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WHEN: SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 9:00-1:00PM (4 HOURS)
SEPTEMBER 18, 2020 12:00-4:00PM (4 HOURS)

WHERE: VIRTUAL PLATFORM
Registration information will be available soon



KEYNOTE PRESENTERS:
DR. REGINALD EADIE, DR. WIZDOM POWELL
AND
MR. WILLIAM FOTHERGILL
(BIO'S BELOW)



DR. REGINALD J. EADIE, MD, MBA Reginald J. Eadie, MD is an accomplished and innovative leader in transforming health care and patient care to meet the needs of the 21st century. Born and raised in Detroit, Eadie began his journey towards becoming a physician—a career goal he established at the age of 7. He is a board-certified, emergency medicine physician. Dr. Eadie earned his Bachelor of Science degree, with magna cum laude honors, from South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, South Carolina. Following undergraduate school, he returned to Michigan to

earn his medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine. In April 2008, he was named the vice President of Medical Affairs (VPMA) at DMC Harper University Hospital/Hutzel Women's Hospital. Two years later he was appointed CEO at DMC Detroit Receiving Hospital where he served as CEO from July 2010 through December 2011. He next served as CEO of DMC Sinai-Grace Hospital from January 2012 through October 2013. During that time, he enrolled in the Michigan State University Broad Executive MBA program which he completed in May 2013. This prepared him for his next assignment of serving as CEO of both DMC Detroit Receiving Hospital and DMC Harper/Hutzel Women's Hospital from October 2013 through October 2015. His primary goal was to grow market share of both facilities while integrating them into a 900-bed facility. He began his final role as a Detroit based Healthcare Executive with an appointment to the Detroit Medical Center's

Regional Chief Operating Officer in August of 2015. Dr. Eadie & his lovely wife Kimberly left Detroit to join the Trinity Health Of New England team as President and CEO in April of 2018. His community talents are not limited to medicine as he published his first book in 2008 titled, *How to Eat & Live Longer*. In the book, he uses his biblical & medical knowledge and experience as a weight-loss physician for more than 10 years to address the health challenges facing inner-city residents. His book has been listed on numerous best sellers' lists and he has been featured in *Ebony* and *Essence* magazines and the guest on radio programs across the country.

He has a soon-to-be released second book titled, *Eating from the Tree of Life*.

DR. WIZDOM POWELL, PHD is the director of the Health Disparities Institute and Associate Professor Of Psychiatry at Uconn Health. She serves as the president of the American Psychological Association, Division 51 Men and Masculinities, and is an honorary professor at the University of Kwazulu-Natal in Durban, South Africa. Formerly, Dr. Powell was associate professor at health behavior at UNC-Chapel Hill's Gillings School of Global Public Health and research associate professor in UNC's Department of Social Medicine. Dr. Powell also served as associate director of The Center for Health Equity Research, faculty member at UNC's Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, and Director of the UNC's Men's Health Research Lab.

In 2011-2012, she was appointed by President Obama to serve as a White House Fellow to Secretary of defense Leon Panetta. In this role she provided subject matter expertise on Military Mental Health (e.g., PTSD, suicide, and military sexual trauma).

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In recognition of her public service to boys and men, she received The American Psychological Association's (D51) Distinguished Professional Service Award. In 2015, she received the prestigious Phillip and Ruth Hettleman prize for outstanding artistic and scholarly achievement by Young Faculty. Dr. Powell was awarded a 2017 academic writing residency at the Bellagio Center from the Rockefeller Foundation. During this highly competitive residency, Dr. Powell will work with other global leaders on strategies for transforming social and healthcare system landscapes to address gendered health inequities among vulnerable males. Most recently, she was selected as a health innovator fellow by the Aspen Institute.

MR. WILLIAM FOTHERGILL, MA, MSW, LPC is a counselor at Counseling & Student Development, Central Connecticut State University and is the coordinator and founder of the CCSU HEALTHYfellows / Brotherhood Initiative (formerly Man Enough Support Initiative). HEALTHYfellows is a statewide health and retention campaign created to support the success of male college students. The campaign operates as a multidisciplinary health promotion initiative that works to eliminate health disparities by improving access to information, resources, wellness supports, and the delivery of gender competent care to



male student populations. On September 12, 2019, Mr. Fothergill was honored with the prestigious Distinguish Services Award for his decade hard work in campaigning to get public recognition of one of the school's first historic accomplishments: Conferring a degree on an African-American student. That graduate, Ebenezer Bassett, went on to become a prominent educator, civil rights leader and the nation's first black ambassador. Mr. Fothergill's passion for Ebenezer Bassett came out of the "Brotherhood Initiative". Mr. Fothergill always loved researching genealogies and was into the "pageantry" or

traditions of the past. He felt that these were wonderful teaching tools. When thinking about the Brotherhood Initiative, Mr. Fothergill thought that they should have an image of a man who the students could identify with. He introduced the group to Ebenezer Bassett. It was Mr. Fothergill's dream to see Bassett recognized and his legacy preserved. To this end, he worked to have the Social Sciences Hall renamed as the Ebenezer D. Bassett Hall.

He also worked with CCSU graduate and New Britain Mayor, Erin Stewart, to place a historic plaque downtown at the original site of CCSU's first building in CT in New Britain.

With an even more ambitious plan, Mr. Fothergill hopes to see Bassett receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom.