

Jackson Heart Study Graduate Training and Education Center
Jackson State University

2019 Scholars



Amber M. Cooper is a native of Jackson, MS. She attended Madison Central High School and graduated from Germantown High School in Madison, MS. She graduated Cum Laude with a B.S. in Criminal Justice from Jackson State University. During her tenure, she participated in Tau Sigma National Honor's Society and Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor's Society. She was also a Dean's List Scholar and a 2016 & 2017 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges recipient. She volunteered with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mississippi and the G.V. Sonny Montgomery VA Medical Center. Upon graduation, she was employed with the Mississippi Department of Corrections in Pearl, MS. While employed as a correctional officer at MDOC, she maintained data for the female inmate population and ensured compliance with all rules and regulations pertaining to inmates. She currently lives in Jackson, MS and is an employee of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi. Amber is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Miles. She has a sister, Kenley Miles, and a brother, Kenneth D. Miles.



Alexandria Ivy Weaver is a native of Jackson, Mississippi. She is a 2018 graduate of The University of Alabama, earning a degree in biology. She is currently pursuing a Masters of Public Health at Jackson State University, with eventual plans to attend medical school. She is employed through Jackson Public Schools as an instructional assistant." As a participant in the Daniel Hale Williams Scholars Program, she plans to expand her knowledge of public health by way of biostatistics, cardiovascular epidemiology, and social epidemiology. She is looking forward to interacting with scientists who are like-minded investigating the issues plaguing populations with health disparities and finding possible solutions. She is interested in knowing more about the environmental effects on the African American diet; how detrimental are "food deserts" to the eating habits of African Americans of lower income?



Cedric Nunaley is a graduate student at Jackson State University majoring in Technology Education. He currently has a GPA of 3.75. He is the father a beautiful 16-year old daughter who attends Clinton High School in Clinton, MS. He currently work as a Program Director at the Boys and Girls Club of Central Mississippi. He is a member and deacon at his church located in Belzoni, MS. He is also an active member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated. He is interested in doing research on cardiovascular health because he wants to learn more about healthy lifestyles and how he would be

able to share and incorporate healthy knowledge in minority communities because those communities are disproportionately affected by heart disease.



Shelia Malone is a first-year doctoral student in Public Health at Jackson State University. Her prior research has focused on health disparities in rural areas in Mississippi and nationally. She has worked to identify preventable differences in the burden of disease, injury, or opportunities to achieve optimal health that are experienced by socially, economically, and geographically disadvantaged populations. She hopes her research efforts will change the discourse on health equity and equality for rural Mississippians.

Her other interests are centered on rural efficacy and diversity inclusion initiatives in health management. Shelia has a Bachelor of Arts in Professional Interdisciplinary Studies and a Master of Science in Public Policy and Administration (Healthcare Administration), both from Jackson State University.



Jerome Bronson hails from Belzoni, MS, a small town in the Mississippi Delta. After graduating from high school, Jerome attended Jackson State University and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology. He is currently a graduate student pursuing a Master's degree in industrial technology with a concentration in Hazardous Material Management. He enjoys spending time with his family as well as being a huge sports fan. He enjoys reading and learning. One of his passions in life is serving and helping others. As a member of the Daniel Hale Williams Scholar

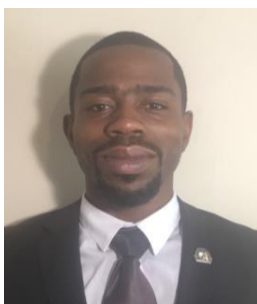
Program, it is his desire to utilize his research to positively impact the lives of those in his community.



Jennifer Danielle Lee is presently pursuing a Doctor of Public Health degree from Jackson State University. She is a recent graduate from the School of Public Policy and Administration, attaining a 3.8-grade point average. She was honored with 1st place for the MPPA division at the JSU Fall 2018 Public Policy Student Symposium and named the “MPPA Student Most Committed to Advancing Student Organization”. She serves as Vice President of Membership and Sergeant at Arms for JSU PPAD Toastmasters International. She is committed to studies at JSU School of Public Health, focusing on cardiovascular disease research and community innovations. She leads by serving, exhibiting integrity and professionalism, and adhering to sound work ethics and professional conduct. Ms. Lee is an advocate for building a professional climate. She aspires to solve problems by generating answers to some of the most pressing issues that affect communities worldwide.



Stephanie Carr is a second-year Dr.P.H. student in epidemiology and biostatistics in the School of Public Health at Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi. Her research interest is in “the association of heart disease and Alzheimer’s disease among African Americans”. She is licensed in Social Work in the states of Mississippi and Louisiana. She worked for twelve years as a Grief Therapist, helping bridge patients from life to death. Stephanie is an integral figure in her community. She serves as a board member of The Boys and Girls Club of America, United Way, and is a past board president of the Southwest Mississippi Community College Alumni Board, as well as a past Vice President of the Pike County Chamber of Commerce, McComb, MS, a Main Street Association Board Member, and an Ambassador for the Pike County Chamber of Commerce. In the fall of 2010, she was named Business Person of the Year. Stephanie is the mother of one daughter, Alexcia, a pharmacy student at the University of Mississippi. Stephanie enjoys traveling, sports, outdoor experiences, and spending time with her daughter and her Bichon Frisé, Sasha.



Warren Jones is a native of Los Angeles, CA. He attended Crenshaw High School, where he was selected to be a U.S. Ambassador in Stockholm, Sweden and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil as part of a Leadership program. Upon graduating from Crenshaw High School Warren was awarded a partial scholarship to attend Tougaloo College where he earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology. It was at Tougaloo College where Warren was introduced to the field of Public Health. Warren is now beginning his second year at the Jackson State University School of Public Health with a concentration in Epidemiology and Biostatistics. Warren is very passionate about addressing the health disparities of underrepresented and disadvantaged populations. Warren is also a Co-founder of the Gordon-Brown fellowship. Named after the mentors who helped start it, the fellowship provides college bound

students from Crenshaw High School with monthly stipends and mentorship. Warren's community service efforts include teaching, community organizing, and mentorship across the country. Upon completion of his Masters in Public Health, Warren plans to earn his PhD in the field of Public Health.