



COMMUNITY BRIEFING

February 08, 2022 • 2:00 p.m.

- **Good afternoon, Fowler Family!**
- **COVID UPDATE:**
 - The DFW Hospital Council reports that hospitalizations for COVID drop over 1000 in one week in North Texas
 - Dallas County remains classified as a red high-risk area for contracting COVID; the positivity rate has dropped to 30.8 which continues to impact protocols at Fowler
- **FOWLER UPDATES:**
 - We are hopeful with the drop in numbers to see a return to worship in the chapel soon. For this week, please continue to watch on Channel 6.
 - Several residents in Jackson Living Center have signed up to do the remote monitoring program with Dr. Bray. If you are interested in exploring this option, please JLC Manager, contact Jennifer Garland
 - Thank you to our team members who worked on site last week during our icy weather
 - We had over 20 team members who spent the night at Fowler for 2 nights and many who found ways to get here to ensure no disruption in care or service for our residents
 - Special kudos to our maintenance team who set up temporary sleeping for these teammates and prepared facilities and grounds for the freeze
 - Kudos to dining services for keeping everyone fed!
 - This month, Leading Age, our nonprofit industry organization in Texas, is showcasing the heartfelt commitment of care workers, and how they have become friends and family with those they serve. If you have a special story to tell about a relationship, a special bond that has formed here at Fowler between resident and staff member, please contact Ann at 214-515-1336 or anm@fowlercommunities.org
- **UPCOMING EVENTS:**
 - Juliette Fowler Communities Board Meeting, 2/25, 9a-2pm, Means Activity Center
 - Shrove Tuesday Ministers Worship Service and Luncheon, 3/1, 1130-1pm – we will welcome area ministers to Fowler for a worship service and luncheon prior to Ash Wednesday and the Lenten Season.
 - Artful Awakenings Art Show, 4/9, 1-3pm in PNCC to showcase the artwork of our residents who live in Worth who participate in this Junior League of Dallas program
- **RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS**
 - 2/8 – Jeanette (FCA)
 - 2/9 – Roscoe (FCA)
 - 2/11- Bobye (PNCC), and Dorian (FCA)
 - 2/12 – Marilyn (FCA), and Billie (FCA)
 - 2/13 – Martha (FCA)

- 2/14- Liz (JLC)
- **RESIDENT MOVE-IN ANNIVERSARIES:**
 - 1 year- Dena (PNCC)
 - 3 years – Agnes (FCA)
 - 5 years- Monette (PNCC), and Ruby (FCA)
 - No JLC Anniversaries
- **RESIDENT MEMORIALS:**
 - FCA resident Mary Y passed away
 - Former FCA residents Catherine N and Gladys C
- **TEAMMATE TUESDAY!**
 - Wishing Teresa Silva a happy birthday! Teresa’s birthday is tomorrow, February 9!
 - Shrhonda Ingram’s 10-year anniversary is today! Happy anniversary, Shrhonda!
 - Happy 1-year anniversary to Surhonda Keys today!
 - Wishing a very happy 13-year anniversary to Suzy Lozano! Suzy’s anniversary is February 10.
 - For Black History month, we bring you Dr. Daniel Hale Williams. Daniel Hale Williams pursued a pioneering career in medicine. An African American doctor, in 1891, Williams opened Provident Hospital, the first medical facility to have an interracial staff. He was also one of the first physicians to successfully complete a pericardial surgery on a patient. Williams later became chief surgeon of Freedmen’s Hospital.

Born in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, to Sarah Price Williams and Daniel Hale Williams II. The couple had several children, with the elder Daniel H. Williams inheriting a barber business. He also worked with the Equal Rights League during the Reconstruction era.

After the loss of his father at 10 years of age, Daniel lived in Baltimore with family friends. He took up barbering at the age of 17. Ultimately, Daniel decided he wanted to pursue his education and worked as an apprentice with Dr. Henry Palmer a highly accomplished surgeon, and completed further medical training at Chicago Medical College.

Due to the discrimination of the day, African American citizens were still barred from being admitted to the hospitals and Black doctors were refused staff positions. Because he believed this needed changed, in 1891 Williams opened Provident Hospital and Training School for Nurses, the nation’s first hospital with a nursing intern program that had racially integrated staff.

In 1893, Williams made history when he operated on a man with a severe stab wound to the chest who was brought to Provident. Williams successfully sutured the man’s pericardium, the membranous sac enclosing the heart, thus becoming one of the first people to perform open-heart surgery.

In 1894, Williams moved to Washington, D.C., where he was appointed the chief surgeon of Freedmen's Hospital, which provided care for formerly enslaved African Americans. Freedmen's had previously fallen into neglect and had a high mortality rate. Williams worked diligently on revitalization, improving surgical procedures, increasing specialization, launching ambulance services and continuing to provide opportunities for Black medical professionals among other feats.

Today, Williams work as a pioneering physician and advocate for African-American presence in medicine continues to be honored by institutions worldwide. **The National Medical Association (NMA)** is the collective voice of African American physicians and the leading force for parity and justice in medicine. The NMA continues to be **the conscience of American medicine** by working to end the disparities in health care and to improve the quality of health of minorities.

More Black students are headed to medical school, but finances are still a major issue. Medical schools are reporting a record increase in Black students. Across the U.S., the number of first-year African Americans is way up – 21 percent — an unprecedented spike since 2020. Source NPR

- **Make it a great day on purpose!**

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COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week toll-free at 833-986-1919