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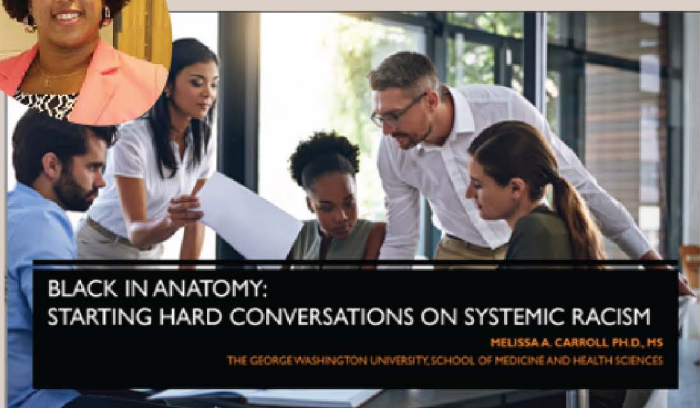
UPDATES

Thank you to all our community members, collaborators and allies who participated in the first ever Black in Anatomy Week last month. This month, we are sharing the highlights from the week's events and our wonderful community!

WANT TO BE FEATURED?

Please submit your nominations for our next newsletter by November 20th via our website or using the QR code below!

COMMUNITY UPDATES



**BLACK IN ANATOMY:
STARTING HARD CONVERSATIONS ON SYSTEMIC RACISM**

MELISSA A. CARROLL, PH.D., MS

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES

MELISSA CARROLL, PHD

Dr. Carroll presented at IFAA's Anatomy Festival on the origin story of Black in Anatomy, with her presentation titled "Starting Hard Conversations on Systemic Racism."

Watch the full presentation >



The challenges faced by Black anatomists in the US are similar to challenges that many Black educators, researchers, and health professionals face.

The challenges, including discrimination, lack of representation and mentoring, and lower rates of citation and promotion, are a result of structural racism."



Dr. Allison Nesbitt,
Founding Member
of Black in Anatomy

ALLISON NESBITT, PHD

Dr. Nesbitt was interviewed by Wiley, where she shared her thoughts on diversity and inclusion in the anatomical sciences.

Read the full interview >

MENTORSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY



ANATOMY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

A new two-year professional development mentoring program for underrepresented individuals who are recently appointed faculty members, or individuals transitioning from a PhD or postdoctoral fellowship to a faculty position in an anatomy-related field.

The program is sponsored by the American Association for Anatomy with the goal to support and increase representation of underrepresented minorities in the sciences in the US and Canada.

Applications are due December 2nd.

More details >

OCT 11TH

BLACK IN ANATOMY ROLL CALL

For our first event of the week, anatomists, educators, illustrators, scientists, healthcare professionals, and others introduced how they use anatomy every day.

Black in Anatomy Roll Call

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Melissa Carroll, PhD

Black in Anatomy Founder

Anatomist
Neuroanatomist

I use #AnatomyEveryDay in general conversation and with corny academic jokes when I teach healthcare students and mentor student research projects.

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Sean McWatt, PhD

Black in Anatomy Founding Member

Anatomist
Anatomy Educator

I use #AnatomyEveryDay to teach medicine & dentistry students anatomy & embryology. I also research educational interventions in the anatomy classroom and laboratory.

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Allison Nesbitt, PhD

Black in Anatomy Founding Member

Anatomist
Biological Anthropologist

I use #AnatomyEveryDay in the anatomy lab teaching medical and PT students, and I study human cranial evolution.

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Kristen McPike, MS

Black in Anatomy Founding Member

Anatomist
Developmental Biologist

I use #AnatomyEveryDay while teaching occupational therapy and physical therapy students in the cadaver lab.

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Loydie A. Jerome-Majewska, PhD

Associate Professor
Developmental Biologist
Geneticist

I use #AnatomyEveryDay in my research lab to study organ formation and craniofacial development.

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Rosemary Basiono Bassey, PhD

Assistant Professor
Integrated Clinical Anatomist

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Flex, extend,...rotate!

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Smart I. Mbagwu, PhD

Lecturer & Researcher
Anatomist & Educator
Neuroscientist
Science Communicator

I use #AnatomyEveryDay
by "getting on the go."

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Edem E. Edem, MS

Lecturer & Researcher
Neuroanatomist
Histologist & Embryologist
Anatomy Educator

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I meditate.

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Chalachew Seyoum, PhD

Lecturer
Paleoanthropologist

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when I teach undergraduate
and medical students and for
comparative fossil research.

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Mara Fields

Graduate Student
Paleoanthropologist

I use #AnatomyEveryDay by studying
the musculoskeletal anatomy of
anthropoid primate feet.

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Ni-ka Ford, MS, CMI

Academic Medical Illustrator
3-D Modeler
Instructional Designer

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medical and scientific illustrations
& visualizations for physicians,
researchers, and faculty members.

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OCT 12TH

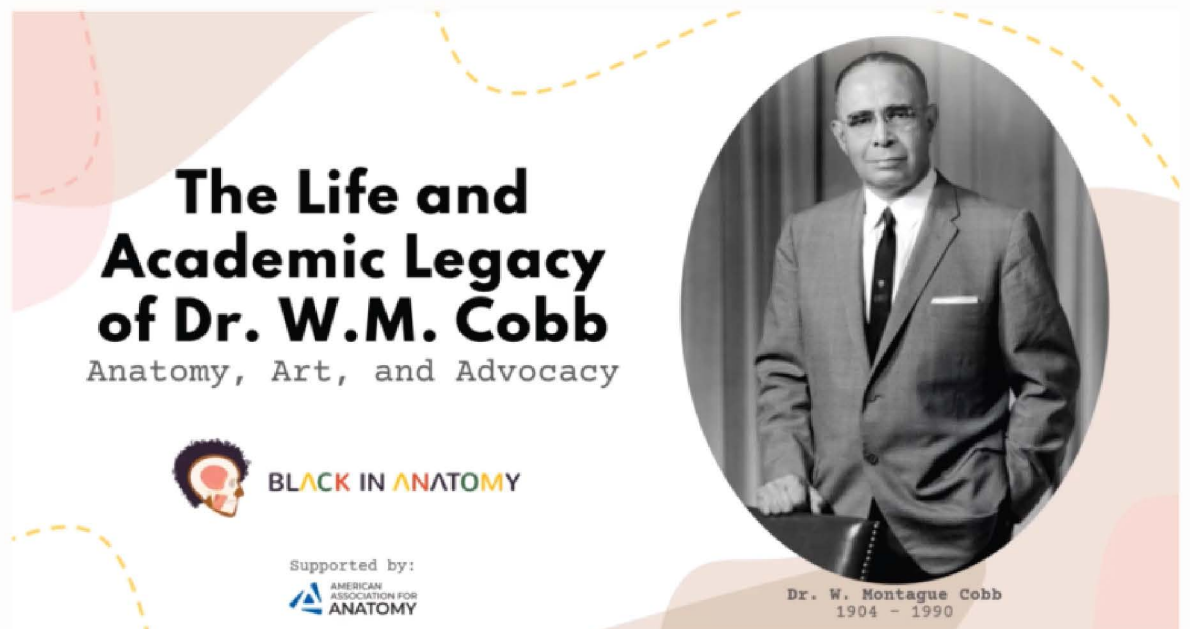
THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. W.M. COBB: ANATOMY, ART, AND ADVOCACY

In our second event, we celebrated the life and academic legacy of Dr. W.M. Cobb, the first Black man to earn a PhD in physical anthropology (1932) and the first person to be named Distinguished Professor of Anatomy at Howard University (1969).


Black in Anatomy hosted a panel discussion on the ripple effect of Dr. Cobb's legacy in the fields of anthropology, anatomy, and medical illustration, including insights from his friends and family.


Watch the full panel discussion >


Watch the presentation video >



The Life and Academic Legacy of Dr. W.M. Cobb
Anatomy, Art, and Advocacy

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Dr. W. Montague Cobb
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#CobbPanel Speakers



Michael Blakey PhD

Professor & Director, Institute for Historical Biology
College of William & Mary



Sehar Peerzada

Clothing Designer, Dr. Cobb's goddaughter and daughter
of medical illustrator & artist Naida Page



Robert Wilkinson, MD, MACP

Professor Emeritus of Clinical Medicine @ The George
Washington University



Karin Wilkinson

Transformational Mindfulness-Based Coach, spoken word
performance artist, granddaughter of Dr. Cobb

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OCT 13TH

WEDNESDAY WELCOME SOCIAL

Our third event was a virtual networking night hosted through Zoom. Our attendees included anatomists, medical illustrators, and physicians spanning six countries including the US, Canada, Sudan, Jamaica, Ghana, and Nigeria.



OCT 14TH

ANATOMY FROM DIVERSE PLANES: AN INTERCULTURAL CAREER PANEL

We hosted panelists from diverse cultural and professional backgrounds who engaged in a discussion and Q&A about their unique career journeys and experiences.

Watch the full panel discussion >



Row 1: Loydie A. Jerome-Majewska, PhD; Maria Jose Torres-Palsa, PT, DPT, PhD; Christina Fojas, PhD, and Kent Smith, PhD.
Row 2: Sean McWatt, PhD (moderator); Maryvı González Solá, PhD; Ni-ka Ford, MS, CMI, and Smart Mbagwu, PhD.

OCT 15TH

CELEBRATING WORLD ANATOMY DAY AND BLACK IN ANATOMY COLORING PAGES

On this day, we celebrated World Anatomy Day by encouraging conversations about equity, diversity, and inclusion in anatomy. We also enjoyed art created by our community members using the Black in Anatomy coloring pages created by medical illustrator, Jill Gregory.

Check out the coloring pages on our website >

HOW DO YOU MAKE ANATOMY MORE EQUITABLE, DIVERSE, AND INCLUSIVE?

Jill Gregory

Black in Anatomy Collaborator
Academic Medical Illustrator

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"I am mindful that the people I depict in my **medical illustrations** represent the **true range of humanity**. That includes skin tone, body type, gender expression, age and ability. Illustrations that include **unique individuals** are always **more interesting** to make and to look at!"

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Joan Richtsmeier, PhD

Black in Anatomy Collaborator
Distinguished Professor

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"By **listening**. By believing, even if you cannot understand completely, that others experience the exact same situation differently depending upon their background and history."

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Julie Skrzat, DPT, PhD

Physical Therapist & Educator
Assistant Professor

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"Through **acknowledgement** of and **addressing social determinants of health**... I am now intentionally **thinking about & acting on ways** that physical therapy can assist in **narrowing these gaps**. I forward this knowledge to the future generation of physical therapists in the **classroom**. I want students to be **comfortable embracing differences** so that they can provide **comprehensive plans of care** to set patients and clients up for the **utmost success in health, movement, and quality of life**."

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Edgar R. Meyer, PhD

Black in Anatomy Collaborator
Assistant Professor

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"I strive to incorporate **cultural diversity** into my lectures as a way to **highlight the diverse student backgrounds** represented in the class and to promote a more **inclusive working environment**. In terms of equity, I aim to form **mentoring groups** that pair **underrepresented and underserved students** with basic and/or clinical scientists of similar backgrounds."

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HOW DOES BLACK IN ANATOMY INSPIRE YOU TO CHANGE #ANATOMYEVERYDAY?

Naomi Robson, MSc

Black in Anatomy Creative Director & Charter Member

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"As medical illustrators and anatomists, I believe that it is so important to be mindful when creating scientific illustrations to prioritize diversity and inclusivity.

The incredible Black in Anatomy team inspires me to keep learning and doing what I can to inspire change. I'm so excited to work more with them and develop new initiatives together."

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Iryna Savinova, MSc

Black in Anatomy Communications Lead

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"Black in Anatomy has made me more mindful of the inclusivity of my illustrations and has inspired me to take greater initiative in actively working towards increasing representation and diversity in both medicine and the scientific community."

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Joan Richtsmeier, PhD

Black in Anatomy Collaborator Distinguished Professor

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"By witnessing the incredible talent that has always been there but not celebrated, Black in Anatomy inspires me to broaden my view and be open to learning something different."

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Edgar R. Meyer, PhD

Black in Anatomy Collaborator Assistant Professor

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"I have loved the organization & wonderful graphics of the Black in Anatomy group so much that I am inspired to continue to share opportunities organized & led by this group to my students and colleagues at my institution as well as to my colleagues in other professional societies. I am also inspired to consider ways of creating similar groups at my own institution to promote diversity and inclusion of all culturally distinct groups."

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Megan Holmes, PhD

Black in Anatomy Collaborator Assistant Professor

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"I am constantly wowed by the talent and vision of the #BlackinAnatomy team. It inspires me, as a white cis-gendered woman, to continually strive to center Black voices and talent in my anatomy class and with my anatomy colleagues."

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Emily Webb, PhD

Black in Anatomy Collaborator Assistant Professor

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"Black in Anatomy inspires me to keep pushing for more inclusive content in my anatomy and physiology courses."

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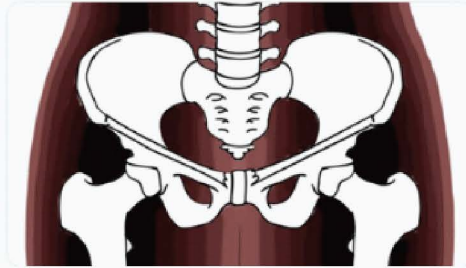
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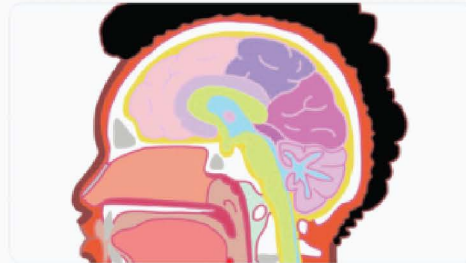


SHARED COLORING PAGES

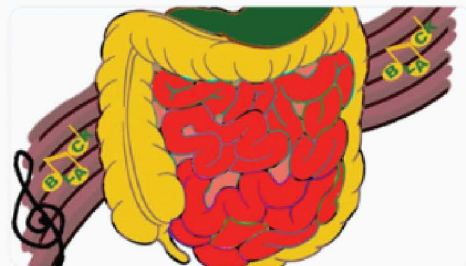
Whale Scientist @JoyReidenberg · Oct 14
#BlackInAnatArt #BlackInAnatWeek @BlackInAnatomy As I color in my anatomy "hipster" with a beautiful rainbow of earth tones, I am celebrating all the people of color in Anatomy.



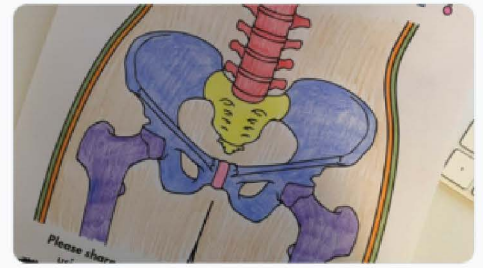
Whale Scientist @JoyReidenberg · Oct 14
@BlackInAnatomy I support using diverse phenotypes in anatomical art, especially black models. Anatomical beauty is more than just skin deep, so I went a little nuts on the colors. #BlackInAnatArt #BlackInAnatWeek



Whale Scientist @JoyReidenberg · Oct 14
#BlackInAnatomy #BlackInAnatArt Anatomy makes me sing! I noticed the musical staff behind the guts, and couldn't resist adding the "notes" B, A, and C. Unfortunately, the treble clef doesn't have any L or K, so those will just have to float around the other letters!

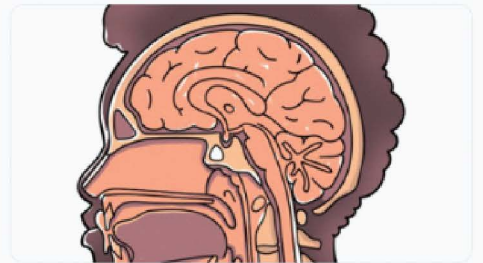


Julie Skrzat @duszalic · Oct 13
I'm "falling" behind, but here is my first #BlackInAnatArt ! I am loving the activities for #BlackInAnatWeek. Thank you so much for the fun @blackinatomy ! Stay tuned for more masterpieces! 🎨



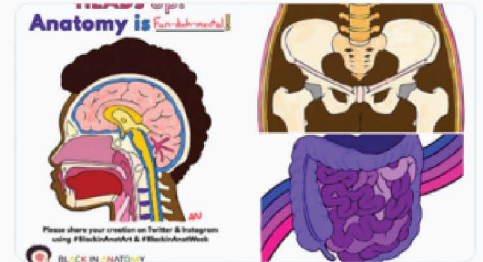
Naomi Robson @robson_visuals · Oct 12
That was fun! Here is my coloring sheet for today's #BlackInAnatArt!

Absolutely love these. @JillIGMedArt!
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Allison Nesbitt @allison_nesbitt · Oct 16
Catching up with my #BlackInAnatArt to prep for virtual painting #PaintCelebrate starting soon at 11 CT/ noon ET!

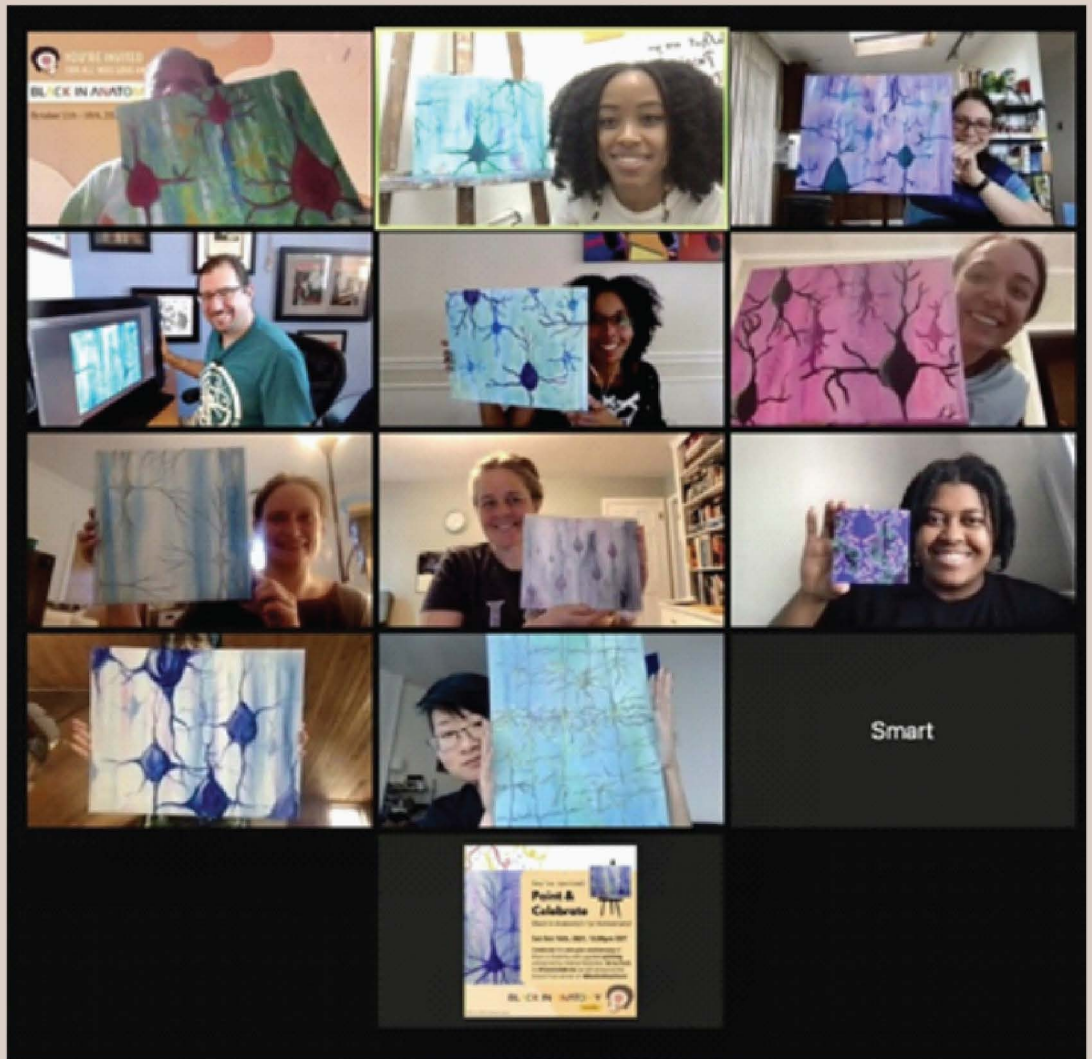
We are celebrating @blackinatomy 1-year anniversary & a great #BlackInAnatWeek! 🎨



OCT 16TH

CELEBRATE BLACK IN ANATOMY'S ANNIVERSARY: VIRTUAL PAINTING WITH NI-KA FORD

On the final day of Black in Anatomy week, we gathered for a guided painting activity led by medical illustrator, Ni-ka Ford.



Laura E Johnson
@LauraEJohnson3

Had the best time painting my interpretation of neurons with @NikaFord_ and the @blackinatomy 1-year anniversary celebration!!! So inspired by this group. 🍋🍋🍋



Stephanie A. Maiolino @MaiolinoS - Oct 18

So grateful to have had the opportunity to celebrate the 1-year anniversary of @blackinatomy with a painting lesson from the incredibly talented medical illustrator @NikaFord_ Thank you!! #PaintCelebrate #BlackinAnatWeek #BlackinAnatArt



SCAVENGER HUNT WINNERS



\$10 Starbucks Gift Card
Julie Skrzat



\$25 Amazon Gift Card
Erica Petricioiu

THANK YOU!!!!

Thank you to our collaborators and all those who participated!

Thank You, Collaborators!



Dr. Melissa Carroll



Dr. Allison Nesbitt



Dr. Sean McWatt



Kristen McPike



Naomi Robson



Jill Gregory



Iryna Savinova



Ni-ka Ford



Dr. Christina Fojas



Dr. Emily Webb



Dr. Megan Holmes

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