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MAGNIFY | Everlyn Hall-Baker, School's First Black Graduate, Reflects on 40-year Career

This year marks the 40th Anniversary of our first class of students graduating from the Doctor of Medicine program. Throughout the year, we will be featuring members of the inaugural class.

It has been nearly 40 years since Everlyn Lilease
Hall-Baker graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Columbia. She did not know it at the time, but the day she stepped through the school’s doors, she made history as the first African American student and one of only two women in the inaugural class.

For her devotion to her chosen profession, her patients and community, Hall-Baker has been named as an inaugural member of the Luminary Leaders in Medicine and Science Recognition program, honoring alumni, faculty and staff of diverse backgrounds who have significantly impacted the School of Medicine through their leadership, service, talents, influence and generosity.

Read full story about Dr. Hall-Baker here.

In addition to Dr. Hall-Baker, six others were recognized as Luminary Leaders in Medicine and Science during a virtual program on Thursday, February 18th. Those recipients were:

- Raymond P. Bynoe, MD
- Everett Dargan, MD
- Carol McMahon, MD
- Lurlene Scott, MRC
- Alvin F. Wells, MD, PhD
- Patricia Witherspoon, MD

Learn about each honoree and view the recorded program here.
FOCUS | Welcome the the Table Alumni
We're excited to introduce a new program for virtual student-alumni engagement: **Table Talk Series**. After meeting with our Student Alumni Council (SAC) in January, it was clear that our students are craving intimate, no holds barred conversations with those in their prospective professions. To address this need, we're looking to launch a pilot program for certain specialized fields this spring, and will be personally reaching out to alumni to participate before opening this for all.

These conversations with students will be extremely intimate: imagine sitting around a table with 6-8 students who want to hear the good, the bad, and the ugly of your career, things that they don't cover in their course work or interest groups; plus, giving them the ability to ask those off-limit questions without judgment and with full transparency from your end.

The idea was shared by one of our MD alumni who participates in a similar, sit-down dinner that MUSC has for their students. It has been well received in Charleston, and we believe creating our own virtual version of this event will be a success here as well. Keep your eyes peeled for more details next month!
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OF THE
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PROGRAM

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When you graduate from the UofSC School of Medicine, you are automatically a member of the SOM Alumni Association?

Please contact Paige Stiles at paige.stiles@uscmed.sc.edu to learn ways you can get involved!
REVERE | Class Kudos

LaNita Jefferson, MRC, LPC ('17) successfully led a coat and blanket donation drive for the Midlands Regional Alumni Chapter in November. Through her efforts, she collected 16 coats and 12 blankets for the Oliver Gospel Mission in Columbia, SC.

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