

# The Minnesota Association of African-American Physicians award two scholarships to University of Minnesota Medical School Students

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The Minnesota Chapter of the National Medical Association (a.k.a. The Minnesota Association of Black Physicians/The Minnesota Association of African-American Physicians) was pleased to award two scholarships to 2 senior medical students at the University of Minnesota Medical School at a ceremony on campus, Wednesday, September 25, 2019. The named awards recognized outstanding achievement in the area of medical student performance. Ms. Danielle Brewer was given the Rodney Wayne England, M.D. Scholarship. Dr. England grew up in Illinois and graduated from the University of Illinois Medical School. He did his residency training at the Minneapolis V.A. hospital, Ramsey Hospital, and Hennepin County hospital. Dr. England was a pioneering Internal Medicine Physician who had a private practice in St. Paul and served the citizens in a sterling manner for over 40 years. He was married to Pat, and they had five children, 2 of whom are practicing physicians in the Twin Cities. Ms. Danielle Brewer graduated from Blake School in 2012 and Howard University in 2016.



Pictured left to right: Charles Crutchfield III, MD, President of the Minnesota Chapter of the National Medical Association, Mary Tate, director of diversity and minority affairs at the U of MN Medical School, David Hamlar, MD, ENT surgeon and U of MN Medical School advisor and liaison, Danielle Brewer, and Ms. Lauren Nichols.

Ms. Lauren Nichols was given the Dr. Cassius Marcellus Clay Ellis Scholarship. Dr. Ellis was born in Kentucky and graduated from Meharry Medical College in 1962. Dr. Ellis was one of the first Presidents of the Minnesota chapter of the National Medical Association. Dr. Ellis was also a renown surgeon. He trained many Minnesota surgeons and had a strong affiliation and respect from the University of Minnesota Medical School, Minnesota Board of Medical Practice, U.S. Army, and North Memorial hospital. His wife was Phyllis, and they had four children together. Ms. Lauren Nichols graduated from Robbinsdale Armstrong High School in 2011 and St. Olaf College in 2015.

Both Danielle and Lauren are completing their fourth year of medical school and will graduate in May 2020. They both have a keen interest in Pediatrics.

"We were thrilled to learn of the Drs. England and Ellis Scholarships given by the Minnesota Chapter of the National Medical Association to Danielle Brewer and Lauren Nichols. They both were extremely deserving and appreciative to be recipients of the MN Chapter of the NMA Scholarships. The MN Chapter of the NMA Scholarship Award means a lot to the medical students. We are very thankful that our community physicians recognize and support the University of Minnesota Medical School and its many outstanding students."

Mary Tate, Director of Diversity and Minority Affairs at the U of MN Medical School

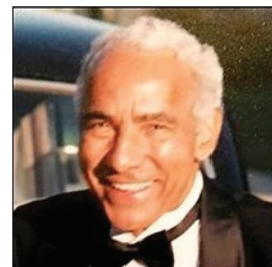
"The University of Minnesota Medical School is pleased the MN Chapter of the NMA gave the named scholarships to Danielle Brewer and Lauren Nichols. Drs Ellis and England were leaders and pioneers in the Minnesota Medical community. It is very gratifying that their legacy is remembered and that the MN Chapter of the NMA supports the University of Minnesota Medical School and recognizes some of Minnesota's outstanding future physicians."

Dimple Patel, Associate Dean, Office of Admissions University of Minnesota Medical School

"As president of the MN Chapter of the NMA I am thrilled to re-engage in the named scholarship program. Drs. Ellis and England were luminaries in Minnesota Medicine. We look forward to participating in scholarship program with the University of Minnesota Medical School for years to come and we are dedicated to recognizing the many exemplary Minnesota African-American physicians who paved the way for the future Minnesota physicians."

Charles E. Crutchfield III, MD, President of the Minnesota Chapter of the National Medical Association

About: The Minnesota Chapter of the National Medical Association (a.k.a. The Minnesota Association of Black Physicians/The Minnesota Association of African-American Physicians) provide education, support, camaraderie, and advocacy for Minnesota's physicians with a special emphasis on supporting Physicians of Color, especially Black/African-American physicians, so they may provide the highest quality, most effective service and care to all in need, reduce health care inequities, and increase access to health care to all with special emphasis on access for Patients of Color. Initially created by Black/African-American physicians, Minnesota physicians and patients of all races, ethnicities, genders, and preferences are embraced in the mission of the Minnesota Association of Black Physicians and are welcome to become members and welcome to seek care from our physician members. MAAAP.org



Rodney Wayne England, M.D.



Dr. Cassius Marcellus Clay Ellis