

## Press Release



**Artistic rendering of Dr. Daniel Denis Laroche, Sr. provided by National Medical Fellowships**

On October 6, 2021, National Medical Fellowships (NMF) held the **Inaugural Daniel Denis Laroche, Sr., MD Scholarship in Anesthesiology Lecture and Awards Reception**. Dr. Laroche, Sr. was born in Jacmel, Haiti in 1932 and became one of the first Black residents in the Anesthesiology residency at Mount Sinai Hospital in NYC. He worked at Jamaica Hospital in New York City for 25 years as an Anesthesiologist. He was on the front lines addressing health disparities and saving lives and will be remembered for his commitment to clinical and academic excellence, integrity, humor, patience, and class.

The inaugural founding scholarship committee included, Claude D. Brunson, MD, MS, CPE\*, Andrea Clarke-Moore, MD, Fregens Dulvalsaint, MD, Cheryl Gooden, MD\*, Daniel Laroche, Jr., MD\* Chantal Pyram-Vincent, MD, MPH, FASA\*, and Matthew Thompson, MD\*. This committee is dedicated to increasing the number of underrepresented physicians interested in Anesthesiology. Only 3% of Anesthesiologists are Black despite the fact that 12% of the American population is Black. This Scholarship Fund annually awards one \$5,000.00 scholarship. Eligible candidates must be currently enrolled in an accredited medical school in the United States; identify as Black, Afro-Latino (a), or Native American; exemplify Academic Excellence, Addressing Health Disparities, Research, Leadership, and Innovation and have an interest in pursuing a career in Anesthesiology.

The **2021 Daniel Denis Laroche, Sr., MD Scholarship in Anesthesiology** was awarded to the following recipient:



**Cody Sain:** A fourth-year medical student at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, Cody Sain is eager to transform the face of healthcare. From the small town of Humboldt, Tennessee, Mr. Sain possesses a natural heart of service that drives his commitment to academic excellence, research, leadership and addressing healthcare disparities. He presented his research on "Emergency Intubation Practice Patterns Outside of the Operating Room". While in medical school and excelling academically and conducting research, Mr. Sain co-chaired the annual Health Professions Recruitment and Exposure Program at Pritzker, and mentored minority pre-medical students from the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students and the Populi Foundation. Mr. Sain received a University of Chicago Graduate Student Leadership & Recognition award and Diversity Advisory Board Pritzker Diversity Award. Mr. Sain is applying for Anesthesiology residency this fall and will graduate in May 2021.

There were many talented underrepresented minority medical students identified as a result of this scholarship who are also applying for Anesthesia this fall and they include:

Gifty Addae

New York University Grossman School of Medicine

Eseosa Aiwerioghene

Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine

Jessica Anyaso

University of Missouri-Kansas

Chineze Mbanugo

Michigan State University College of Human Medicine

Please look out for these talented students who will be future anesthesiologists.

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## **Daniel Denis Laroche, Sr., MD Scholarship in Anesthesiology Lecture and Awards Reception was held on Wednesday October 6, 2021**

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