

JANUARY 2025



**We reaffirm our commitment to achieving our goal of building confident leaders and credible voices underrepresented in medicine with the support of our sponsors and partners.**

*2024 CHEF Cohort Graduation  
Saturday, December 14, 2024  
American Public Health Association Headquarters  
Washington, DC*

## Awareness, Collaboration & Strategy



**“** Jalonne L. White-Newsome, PhD  
*Federal Chief Environmental Justice Officer at The White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)*

Richard W. Spinrad, PhD  
*Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere & NOAA Administrator*

2024 CHEF Graduation Keynote Speakers

The Climate and Health Equity Fellowship (CHEF) attracts leading physicians from underrepresented communities in medicine, and fosters impactful partnerships with environmental justice advocates, community groups, medical associations, and policymakers nationwide. With an increasing demand across the U.S. for knowledgeable inclusive leaders in climate and health equity, CHEF continues to empower doctors from communities disproportionately affected by climate change and environmental injustices. The Climate and Health Equity Fellowship equips these practitioners to become leaders in education, advocacy, and policy.



Green pins represent the locations of our CHEF Alumni.  
Orange pins represent the locations of at least one 2025 Fellows.

*CHEF has expanded its influence by preparing communities for sustainable, health-focused climate resilience and mitigation strategies. The Fellowship remains dedicated to enhancing the skills and amplifying the voices of credible climate advocates.*



# CHEF IN ACTION



**AMERICAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION ANNUAL MEETING**

## “NOAA teams with Doctors of Color to Advance Climate and Health Equity”

NOAA and CHEF gave a joint presentation on their climate change and equity partnership. Dr. Shaneeta Johnson and Monica Allen highlighted the work of the CHEF and PEECH Fellowships.

L to R: Monica Allen - NOAA, Regional Team Lead North Atlantic Regional Collaboration, Shaneeta Johnson, MD, - CHEF Fellowship Director, Alice Lau - NOAA One Health Coord. Monday, December 9, 2024, Washington, DC

The largest gathering of Earth and space scientists!

*The Pulse!*

## CONGRATULATIONS 2024 CHEF FELLOWS

The fourth cohort of graduating CHEF Fellows completed significant capstone projects that had a meaningful impact on both the community and professional sectors. These projects included the development of an environmental alert system in Flint, Michigan; collaborating with religious communities to enhance education and advocacy for underrepresented populations in relation to climate and health; reducing the impact of vector-borne diseases in marginalized communities; and increasing education within the native Hawaiian medical community regarding the intersection of climate, health, land, and native practices.

### Class of 2024

### Graduation Ceremony



## VIRGINIA SEA GRANT SYMPOSIUM 2024



Virginia Sea Grant Symposium 2024 sparked scientific and professional imaginations, highlighted cutting-edge research, and expanded professional networking channels. With innovative research, communication strategies, and insights into the science-policy interface, the symposium was a forum for researchers, policymakers, resource managers, and employers.

CHEF Speakers L to R: C. Freeman, MD - 2024 CHEF Fellow, Al Glover, MD - 2024-2025 PEECH Fellow & Clarissa Peyton - CHEF Program Assistant Thursday, October 10-11, 2024, Virginia Beach, VA

### Partners

Our partners include the National Medical Association, the American Public Health Association, the American Medical Association, the Association of American Indian Physicians, Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ Equality, the Meharry School of Global Health, the National Hispanic Medical Association, the National Council of Asian Pacific Islander Physicians, and Virginia Sea Grant.



### Funders

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We sincerely thank our sponsors and partners for their continued collaboration and commitment to support our efforts. Together, we continue building alliances in cities and states with underrepresented and under-resourced communities where there has previously been little to no connection between health equity, climate change, and environmental justice.

## Climate & Health Equity Fellowship

## CHEF ALUMNI EDUCATION NETWORK (CAEN) SPOTLIGHT

MARTINA KAMAKA, MD, FAAFP, CHEF 2024 FELLOW

“My CHEF experience has been invaluable. CHEF exposed me to the severity and breadth of impacts of climate change on health. It also provided an incredible number of resources that can be used by physicians to help their communities and patients address climate change. I hope to use this conference to share some of these resources with community physicians.”

-Mahalo nui (thank you very much)

**ALOHA 'ĀINA : HE HULIAU I KA PONO**  
A Turning Point for Planetary Prosperity

January 11-12, 2025  
Honolulu, Hawai'i

He Huliau i ka Pono is a two-day educational and advocacy training conference for physicians and healthcare providers. Our main purpose is to address climate change and health issues in our Pacific communities. CME is available.

Day 1 at Kamakūokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies, UH Mānoa, 2645 Dole St, and Day 2 at the John A Burns School of Medicine, Kaka'ako Campus, 651 Ilalo St.

[View Agenda and Register Here](#)



**NOAA Meet & Greet**  
Thursday, December 12, 2024  
Washington, DC

L to R: Steve Thurr, PhD - Assistant Administrator for Oceanic and Atmospheric Research performing the duties of NOAA Chief Scientist, Monica Allen - Director of Public Affairs, NOAA Regional Team Lead, North Atlantic Regional Team, Alice Lau - NOAA One Health Coordinator, Aisha Harris MD - CHEF Fellow 2024, Kimberly Williams, PhD - Director of Operations, Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health, Nicole Bartlett - NOAA Regional Coordinator, North Atlantic Regional Team, Clarissa Peyton - CHEF Program Assistant, Mohamed H. Ahmed - 4C (Center for Climate Change Communication)