



# REEDE NEWS

The Official Newsletter of The Reede Scholars, Inc.



Reede Scholars at the Annual Meeting May 2024

Symposium Speakers: Kimberly Chang, Kaz Rafia, Mary E. Fleming, Ariana McGee, Caswell Evans.

For 15 years, the Reede Scholars have hosted an annual Health Equity Symposium. The goal is to engage a round table of expert speakers and dialogue with audience participants to answer these and other questions in the continued quest to advance health equity. Our speakers are nationally acclaimed workers whose aim is to make the people of our communities more powerful, and their lives more equitable in all aspects of where they live, work, play, and pray!

Of all the advances aimed at closing the health inequity gap, the most promising are upstream policies and innovations. Health equity trailblazing advocates shared their insights, experiences, and achievements within the realm of policy and innovations that advance health equity and remove obstacles to health. This year, our three dynamic speakers presented on theme of "Advancing Health Equity: Policy & Innovation." Each talk built upon the previous one elucidating the path we have traveled and the increasing possibilities of the future. Unlocking the Power of Policy: A Catalyst for Effective Change," by Caswell Evans, DDS, MPH, "Harnessing the power of innovation to advance health equity," by Kaz Rafia, DDS, MBA, MPH, and "The convergence of policies and technological advancements in reproductive health to promote health equity," by Ariana McGee. Reede Scholar Kimberly Chang, MD, MPH eloquently summarized and responded to the key takeaways from each. Leading the discussion was Reede Scholars, Inc. President Mary Fleming, MD, MPH who served as Moderator. The robust Q&A confirmed the topic was timely and well received.

The recording of this year's symposium is available on our youtube channel.

## 2024 Reede Scholars 10th Anniversary Presidential Soiree and Award Ceremony



On May 07, 2024 the Reede Scholars celebrated a decade of excellence at **Savor Restaurant and Lounge**. A truly unforgettable evening filled with laughter, joy, and recognition. The Soiree was in celebration of Reede Scholars, Inc. Mary Flemings' ten outstanding years as President.

We commemorated ten years of empowering scholars and fostering success, joined by our esteemed community of scholars, mentors, and supporters. This event was a fantastic opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals who are passionate about education and making a positive impact.

We were greeted by Drs. Myechia Minter-Jordan and Joan Reede, who uplifted, inspired and pushed us to walk in our light.

Our honorees: Adimika Arthur, MPH, Uché Blackstock, MD, Winifred Booker, DDS, Douglas Brooks, MSW, Daniel Dawes, JD, Rev. Gloria White-Hammond, MD, Hakeem Jeffries, JD, Maria Lemus, MA, Jackie Jenkins-Scott, MS, Karen Scott, MD.

As president of the Reede Scholars for the past 10 years, I have seen the organization grow and our members soar to new heights. The opportunity to be in the same room as our honorees, humbles me beyond measure. Health Equity is everyone's responsibility and I am grateful for those leading the charge.

As if it this wasn't enough, the Office for Diversity Inclusion and Community partnership invited me to keynote the alumni dinner during Leadership and Faculty Development Program. Thank you to all of you who make the week so special and I look forward to all our amazing adventures ahead! -- Mary



## Reede Scholars, Inc.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:  
ReedeScholars.org

Editor & Writer  
Mary E. Fleming, President

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- 15TH ANNUAL HEALTH EQUITY SYMPOSIUM
- 10TH ANNIVERSARY SOIREE AND AWARDS CEREMONY
- JOAN REEDE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
- 2024 GIVING CAMPAIGN
- DON LEE VISION AWARD RECEIPT
- REEDE SCHOLARS & BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION
- NANAEFU AFOH-MANIN SOCIAL ENTERPRISE INITIATIVE AWARD

## 2024-2025 EVENTS

**October 28, 2024**

Reede Scholars  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minneapolis, MN

**April 4-6, 2025**

Annual Leadership Retreat and  
Business Meeting  
Atlanta, GA

**May 7-9, 2025**

Leadership and Faculty  
Development Program &  
Minority Health Policy Meeting  
Boston, MA

**May 08, 2025**

Reede Scholars  
16th Annual Health Equity  
Symposium  
Boston, MA

**2024 GIVING CAMPAIGN**

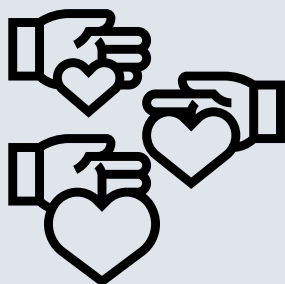
Your donations help to grow our organization and further our mission and our strategic plans. Donations have helped contribute towards our annual Leadership Retreat and Health Equity Symposium, publication Reede News and podcast Reede Scholars Live.

For Reede Scholars members complete your yearly \$100 membership donations (if you have not done so already).

As Reede Scholars, our goal is to raise \$10,000 from the membership in 2024.

We appreciate the continued support. Thank you to those who contribute loyally and generously.

Reede Scholars is nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. For questions please email: [thereedescholars@gmail.com](mailto:thereedescholars@gmail.com)



**Board of Directors:**

- C. E. Hodge, DMD, MPH, MPA  
Chair
- Ann Elrington, MD, MPH
- Alexy Arauz Boudreau, MD, MPH
- Shelia E. Roundtree, MD, MPH
- D’Nyce L. Williams, MD, MPH, MPA

**Dr. Reede Receives Lifetime Achievement Award**

Congratulations to Dr. Joan Reede, the 2024 recipient of the W. Montague Cobb Lifetime Achievement Award. This prestigious award is given to those who have made significant impacts on the lives and health of underserved populations, championing health equity throughout their careers.

The W. Montague Cobb/National Medical Association (NMA) Health Institute (The Cobb Institute), a 501(c)(3) in Washington, DC, functions as a national consortium of scholars that engages in innovative research and knowledge dissemination for the reduction and elimination of racial and ethnic health disparities and racism in medicine. Solving one of our society’s most pressing problems, racial inequities in health, requires the collaborative work of public agencies, private entities, academic medical centers, and -- equally important -- communities. Founded in 2004, The Institute is named in honor of the late William Montague Cobb M.D., Ph.D., physician, anthropologist, and a distinguished professor of medicine and anatomy.



**Congratulations to our Vision Award recipient Don Lee**

Dr. Lee’s association with the Commonwealth Fund Fellowship began with his work as a research assistant in the office of Minority Faculty Development Program, while pursuing his post-baccalaureate pre-medical studies at the Harvard Extension School. Since then, Dr. Lee’s commitment to serving the needs of minority populations has been a consistent focus in his development as a physician. He has held several positions in the Wisconsin Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

Dr. Lee earned his medical degree from the University of Wisconsin Medical School in 2002. He completed his Internal Medicine residency at Aurora Sinai Medical Center/Aurora Health Care in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in June 2005. He completed the CFHU Fellowship, and received his M.P.H. from the Harvard School of Public Health in 2006.

Dr. Lee has served as the treasurer of Reede Scholars since 2018. Thank you Don for the work you have done over the past several years to make Reede Scholars a more efficient and robust organization.

**Executive Officers:**

- Mary E. Fleming, MD, MPH  
President
- Nicole del Castillo, MD, MPH  
Secretary
- Don S. Lee, MD, MPH  
Treasurer

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Greetings Scholars!

As we embark on another academic year, with an amazing cohort of fellows, we must be reminded of how far we’ve come and how far we have to go. With the onslaught of anti-DEI and health equity rhetoric, our community is more important than ever! We can be encouraged by the influx and funding to HBCU’s and the emerging medical school at Xavier University of Louisiana.

As always, I remind you of our social hours, general business meetings and our committees that need your input. Contact any of the executive officers for more information. Please like, follow and subscribe to our social media accounts and list Reede Scholars proudly on your CV’s and LinkedIn profiles.



National Medical Association  
NYC August 2024

National Medical Association  
NYC August 2024

--Mary

New multi-sector partnership between the City, the Boston Public Health Commission, Boston Community Health Collaborative, and \$10 million investment from Atrius Health Equity Foundation.

Reede Scholars Kevin Simon, Monica Bharel and Bisola Ojikutu at the center of innovation in Boston. [Full Article, July 2024.](#)



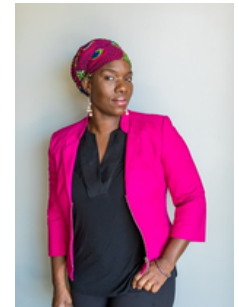
“Boston is a city that is rich with high quality health care resources. Yet, we have long-standing gaps in life expectancy and other health outcomes by race, ethnicity and neighborhood,” said **Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission.** “In order to close these gaps, we need to focus on drivers of poor health that exist outside the walls of health care institutions, like poverty and economic inequality. This will require a collaborative, whole-of-society, multi-sector approach. I want to thank Atrius Health Equity Foundation for their investment that I hope will catalyze more new partnerships to improve health and well-being for all in our city.”

The Boston Community Health Collaborative (BCHC) –which is facilitated by BPHC and convenes City departments, public health, healthcare, community based organizations, and Boston residents – developed a community health improvement plan that identified economic mobility and inclusion as a critical strategy to improve health. To support this, Atrius Health Equity Foundation has committed \$10 million for community-led coalitions to improve financial wellbeing in communities with poor cardiometabolic health outcomes. This investment makes the City of Boston, BPHC, BCHC, and Atrius Health Equity Foundation the first multi-sector partnership in the Live Long and Well agenda.

“We hear from communities across Eastern Massachusetts how economic opportunity is foundational for health and well-being. Our investment recognizes the deep connection between health and wealth and aims to support communities in creating the conditions that enable everyone to thrive,” said **Dr. Ann Hwang, President of the Atrius Health Equity Foundation.** “We are thrilled to partner with the Mayor, the City of Boston, the Boston Public Health Commission, and the Boston Community Health Collaborative, all of whom have shown tremendous leadership in advancing community priorities for better health.”



Check out our latest episodes!



NanaEfu Afoh-Manin of the Shared Harvest Foundation, received the Social Enterprise Initiative Award

*Thank you to our Sponsors!*



# Creating a More Equitable Oral Health System



The inequities in our society are all too clear — and those same inequities carry through into the oral health care system. Today, more than 76.5 million Americans have no dental coverage, missing the chance to live a life with good oral health.

Join CareQuest Institute for Oral Health as we work to build the oral health system of the future.



**CareQuest**   
Institute for Oral Health®

**Together, we're improving  
the oral health of all.**

**Visit us at [carequest.org](https://carequest.org)**