and is a registered and consultant pharmacist in the State of Florida.





## SPEAKER BIOS



Dr. Lenore Coleman received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of California, San Francisco. She completed an ASHP approved residency in Ambulatory Care at the USC School of Pharmacy. Dr. Coleman has been a practicing pharmacist for over 36 years and has worked as a clinical pharmacist in Acute Care, Ambulatory Care, Long Term Care, and Community Pharmacy settings. Within each of these practice settings, Dr. Coleman has focused on the care and management of people with diabetes.

Dr. Coleman holds the title of Adjunct Professor, Xavier College of Pharmacy. A Certified Diabetic Educator of 18 years, Dr. Coleman provides education and drug therapy management to ethnic populations nationwide. Dr. Coleman is currently the Executive Director and Founder of Total Lifestyle Change, Inc. (TLC), a non-profit service organization dedicated to eliminating health care disparities in ethnic populations [www.tlc-global.org](http://www.tlc-global.org). As part of TLC Dr. Coleman has open a Wellness Center based in Jonesboro Georgia.

She has developed Project FAITH and Operation DETECT: A Cardiovascular Risk Reduction Program for Faith-Based and Community- Based Organizations. In addition, Dr. Coleman has developed a video/radio broadcasting platform HOV TV Channel (Village Broadcasting) and Village Talk Radio (mobile app) to address the following the medical, emotional, psychological, and social justice issue affecting the African American Community.

Dr. Coleman is President and Founder of Healing Our Village of Maryland, Inc. a nationally certified minority business- [www.healingourvillage.com](http://www.healingourvillage.com). Healing Our Village provides diabetes self-management, diabetes prevention and cardiovascular education nationwide with certified program in Washington DC as well as a medication therapy management and health education programming via internet to consumers, federally qualified health centers, hospitals, and physicians' offices throughout the United States, Caribbean and Africa. She provides technology enabled care to Commercial and Managed Medicaid Health Plans and small urban hospitals. [www.hovhealth.com](http://www.hovhealth.com). In 2023, Dr. Coleman started HOVMD a concierge mobile medical clinic providing healthcare services and education to low-income apartment buildings throughout the United States. In addition, Healing Our Village works with the pharmaceutical industry to provide minority recruitment for clinical trials. [www.hovclinicalresearch.com](http://www.hovclinicalresearch.com).

In March 1996, Dr. Coleman became a Fellow of the American Society of Health System Pharmacists which represents sustained excellence in a practice area for more than 10 years.



## SPEAKER BIOS



Jason Esteves is the Georgia State Senator for District 6 and is focused on tackling issues that impact our families, especially public education, healthcare, housing, and economic opportunity. He was sworn in on January 9, 2023, and serves on the following Senate Committees: Children and Families, Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, Finance, State and Local Governmental Operations, and Interstate Cooperation. He is also Vice Chair of Finance and a member of the executive team of the Senate Democratic Caucus.

He is a former at-large representative and Board Chair of the Atlanta Public Schools Board of Education. In 2013, he became the first Latino elected to a school board in Georgia and focused his efforts on promoting equity and improving the financial outlook of the school system.

Under Jason's leadership, APS attained its highest graduation rate to date (83.1%), provided over \$100 million in staff pay increases and stipends, and increased APS's fund balance to its highest levels while providing more money directly to school sites. Jason helped ensure that APS stepped up to address the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic--APS distributed hundreds of thousands of meals to families and provided every student with a laptop and, if needed, an internet hotspot. APS followed scientific guidance on masks, testing, and school re-opening despite pressure from Governor Kemp.

Jason also worked with his colleagues to tackle controversial issues. In his first year as Board Chair (2018), the Board adopted an Equity Policy and Anti-Racism Resolution that eventually led to the creation of the Center for Equity and Social Justice. He oversaw the process of renaming buildings with hurtful legacies. And he created an LGBTQ+ Task Force that recommended policy changes and additional support for LGBTQ+ students and staff in the district.

Jason is a partner at the law firm of Hudson Cook LLP, where he advises clients on regulatory, litigation, privacy, and data security issues. Prior to joining Hudson Cook, he served as Vice President at Equifax Inc. and led the handling of regulatory matters, risk mitigation, and sensitive disputes and investigations for the company. He was a litigation associate at the law firm of McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP (now Dentons US LLP) after graduating from Emory University School of Law.

He serves as Treasurer of the Democratic Party of Georgia and is on the boards of several local non-profit organizations, including the Children's Museum of Atlanta. He is a member of the 100 Black Men of Atlanta and is an alumnus of LEAD Atlanta (2012), Leadership Georgia (2015), and Outstanding Atlanta (2020), and Leadership Atlanta (2022).

Jason is married to Ariel, a graduate of Kennesaw State University and Emory University's School of Nursing graduate program. Jason met Ariel while he attended Emory Law School. Ariel is the founder of Westside Med, an urgent and primary care clinic in their neighborhood. Ariel is also Vice President of Clinical Operations at CareSource and is a board member of Planned Parenthood Southeast and the Soaring Owls Foundation (a neighborhood school foundation). Jason and Ariel are proud parents of Jaeden (8) and Zoe (5) and reside in northwest Atlanta.

*In Loving Memory of Our*  
**FALLEN RATTLERS**



**PAST PRESIDENT, NDPAC**

**DECEMBER 2, 2023**

*Dr. Robert L. Thomas, Sr., Tampa, Florida*

*Dr. Thomas was a graduate of Florida A&M University, College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science, Institute of Public Health where he earned both the Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Pharmacy Degrees. He was an active member of the Tampa Bay Chapter and served as the President of the National Diamondback Pharmacy Alumni Council from 2018-2020.*

*Dr. Thomas served as the Interim Dean of Xavier University of Louisiana and at FAMU, CoPPS, IPH. He leaves to cherish his memories, his devoted and loving wife of 15 years, Gloria Thomas; three daughters and three sons.*

# *In Loving Memory of Our*

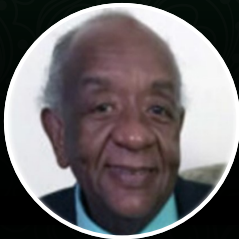
## **FALLEN RATTTLERS**



**MERCEDES JACKSON YOUNG**  
**GRACEVILLE, FL**  
**JUNE 21, 2023**



**DARELE BROWN CAMPBELL**  
**TAMPA, FL**  
**JULY 19, 2023**



**CLIFFORD HILL**  
**ORLANDO, FL**  
**FEBRUARY 13, 2024**



**COLONEL SAM SHANNON, JR. (RET.)**  
**AUGUSTA, GA**  
**MARCH 22, 2024**



**ROSALYN COLEMAN MANN**  
**MIAMI, FL**  
**MAY 3, 2024**

# OFFICERS

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Sharon M. White, Jacksonville, FL	<i>Immediate Past President</i>
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Dr. Maui Umar, St. Petersburg, FL	<i>Treasurer</i>
Walter Clark, Fayetteville, GA	<i>Parliamentarian</i>
Lonnie Clark, Lithia, FL	<i>Sergeant at Arms/Chaplain</i>

## Chapters

Atlanta Chapter - *Walter Clark, Contact Person*

Capital City Chapter (Tallahassee and surrounding area) -*Dr. Marrison Walker, President*

DMV Chapter (DC Metro) - *Inactive*

First Coast Chapter (Jacksonville) - *Dr. Samantha Thompson, Contact Person*

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