Happy New Year to the subscribers of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion Listserv. A lot has happened in the last month that impacts the way we in the ODI view our mission and priorities.

A. Many of you have commented that this new year has inspired a “call to action” and our students are great role models for this. The WC4BL Chapter at CUSOM and other concerned students participated in a rally at the Colorado State Capitol last week to prevent repeal of the ACA. Monday, January 30th will be a day of dialogue around efforts to protect patients. A couple of resources related to the protect our patients movement are listed here.

#ProtectOurPatients Petition to Congress: https://medium.com/@protectourpatients/do-no-harm-protectourpatients-petition-to-congress-3dcfaf59d57#.jpuefvg3g

#ProtectOurPatients Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/notes/585623581629829/Weekly%20Update:%20Week%20of%20January%2015th/598195467039307/

Doctors for America: http://www.drsforamerica.org/take-action/aca-protect-our-patients

B. We are considering a name change from ODI to the Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Equity. Let us know what you think of that and talk to the diversity reps in the classes about initiatives you would like to see the office tackle this year. Speaking of initiatives, please join us for a viewing of the Oscar-nominated documentary, “Thirteenth” on February 6th as the next installment of our Diversity and Inclusion Film Series. SNMA and WC4BL are sponsoring the film with a discussion to follow with Jumoke Emery-Brown, a Denver leader of the #BLM movement. Location is ED1 Room 1500 and begins at 6PM. Please RSVP for food at the link below by 2/1/17.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-16E_PIWDbKM3Qbtw7IvaVxrsgQROVfu1xlH__b-_mQ/viewform?edit_requested=true

C. Residency programs across the campus welcome applicants back next week for a “second look” at our training sites and will kick off the weekend with a reception sponsored by the SOM and Denver Health at the Blair Caldwell Library Thursday, February 2nd.

D. Faculty initiatives around diversity and inclusion continue thrive and the UCOLORES group of URiM faculty gathered for book club in December to discuss their perspective on Angela Duckworth’s book, Grit. The next UCOLORES meeting will be February 8th in ED1 and will feature a dinnertime discussion of negotiations.

E. Also on February 8th join the Anschutz Inclusivity Alliance for a book discussion and signing with CU Law|ColoradoSPH Professor Dayna Bowen Matthew. Dr. Matthew will lead a dynamic discussion about her book Just Medicine.

10:00-11:30am – Ed 2 North 2301

Dynamic book discussion of: Just Medicine: A Cure for Racial Inequality in American Health Care with author Dr. Matthew
Join us for a book signing following the discussion

_The first 75 people to register for the event will receive a copy of Just Medicine at no cost._ Please click here to reserve your copy now

***Books provided by the Office of Inclusion and Outreach & the President’s Diversity Funds For Faculty/Staff Development

12:00-1:30pm – Ed North 2104

Compelling Lecture: "Preventive Lawyering as a Key Component of Preventive Care" This lecture will present theory and original empirical evidence that supports the hypothesis that medical-legal partnerships improve health and social outcomes for vulnerable populations Boxed Lunches will be provided

Please RSVP to Jesse Lyon: jesse.lyon@ucdenver.edu ***Lecture and lunches provided by the Department of Family Medicine***

F. Attached is an article by University of Colorado faculty examining the impact of the ACA on listing of minorities for heart transplantation. Dr. Khadijah Breathett is a research fellow at CU and first author on this publication in press in February’s JACC: Heart Failure.

G. Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion, Dr. Brenda J. Allen and Dr. Kavita Garg (Department of Radiology) have published a paper on the importance of addressing unconscious bias in academic radiology. Their paper appeared in J American College of Radiology last month and is attached here.

H. University President Benson and four chancellors have recommitted our community support to DACA students by signing a letter originated at Pomona College. [https://connections.cu.edu/stories/president-chancellors-sign-letter-supporting-daca-students](https://connections.cu.edu/stories/president-chancellors-sign-letter-supporting-daca-students)

I have reattached the guidance for residency programs as time draws near for creating and submitting finalized match lists. Please let us know if there are students or trainees who have concerns about how their education and career development will be supported the ODI is a safe place for these trainees to received advice and support. Things are changing and we may not have all the answers, but together with Dr. Dominic Martinez and the Office of Outreach and Inclusion, we are working to stay abreast of the best practices to advocate for this vulnerable and vital group in our campus community.

Please forward this to colleagues who may be interested. They can email me or Helen Macfarlane to be added to the listserv or follow this link: [http://lists.ucdenver.edu/scripts/wa.exe?SUBED1=SOM-DIVERSITY-INCLUSION](http://lists.ucdenver.edu/scripts/wa.exe?SUBED1=SOM-DIVERSITY-INCLUSION)