



# CONSORTIA

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## FROM OUR DIRECTOR, DR. PHYLLIS QUALLS

It is almost “Showtime!”

The 2019 annual COD conference will take place in lovely Savannah, Georgia, with the theme focusing on the life of Dr. Abigail F. Jordan. I take this opportunity to compliment Attorney Carolyn Battle Thomas and Dr. Marguerite Birt for their valiant fulfillment of their co-chair responsibilities in making this event so significant for our organization and the City of Savannah.

All I can say is WOW! That is what you will experience at this year’s event. Come prepared to learn, exchange and guide, because you will be informed, encouraged and inspired. You will have an even greater appreciation for having your earned terminal degree. Dr. Jordan’s life’s work will further illuminate your work by learning about her work.

The entire Leadership Team has been working all year, through trials and triumphs, to achieve a common goal—honoring Dr. Jordan. You will be amazed.

We already have received some media attention and will probably receive more as we approach the conference. The unveiling of the revised plaque on the African-American Family Monument, which will include the names of Dr. Jordan and the Consortium of Doctors, is a major feat. (Now that’s something to shout about!)

Mr. Robert James, president of Carver State Bank and his wife, Mrs. Shirley James, publisher of the *Savannah Tribune*, will host us again this year for the Thursday reception to kick off the conference on a high note. Still, the entire agenda is power-packed with history, joy and significant facts.

Thank you for your support and participation. Bring your excitement to the conference; it will be an experience like no other.

See you in Savannah!

Warmest regards,

COD Director



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## Editor's Note



**Dr. Lois Jordan**

I hope that your Fourth of July holiday was pleasant, safe, and fun-filled as we celebrated the independence of this country, as well as declare our own.

We are readying for a big conference in Savannah! I have learned so much about our founder, Dr. Jordan, and appreciate the entire conference being focused on her. She was a trail-blazer, fearless and faithful. She was more than an advocate for education, she also demonstrated that drive in everything she did. I appreciate her work and applaud her legacy.

As I reflect on Dr. Jordan's life, I know that seeds were planted for us all to be encouraged in challenging times; not to give up, but rather to trod on in the face of adversity, to reach higher ground, and to do greater things. She did that for all of us, without hesitation.

I thank the members, leadership team, and conference co-chairs for being nurturers of that seed planted by Dr. Jordan.

This issue highlights some of the activities at the conference. Let's get ready to be inspired!

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Dr. Lois Jordan  
Editor

## Featuring a Memorial Tribute to Our Founder **Dr. Abigail F. Jordan**



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**28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

**July 25-28, 2019**

**Savannah, Georgia**



# We Welcome Our New Consortium of Doctors Inductees!

## Introducing the Class of 2019

The co-director and membership chair, Dr. Yasmia Dunn, has announced the following nominees for the Class of 2019:

Angela S. Brooks, EdD, Olivet Nazarene University  
Tenielle Buchanan, EdD, Lipscomb University

Princilla Evans Morris, PhD, Howard University  
Crystal L. Harris, PhD, University of Notre Dame  
Regina Henry, EdD, Trevecca Nazarene University  
Kenya E. Newby, PhD, Tennessee State University  
Priscilla Thomas, PhD, University of St. Louis  
Jesse Wade-Ivory, EdD, Olivet Nazarene University

## Membership Dues, Conference Registration and Hotel Registration

It's not too late to participate in the 2019 conference. You may still pay your membership dues, conference registration, and hotel registration. Please note that there is a late fee for both membership dues and conference registration.

The cut-off date for the COD rate at the hotel has passed, but you may still pay at a different rate. It's worth it. Join us and be encouraged by the life of Dr. Abigail Jordan.

For membership and conference payments, contact:

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For hotel registration, please contact Scott Siege at the Desoto Hotel, Tel: 912.232.9000 | Fax: 912.232.1633. The hotel is located at 15 East Liberty Street, Savannah, GA 31401 | [www.TheDeSotoSavannah.com](http://www.TheDeSotoSavannah.com).

## Sponsorship and Ads

We have some outstanding sponsors and ads for our souvenir booklet.

Thanks to everyone for your cooperation with this endeavor!



The DeSoto reigns as “Savannah’s hotel,” a beloved landmark that has played gracious hostess to presidents, local personalities and visitors since 1890. Treasured period details, including original crystal chandeliers and terracotta tiles, mix seamlessly with contemporary art, creating a thoughtful juxtaposition between history and modern-day style.

# Congratulations to Four Active COD Members!

## **Dr. Phyllis Qualls** **Class of 2013, Co-Director**

On April 2, Dr. Phyllis Qualls began a new position, Assistant Vice President for Strategy and Institutional Advancement, at American Baptist College. American Baptist College was the site of the Think Tank during the 2018 COD Conference in Nashville, TN.

Dr. Qualls previously served as the Deputy Clerk, Metro Nashville Davidson County.



## **Dr. Yasmia Dunn** **Class of 2015** **Co-Director, Membership Committee Chairperson**

On May 10, 2019, Dr. Yasmia Dunn was promoted to Sergeant in the Chicago Police Department. Dunn is an active member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives. Dunn is the youngest member of COD's Executive Committee.

## **Dr. Sylvia Carey-Butler** **Class of 2011, Former Director (2016-2018)** **Think Tank Committee Chairperson**

Dr. Sylvia Carey-Butler has been named to Chief Diversity Officer at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Georgia. Dr. Carey-Butler currently serves as Vice Chancellor for Academic Support of Inclusive Excellence at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. She will join Kennesaw State on July 29, 2019.



## **Dr. Carolyn Baldwin-Tucker** **Class of 2010, Parliamentarian** **Bylaws Committee Chairperson**

On May 4, 2019, Dr. Carolyn Baldwin-Tucker received her Vintagers Award certificate at Tennessee State University's graduation. The award is given each year to TSU's 50-year graduates. In 1999, she was the first African-American woman to win a county-wide race in Davidson County (Nashville). Dr. Baldwin-Tucker is a retired educator.



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