

**FALL 2023**

**BLACK IN ANATOMY**

# NEWSLETTER



## UPDATES

Happy Fall! In this newsletter, you'll find community updates and information about October's Black in Anatomy Week and World Anatomy Day!

## IMPORTANT DATES

### OCTOBER 15TH - 21ST

#### **World Anatomy Day and Black in Anatomy Week**

Join us each day for new activities and events. See the end of the newsletter for a [complete schedule](#)!

### OCTOBER 20TH

**American Association for Anatomy [Award Nomination Deadline](#).**

### OCTOBER 27TH

#### **FASEB Career Advancement and Research Excellence Support Award Deadline**

Award deadline to assist FASEB society members from historically excluded groups to continue their scientific training and career development.

[Apply Here](#)

# COMMUNITY UPDATES



## MADELYN CROWELL, PHD

Dr. Madelyn Crowell started a new position as an Assistant Professor in the Division of Anatomy at Albany Medical College. She is teaching gross anatomy to medical, physician assistant, and nurse anesthesiology students.



## NI-KA FORD, MS, CMI

Ni-ka Ford gave a presentation titled, "The Multifaceted Language of Medical Illustrations" at the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine 10th Anniversary Celebration Symposium, in New Haven, CT on September 13, 2023.

Her talk was on the impact of medical illustration in academia and on the general public and how it also can be used as a tool for health equity. There was also a juried art exhibit for student and professional work.

[Read the article on the event here](#)



Ni-ka is also one of 10 recipients of the Diversity Fellowship from the Association of Medical Illustrators (AMI) that is sponsored by Johnson & Johnson! The fellows receive training and mentorship, create images for the Illustrate Change library and receive a monetary award.

[Read more about it here](#)



### **REIVIAN BERRIOS BARILLAS, DPT, PHD**

Dr. Reivian Berrios Barillas will be presenting with colleagues at the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) 2024 Combined Sections Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts in February, 2024. Their education session is titled “Not Just an Adjunct! Training and Utilizing Part-Time Faculty Members in Entry-Level DPT Education.”

[Read the abstract here](#)



### **MELISSA A. CARROLL, PHD**

Dr. Melissa Carroll joined the Anatomy in Clay Learning System Podcast for the episode, “Black in Anatomy with Melissa Carroll” to discuss her career path, the organization, and to promote Black in Anatomy Week! Watch the video or listen at your favorite spot!

[Listen to it here](#)

## **RECOMMENDED READING LIST**

- 1 [“Thriving Beyond Borders: Unveiling Success Secrets for International Scholars”](#) by Izuchukwu Azuka Okafor, Lecturer at Nnamdi Azikiwe University



- 2 [“An Educational Session for Medical Students Exploring Weight Bias in Clinical Care Through the Lens of Body Diversity”](#) by Tzeidel Brown Eichenberg and colleagues, paper and session resources published in MedEdPORTAL

- 3 [“Melanoma: Does It Present Differently in Darker Skin Tones?”](#) by Brandon Thompson and colleagues, paper and workshop resources published in MedEdPORTAL



# BLACK IN ANATOMY WEEK EVENTS

2023 THEME: THE BLACK BODY



## 1 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

**World Anatomy Day!**

**Hashtag:** [#WorldAnatomyDay](#)

## 2 MONDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

**Event Title:** Black in Anatomy Roll Call

**Time:** All Day

**Description:** Celebrate the 3rd Anniversary of Black in Anatomy, Inc.! Post and amplify Black in Anatomy members on Twitter/X or Instagram using [#BlackinAnatRollCall](#) [#AnatomyEveryDay](#).

**Hashtags:** [#BlackinAnatRollCall](#) [#AnatomyEveryDay](#)

## 3 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

**Event Title:** Day of Reflection

**Time:** All Day

**Description:** In the aftermath of the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) decision on fair admissions, we encourage each person to educate themselves regarding anti-diversity, equity, and inclusion state legislation.

**Hashtag:** [#BlackinAnatReflects](#)

[Read More Here](#)

## 4 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

**Event Title:** The Black Body: A Focus on Leadership and Self-Care by Shawn Boynes

**Time:** 4 - 5pm EDT

**Description:** The Black body has been exploited for centuries. In this presentation, Shawn Boynes will focus on providing a different lens to shift how we view and nurture the body for well-being and its impact on others from a leadership perspective.

**Hashtag:** [#BlackinAnatLeads](#)



[Register Here!](#)

## 5 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

**Event Title:** Black in Anatomy Community Social

**Time:** 6:30 - 7:30pm EDT

**Description:** All are invited! We are excited to see members and supporters at the Virtual Black in Anatomy Community Social on Thursday. Pop in and let everyone know how you are doing.

**Hashtag:** [#BlackinAnatSocial](#)

[Register Here!](#)

## 6 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

**Event Title:** The Role of Racism in Weight Bias and Weight Stigma by Madelyn Crowell, PhD

**Time:** 12 - 1pm EDT

**Description:** Join us for a talk on "The Role of Racism in Weight Bias and Weight Stigma" in a modern and historical societal context by Dr. Madelyn Crowell.

**Hashtag:** [#ReclaimingTheBody](#)

[Register Here!](#)



## 7 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

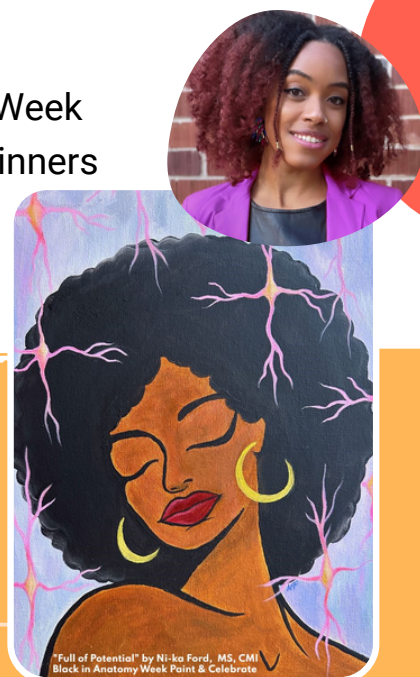
**Event Title:** Paint & Celebrate with Ni-ka Ford

**Time:** 12 - 2pm EDT

**Description:** Celebrate the last day of Black in Anatomy Week with a Virtual Painting Session "Full of Potential" for beginners or experts, led by certified medical illustrator, [Ni-ka Ford](#). Pop in for music, art, and fellowship! Good vibes only! See registration link and [@blackinanatomy](#) social media pages for the supply list.

**Hashtag:** [#PaintCelebrate](#)

[Register Here!](#)



Participate in [#BlackinAnatArt](#) by completing this year's coloring pages and sharing them with the community on social media!



# BLACKINANAT DONATIONS

Black in Anatomy, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose continued growth and future success are largely dependent on donations.

So far, each #BlackinAnat initiative has been financially backed by the core members or through donations (of time and resources) from our generous collaborators. A donation of any size will contribute to accessing historical archives, expanding collated resources, increasing membership recruitment and opportunities, and overall improving the discourse surrounding Black contributions to anatomical sciences.

Donations can be made at our [website](#).



## Operational Costs

- Hosting our website
- Administrative fees
- Legal and filing fees



## Resources and Community Support

- Travel grants
- Archival research fees
- Research grants and programing
- Professional development grants and programming



## Future Plans

- Community outreach
- Symposia and workshops
- Mentoring and career support
- Networking and social events
- Speaker and panelist compensation



**WANT TO VOLUNTEER?**  
**KNOW SOMEONE TO NOMINATE?**

[There's a form for that!](#)