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Black Health Matters and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Partner To Convene Nation's Largest Black Health Forum

Community Invited to Hear from Nationally-Acclaimed Experts on
Chronic Disease, Mental Health, Fitness, Wellness and More

(July 7, 2021) New York, NY – Over the last year, Black Americans have raised awareness from coast-to-coast, reminding everyone that our lives and votes matter. Black health matters, too.

For nearly a decade, **Black Health Matters (BHM)** has worked with a wide range of partners to raise awareness around chronic disease, mental and physical health and fitness and wellness in the Black community. In 2021, BHM announced a new partnership with **Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. (Kappa)** to collaborate and bring important health information directly to the communities served by both organizations. On July 13, 2021, BHM and Kappa will collaborate to present their inaugural Black Health Summit at Kappa's 85th Grand Chapter Meeting.

"We're excited about our partnership with Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.," said Roslyn Y. Daniels, BHM President. "Fraternity members have long been health evangelists, seeking to educate the community and its members through a wide range of innovative programs."

"In less than a decade, Black Health Matters has established itself as the go-to resource on African American health. Our collaboration has yielded a free, day-long program featuring more than 14 sessions on health topics directly impacting our members and communities where we live and serve. We're inviting everyone to make an investment in their individual or family health by joining us to hear from some of the nation's top experts on health and wellness," said Reuben Shelton, Kappa's International President.

The Summit is slated for Tuesday, July 13, 2021, beginning at 8:00 AM EST. It will feature 14 sessions focused on providing information for community members, including caregivers and health advocates. Event sponsors include Janssen: Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson and VIR Biotechnology. Nationally-acclaimed speakers have been invited to share practical information on a wide range of topics including brain health, clinical trials, health equity, sexual health, chronic disease and more.

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Invited speakers and topics include:

- Children ADHD and barriers to learning during COVID: [Dr. Marshalyn Yeargin-Allsopp](#)
- Breast cancer: [Dr. Lannis Hall](#)
- Clinical trials: [Dr. David Hong](#) + [Dr. Dan Fagbuyi](#)
- Dementia/Healthy Brain: AARP
- Domestic abuse: [Dr. Bernadine Waller](#)
- Fitness: [Cliff Boyce](#)
- Fibroids: [Dr. Gloria Richard-Davis](#)
- Health Equity: [Dr. Rochelle Walensky](#)
- Kidney Disease: [Kevin Mott](#)
- Mental health: [Dr. Stephen A. Broughton](#)
- Multiple Myeloma: [Dr. Brandon Blue](#) + [Bishop Horace Smith](#)
- Prostate cancer: [Dr. Anthony Barnes](#)
- Health Equity: Rev. Al Sharpton and [Dr. Dale Okorodudu](#)
- Sexual Health: [Dr. Paul Gittens](#)
- Sickle Cell Disease: [Mapillar Dahn](#) + [Beverley Francis-Gibson](#)

Registration is free for the online forum. To register or learn more about the topics and speakers, visit <https://bhmkappahealthsummit.vfairs.com/>

Added Daniels, “Attendees will gain inspiration and have the opportunity to dialogue with physicians and network with resource organizations that provide services to our community. With more than 13 presentations given by 23 experts your time at the Summit is an investment in yourself that will be rewarded.”

About Black Health Matters

Black Health Matters (BHM) was launched in 2012 to become a resource for the thousands of African Americans that would have immediate opportunities for care and screenings due to the ACA. Since 2012, Black Health Matters mission has been to improve health literacy and assist in building capacity for fraternities, sororities, faith-based and civic organizations to better engage and support patients, caregivers and advocates.

About Kappa Alpha Psi ® Fraternity, Inc.

Kappa Alpha Psi ® Fraternity, Inc., is a historically African American Greek-letter organization. Since the fraternity’s founding on January 5, 1911, at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, the fraternity has never restricted membership on the basis of color, creed or national origin. The fraternity has over 170,000 initiated members with 629 active undergraduate and alumni chapters across the United States and international chapters in Germany, South Korea, Japan, US Virgin Island, Nigeria, South Africa, the Bahamas, Bermuda and the Dominican Republic Alumni Association. The International Headquarters is located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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