

CHEF Connection

Celebrating 5 years
of Educational Excellence & Advancing Physician Leadership

Advocacy and Speaking Truth: Climate & Health Equity Leaders in Action



(Pictured above)
Dr. Sacoby Wilson (second from left), Director of The Health, Environmental, and Economic Justice (T.H.E. E.J.) Lab, Dr. Janelle White (third from left), 2025 CHEF Fellow and North Carolina resident, and Dr. Shaneeta Johnson (fourth from left), Fellowship Director and 2021 Inaugural CHEF Fellow, are pictured with fellow EJ activists at **CleanAireNC's 10th Annual NC BREATHE Conference**.

Dr. Johnson and Dr. Wilson (also pictured right) featured as keynote speakers along with Mr. Charles Lee, former Senior Policy Advisor in the Office of Environmental Justice at the EPA to address the conference theme of exploring the intersection of planetary and human health and community resilience across North Carolina.

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SPOTLIGHT:
CHEF ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT NETWORK (CAEN)
DR. ARMEN HENDERSON



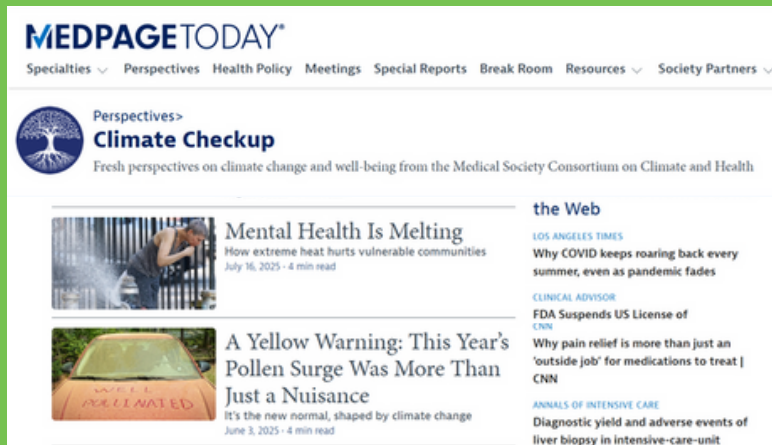
Dr. Armen Henderson was featured in an interview/report with the Associated Press on the positive impact of **Dade County Street Response (DCSR)**. This initiative includes Miami Street Medicine, which provides free mobile health care services to homeless individuals, as well as Doctors Without Borders, a free clinic that has a disaster relief team and a mental health crisis line.

Earlier this year, Dr. Henderson was also recognized for his work by receiving the **2025 Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Health Care Hero award**.

Dr. Henderson, an internal medicine physician and Miami, Florida resident, is an inaugural 2021 CHEF Fellow and current CAEN member, as well as the founder of the Dade County Street Response (DCSR)

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Last year, the Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health has partnered with MedPage Today to launch a perspectives column titled "Climate Checkup," which focuses on opinion pieces regarding climate change and health. Several 2025 CHEF Fellows have been featured in this column, including Drs. Ifeanyi Oleele, Ben Wibonele, Micah Nishigaki, and Janelle White. Additionally, Dr. Cheryl Holder, a CAEN member and 2023 CHEF Fellow as well as a co-founder of Florida Clinicians for Climate Action, has also contributed to the column.

SPOTLIGHT:

2025 CHEF FELLOWS TAKING ACTION: DR. MARSHALA LEE-MCCALL & DR. SELIKA SWEET SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS



Dr. Marshala Lee-McCall, a family medicine physician and resident of Delaware, provided public commentary during a planning board public hearing. Drawing from the training she received through the CHEF Fellowship, she highlighted the potential negative health and environmental effects of constructing data centers. She emphasized the importance of implementing energy efficiency standards and maintaining transparency with the surrounding community, which is already facing adverse health impacts.



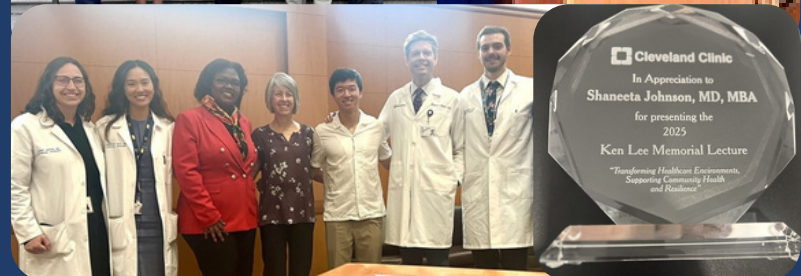
Dr. Selika Sweet, a family medicine physician and resident of Mississippi, was featured as a guest on a radio segment. During the segment, she discussed her involvement with CHEF and addressed various health-related topics. She also touched on the environmental impacts of proposed data centers in Mississippi. Additionally, she expressed her goal to continue urging legislators to address the dangers faced by student athletes in extreme heat, particularly those with sickle cell disease.

SPOTLIGHT:

CHEF ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT NETWORK (CAEN) DR. SHANEETA JOHNSON

Dr. Shaneeta Johnson, Fellowship Director and 2021 Inaugural CHEF Fellow, alongside her colleagues from the Meharry School of Global Health, presented at the Yale Cancer Research Symposium, sharing insights on the impact of environmental determinants of health on surgical cancer care and strategies for resilient care.

In addition, Dr. Johnson delivered the Ken Lee Memorial Sustainability Grand Rounds at the Cleveland Clinic to celebrate the pioneering work of a surgeon who understood that healthcare's future depends on environmental stewardship. In recognition of her presentation, she received the 2025 Ken Lee Memorial Lecture award from the Cleveland Clinic.



CLIMATE & HEALTH EQUITY MONTHLY WEBINAR SERIES

Join us for the ninth, and final session in our 2025 Climate & Health Equity Webinar Series, which will focus on climate solutions in health care and public health systems.

Time Zones:

3pm - 4pm EDT
 2pm - 3pm CDT
 12pm - 1pm PDT

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Watch This Year's Past Webinars:

<https://www.youtube.com/@medicalsociet yconsortiumon1650/playlists>

RESILIENT CARE, RESILIENT COMMUNITIES: CLIMATE SOLUTIONS IN HEALTHCARE & PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEMS

Friday, November 14, 2025
3:00pm - 4:00pm ET

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Dr. Julian Watkins
 Assistant Commissioner
 Bureau of Health Equity Capacity Building,
 NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene
 2023 CHEF Fellow

Lilliana DeSantiago Cardenas
 Subdivision Administrator &
 Community Resilience Manager
 Maricopa County Dept. of Public Health

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2025 CHEF Graduation Celebration

Celebrating 5 years of educational excellence & advancing physician leadership

We invite you to join us for the graduation ceremony for this year's CHEF class. This year we are also celebrating the success of the fifth year of the fellowship!



Please scan the QR code above or click this text to RSVP

Date:

Saturday, December 13th

Time:

3pm - 5pm EST
 2pm - 4pm CST
 12pm - 2pm PST

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Scan or click the QR code to apply to the 2026 CHEF application

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UPCOMING CONFERENCES

AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION
 Annual Meeting & Expo
 Washington, D.C. | November 2-5, 2025