

## National Medical Fellowships Announcement

### The James McCune Smith, MD Lecture and Award Reception for Excellence, Innovation, Diversity, and Research in Health Disparities in Medicine.

On Wednesday, April 28th, 2021, National Medical Fellowships and the Founding Committee members of the James McCune Smith, MD Lecture and Award Reception for Excellence, Innovation, Diversity, and Research in Health Disparities in Medicine, selected **Ms. Carly Mulinda** as the second recipient of the **James McCune Smith, MD Medical Student Award**.



A first-year medical student at Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians & Surgeons, Carly Mulinda has demonstrated her commitment to both serving underserved populations and providing mentorship. In 2019, Ms. Mulinda graduated with Honors from the University of Virginia, where she earned a BA in Psychology and African-American Studies. As an undergraduate student, she served as the President of the Black Student Research Network, where she executed programming that provided Black undergraduate students with research opportunities and faculty mentors. As a medical student, she currently serves as the President of the Black and Latino Student Organization at Columbia, which, in addition to providing mentorship to Black and Latinx medical and dental students, also provides tutoring and mentoring to high-school students in the Washington Heights neighborhood interested in careers in medicine. Ms. Mulinda also serves on the executive board of the student-run free clinic, Columbia-Harlem Homeless Partnership, through which she provides medical care to unhoused and underinsured individuals in Harlem and northern Manhattan.

Please [click here](#) to view Ms. Mulinda's acceptance of the 2021 James McCune Smith, MD Medical Student Award and her presentation of her latest research in healthcare disparities in medicine, as well as the full event.

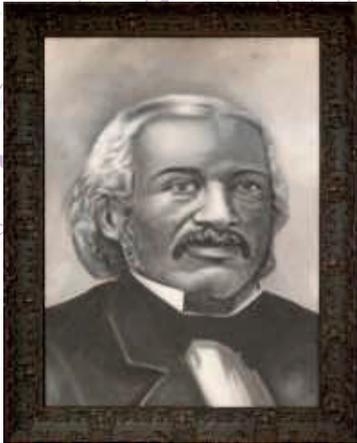
Thank you to all who purchased tickets and made donations to this important new initiative. And a very special thank you to the Founding Committee members for their steadfast support and dedication. Now your support will help NMF continue to recognize talented young people who hold promise as healthcare leaders, while we honor the memory of James McCune Smith, MD, the first African American medical doctor in the United States. Please [click here](#) to support the James McCune Smith, MD Medical Student Award.

We sincerely look forward to continuing our efforts in supporting the students we serve with you all. Should you have questions about the James McCune Smith, MD Scholarship, please don't hesitate to contact Paula Mejia at [pmejia@nmfonline.org](mailto:pmejia@nmfonline.org).

Thank you once again! Wishing you, your family, and colleagues good health,

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A Brief History of  
**James McCune Smith, MD**  
1813 – 1865



Although born in New York, James McCune Smith was denied admission to New York medical schools. In 1832 he began his studies at the University of Glasgow, earning a BA in 1835, an MA in 1836 and his MD in 1837. He returned to New York where he became the first university-trained practicing African American physician in the United States.

Dr. McCune Smith maintained a general medical and surgical practice in Lower Manhattan, treating both black and white patients. He also served as a physician at the Colored Orphans Asylum of New York, where he became Medical Director in 1846. He held that position until the asylum was destroyed during the Draft Riots of 1863. Author of the first case report by an African American physician, Dr. McCune Smith was denied membership in, and the opportunity to present

his work before the New York Medical and Surgical Society in 1840 because of his race. A second series of case reports by Dr. Smith were ultimately published in the New York Journal of Medicine in 1844 and were the first medical scientific papers published by an African American physician in the United States. McCune Smith also published several papers that used sophisticated statistical analysis to disprove prevailing theories of racial inferiority. An outspoken abolitionist, he regularly contributed articles to the abolitionist press.

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