

**MOREHOUSE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE—W. MONTAGUE COBB
INSTITUTE SPECIAL SESSION AT THE 2026 NMA CONVENTION**

Building Wealth, Strengthening Care

Investing in Physicians Serving
Communities with the Greatest Needs

**TUESDAY
JULY 28
9 AM–11 AM**

**Sheraton Convention
Center: San Juan Meeting
Rooms 4 & 5**

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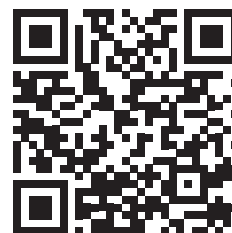
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THIS SESSION WILL EXPLORE

- Describe the role of physicians, scientists, and historically Black medical schools in strengthening the healthcare workforce and expanding access to care.
- Examine how investments in medical education, research, and healthcare infrastructure can advance both health equity and economic mobility.
- Identify barriers to physician sustainability, including educational debt, practice ownership, access to capital, and workforce challenges.
- Discuss strategies to support physician leadership, innovation, entrepreneurship, and community-based healthcare delivery in underserved communities.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS & PANELISTS:



Tiffany Bates, DO
Founder & Co-Owner,
Femwell Gynecology and Wellness



Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD
President & CEO, Morehouse
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Mallory Williams, MD, MPH
Chair, Department of Trauma and
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Jamal Lawrence, MD
Founder, Harvest Health MD;
President of the South Atlantic
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Professor at Mercer University
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Deborah B. Prothrow-Stith, MD
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AGENDA

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM **WELCOME**

- Randall C. Morgan Jr., MD, MBA | W. Montague Cobb Institute/National Medical Association Health Institute
- Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD | President & CEO, Morehouse School of Medicine

9:15 AM – 9:35 AM **FROM PIPELINE TO PROSPERITY: INVESTING IN PHYSICIANS, SCIENTISTS, AND MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS**

Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD | President & CEO, Morehouse School of Medicine
In conversation with: Laura Veroneau, MBA | Managing Partner, Optum

9:35 AM – 10:00 AM **BLACK PHYSICIANS AS ECONOMIC ANCHORS: BUILDING WEALTH THROUGH CARE DELIVERY**

Session Moderator
Randall C. Morgan Jr., MD, MBA | President & CEO W. Montague Cobb Institute

Panelists:

- Tiffany Bates, DO | Founder & Co-Owner, Femwell Gynecology and Wellness
- Jamal Lawrence, MD | Founder, Harvest Health MD; President of the South Atlantic Medical Association and the local NMA chapter; Clinical Assistant Professor at Mercer University School of Medicine
- E. Nicole Parson, MD | Founder & Co-Owner, Femwell Gynecology and Wellness

10:00 AM – 10:25 AM **INVESTING IN INSTITUTIONS: BUILDING THE NEXT GENERATION OF PHYSICIANS, SCIENTISTS, AND COMMUNITY LEADERS**

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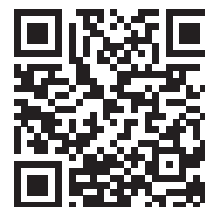
- James Hildreth, MD, Ph | President & Chief Executive Officer, Meharry Medical College
- Andrea Hayes Dixon MD | Dean & Vice President of Clinical Affairs
- Deborah B. Prothrow-Stith, MD | Dean, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science (CDU) College of Medicine

10:25 AM – 10:40 AM **FROM PRACTICE TO PROSPERITY: WHAT PHYSICIANS NEED NOW**

Audience Facilitator

Winston Price, MD | W. Montague Cobb Institute/National Medical Association Health Institute

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