

# CHEF Connection

*Celebrating 5 years*

of Educational Excellence & Advancing Physician Leadership



**2025 CHEF Cohort Graduation**  
Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Howard University Hospital  
Washington DC

## 2025 Graduation Celebration

*Elevating the Standard through  
Exceptional Physician Leadership in  
Climate & Health Equity*

The Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health, in partnership with the National Medical Association, graduated **14 fellows from the Climate and Health Equity Fellowship (CHEF) class of 2025.**

This graduating class represents **the fifth year of the fellowship.** Since 2021, **CHEF has trained over 50 physicians representing more than 20 states and U.S. territories,** with fellows advancing as leaders in climate and health equity education and advocacy.



**Roger Mitchell, Jr., MD**  
2025 CHEF Graduation Keynote Speaker  
**Exceptional Service Award Recipient**  
126th President of the National Medical Association

Dr. Roger Mitchell (center), Jr., pictured here receiving his award with Dr. Venise Curry (left), CHEF Associate Director and Dr. Shaneeta Johnson (right), CHEF Fellowship Director

# FIVE YEARS AND COUNTING....CHEF IN ACTION



## CAEN

CHEF Alumni  
Engagement Network

60+ Op-eds

100+ Speaking engagements

5 Book Chapters

40+ Webinars

1 Podcast (launching soon!)

And more!

*Across the nation, current CHEF Fellows and CAEN members have touched countless communities by educating, advocating, and providing needed resources*

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### The 2025 fellows completed community-centered climate and health equity capstone projects:

**Capstone:** Transforming Climate and Health Equity Through Physician Training: A Five-Year Review of the CHEF Fellowship

**Capstone:** Breath of Justice: Advancing Asthma Equity in Asian and Pacific Islander Communities in a Changing Climate

**Capstone:** Educating Physicians to Take Action in Climate & Health

**Capstone:** Indigenous Determinants of Health in Climate Governance

**Capstone:** Coccidioidomycosis in Colorado - A Newly Endemic Site: Survey & White Paper

**Capstone:** Launching MAACH: Delaware's Chapter of the Medical Consortium on Climate and Health

**Capstone:** White paper: AI Usage on Our Climate & Health

**Capstone:** Enhancing Physician Awareness of Public Health, Climate Change, and Health Equity through Public Health Education

**Capstone:** AI Powered Climate Psychiatry Toolkit For Mental Health Equity

**Capstone:** Social Pediatrics: A pediatric residency curriculum on Climate Change and Social Advocacy

**Capstone:** Mississippi Air Quality & Asthma Toolkit

**Capstone:** Health Payers, Climate Sustainability, Climate Resilience

**Capstone:** Voices for Climate & Health Equity Podcast

**Capstone:** H.E.A.T. & Harm Reduction (Heat Exposure Awareness Toolkit): Climate-Ready Addiction & Mental Health

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