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It's OFFICIALLY official, and our office couldn’t be more thrilled to connect with those returning for milestone reunions and the BMS program anniversary, or simply because you’ve missed having reunion events over the last two years and are now ready to mingle with your fellow alumni! Whatever your reason, please make sure you buy your tickets before March 4th, as
ticket prices will increase $15.

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW - PRICE INCREASES BY $15 ON MARCH 4TH

The room block at Hotel Trundle ended on February 15th, but we have secured additional accommodations for our returning alumni at the Hilton Columbia Center with a special group rate of $139/night (includes breakfast). Located in the heart of The Vista, you'll be a hop, skip, and a jump away from everything Downtown Columbia has to offer.

BOOK YOUR ROOM AT THE HILTON BY MARCH 11TH

FOCUS | Black Pioneers in Health and Science

As we near the end of the month, we're honoring African Americans in history who have made an impact in health and science, as well as our very own SOMC Black pioneers who have helped pave the way for others at our school and within their communities. We're inspired by their commitment and resiliency to overcome racial disparities that, in turn, encourage more minorities
to envision themselves as doctors, scientists, genetic and rehabilitation counselors, nurse anesthetists, and physician assistants.

James McCune Smith, MD

In 1837, Dr. McCune Smith became the first African American to receive a medical degree, though he had to obtain that degree from the University of Glasgow in Scotland because medical schools in the United States denied him acceptance into their program. He was also the first Black physician to be published in US medical journals, as well as the first to own and operate a pharmacy in the United States.

Marie Maynard Daly, PhD

In 1947, Dr. Daly became the first African American woman to receive a doctorate in chemistry in the United States. Her research at the Rockefeller Institute focused on the composition of the cell’s nucleus and how proteins are metabolised. She taught at Howard University, Columbia University and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Daly helped develop programs aimed at increasing minority enrollment in medical school and graduate programs, and created a scholarship at Queens College for Black science graduates.

Mae Carol Jemison, MD
In 1992, Dr. Jemison became the first African American woman to travel to space. As the only Black student in her class, she graduated with her MD from Cornell Medical School, where she practiced general medicine before serving as a medical officer in the Peace Corps. After her mission to space in 1993, she started a consulting company that encourages science, technology, and social change, created an international space camp for teens, and served as a Professor-at-Large at Cornell University. She was inducted into both the National Women's Hall of Fame and the National Medical Association Hall of Fame.

Everett Dargan, MD

Dr. Dargan joined the SOMC as one of the first African American faculty members, serving as an associate professor of clinical surgery in 1979. He is a life member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was recognized with the Order of the Palmetto, and received a Congressional Tribute from US Congressman James Clyburn in 2005. Shortly after, the SOMC established a scholarship in his honor to recruit, educate and retain minority students. In 2020, he received the Dean's Friend of the School of Medicine Award, and was part of the inaugural class of the SOMC Luminary Leaders in Science and Medicine in 2021.

Everlyn Hall-Baker, MD

Dr. Hall-Baker made history as the first African American student at the UofSC SOMC and was one of only three women who were members of the inaugural MD class. Breaking glass ceilings is in her blood; her older sister was among the second class of Black students to attend UofSC during desegregation which encouraged her to apply to the SOMC. After earning her MD in 1981, she spent her career
in family medicine and was actively involved with several medical associations, offering health screenings for the community and being a true advocate for her patients. In 2021, Dr. Hall-Baker was honored as a member of the inaugural class of SOMC Luminary Leaders in Science and Medicine.

Alvin F. Wells, MD, PhD

After earning his doctoral degree in immunology from SOMC in 1988, Dr. Wells devoted his career to researching inflammatory disorders, publishing numerous materials, and serving as a principal investigator on several clinical trials. His passion for the field led him to become a recipient of the prestigious Fogarty Biomedical Research Award from the National Institutes of Health, which allowed him to undertake a two-year postdoctoral fellowship at Uppsala University, Sweden. For all of this and more, it’s clear why he was the first graduate to be awarded our Distinguished Doctorate Alumni Award in 2000, and honored as a member of the inaugural class of SOMC Luminary Leaders in Science and Medicine in 2021.
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REVERE | Class Kudos

Would you like to send a personal note to congratulate our alumni? Or do you have news of your own you’d like us to share? We’d love to hear from you!

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Deadline to submit Class Kudos is March 21st.

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