

# Who We Are

The C. V. Roman Medical Society, a 501 (c)(3) organization, is the Dallas-Fort Worth National Medical Association (NMA) chapter.

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# Evening Program

### Emcee of the Night Yohance Harrison

**6:00 PM** Cocktail Reception Silent Auction Opens Violinist

7:00 PM Welcome Address
with Dr. Gina Mullen
Welcome Video
with Dallas City Manager KimberlyTolbert

**7:15 PM** Presidential Address & Recognition of Sponsors with Dr. Melanie Hafford

7:30 PM Introduction of Historical Video
with Dr. Carolee Estelle
Video produced by Money Script Wealth Management, PLLC

**7:45 PM** Invocation

with Dr. Paula Dobbs Wiggins

Dinner

8:15 PM Introduction of Scholarships
with Dr. LaTonjia Robinson-Brown
Student Scholarship Presentations
with Dr. LaTonjia Robinson-Brown & Dr. Melanie Hafford

8:45 PM Introduction of Physician Awardees
with Dr. Wendy Parnell & Dr. Gina Mullen
Honoring Dr. Wendell E. Jones
Honoring Dr. Lauren Nichelle Dobbs Wiggins

**9:00 PM** Recognition of Executive Board & Chairs with Dr. Melanie Hafford

9:15 PM Closing Remarks
with Dr. Marvinia Charles

10:00 PM Auction closes

# Honoring

### Dr. Wendell E. Jones, MD, MBA, FACP

Dr. Wendell E. Jones, MD, MBA, FACP serves as the Network Director for the Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) No. 17, headquartered in Arlington, Texas. In this role, he provides leadership and oversight of all clinical and administrative operations across VA healthcare facilities throughout North, Central, and South Texas.

A Fellow of the American College of Physicians, Dr. Jones is also a Certified Physician Executive with the American Association of Physician Leadership. He holds an appointment as Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School and serves on the Scientific Advisory Council of the American Red Cross. His commitment to advancing medical excellence extends to his service as a former National Medical Association Internal Medicine Section Chair.

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In 2000, Dr. Jones became Chief Medical Officer for VISN 17 and continued his academic service as Assistant Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School. His proven leadership and dedication to veterans' health led to his appointment as Network Director of VISN 17 in 2021.

Dr. Jones earned his M.D. from Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia in 1985 and later pursued an M.B.A. at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida, graduating in 1991.

Throughout his career, Dr. Jones has exemplified a commitment to excellence in patient care, medical education, and organizational leadership, guided by a deep sense of service to veterans and the medical community.

# Honoring

## LAUREN NICHELLE DOBBS WIGGINS, MD

Lauren Nichelle Dobbs Wiggins, MD was an ophthalmologist at Baylor Scott and White Medical Center where she had previously interned in the office of Dr. James Gray and upon completion of her training, joined the office of Dr. C. Cordell Adams. Dr. Lauren was also an active, "enthusiastic" member of the

C.V. Roman Medical Society, whereshe served as

Treasurer.

Lauren was the first born of Dr. Paula Dobbs-Wiggins & Attorney Kevin B. Wiggins. She was "literally" born in medical school during Paula's 4th year & was pictured with the Dean in the HMS yearbook.

She was an active member of St. Luke "Community" UMC where she was Confirmed in the Faith by The

Rev. Dr. Zan Wesley Holmes, Jr. Dr. Wiggins was a graduate of The Hockaday School of Dallas, Harvard College and the

University of TX Health Science Center at San Antonio where she participated in a medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic.

She did her Residency in Ophthalmology at the University of Missouri School of Medicine. Her esteemed professor and mentor, Dr. John Jarstad now at the University of Tampa says, "She was

not only one of THE most gifted eye surgeons of the 180+ that I have trained but also so compassionate and caring toward her patients, regardless of social or economic background." A gifted violinist, Lauren began lessons prior to her 3rd Bornday. She was a member of the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra, Concertmistress of the Hockaday Orchestra, member of the Harvard College Baroque Chamber Orchestra, founder of the Kuumba Singers Orchestra, member of the UTHSCSA String Quartet and most enjoyably, The Wiggins Quartet, with her brothers Kyle, Paul and Kevin. The dexterity Lauren developed as a violinist served her well as a cataract surgeon, reportedly able to complete in 4-6 minutes what many ophthalmologists require 20-30 minutes to accomplish.

As impressive as her education and resume are, Dr. Lauren's most outstanding quality was the size of her heart: her capacity to love was endless. She loved God, her family, her coworkers, her patients, her friends and even her enemies.

Tragically, Dr. Wiggins died following a brief, acute illness on October 14, 2020. Following her transition, Dr. Adams posted on her "favorite social media site" that she was "an incredible addition to the office, the staff, Baylor and most importantly to your patients. You loved them and they loved you. You were and will always be an incredible doctor. I pray that your love and spirit will dwell in us forever."



We honor these students whose dedication carries forward a proud legacy. Their achievements are empowering the next generation of leaders.

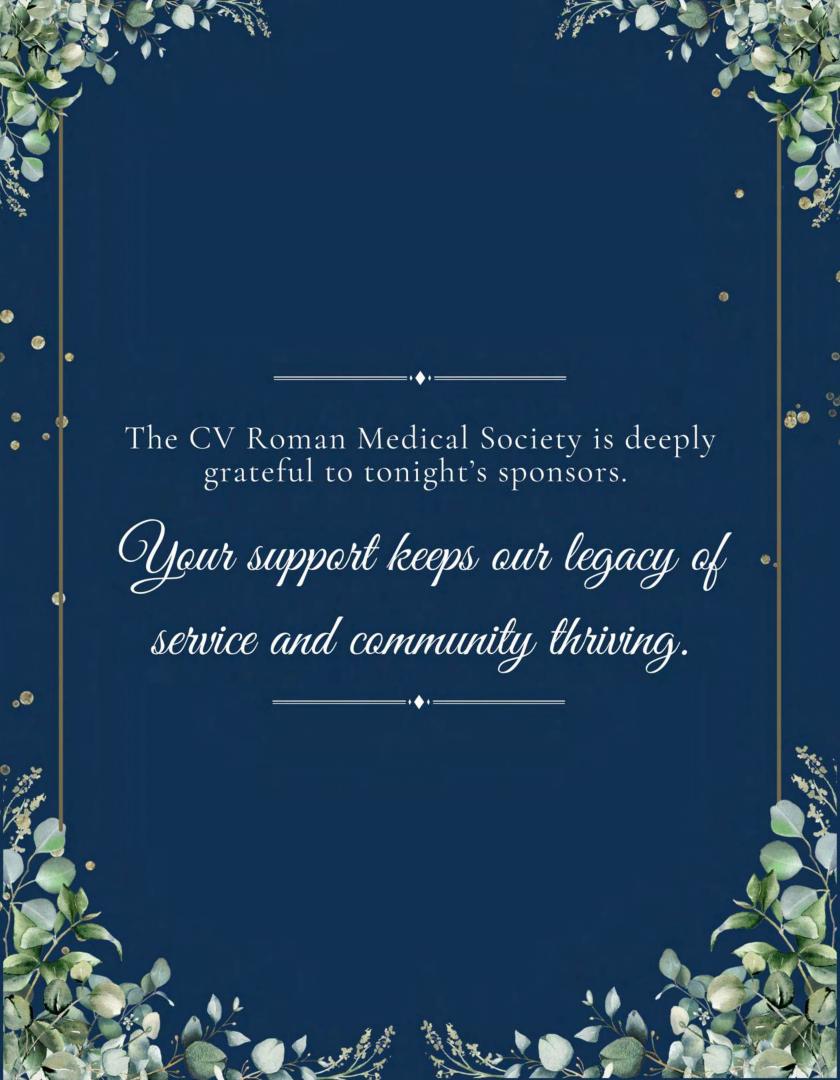
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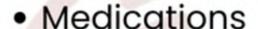
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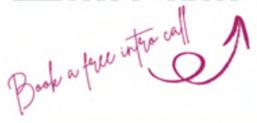
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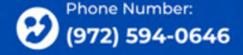
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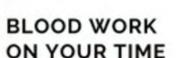
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Your dedication to supporting the next generation of physicians and healthcare leaders continues the proud legacy of excellence exemplified by Dr. C.V. Roman himself. The NMA applauds your ongoing impact and partnership in shaping a healthier, more equitable future for all.

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I extend my sincerest gratitude to our President, Dr. Melanie Hafford, our administrator, Yolanda Hyder, and the members of the Executive Board whose tireless dedication brought the gala to life.

Your commitment to excellence has elevated this event and propelled our mission forward. The success of the gala stands as a testament to your leadership, vision, and passion for making a difference.

A special thank you to Naomi Jackson and Neha Srivastava for their creativity and tireless work behind the scenes to make this evening a success.

With deepest appreciation to Dr. Wendy Parnell and Dr. Winfred Parnell, whose leadership, generosity, and steadfast support were instrumental to this gala's success and continue to inspire our community.

With immense gratitude, Gina Mullen, MD Gala Chair

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