Dear ABC Members and Colleagues in Interventional Cardiology,

In celebrating Black History Month, we honor the pioneering contributions of Dr. Alphonzo Jordan, a founding member of the Association of Black Cardiologists (ABC) and often cited as the first Black Interventional Cardiologist. Under the mentorship of the renowned Dr. Andreas Gruentzig, Dr. Jordan was instrumental in the early advancements and refinement of percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA), establishing a foundational role in the field of interventional cardiology. His commitment to mentoring nearly 150 cardiologists exemplifies the excellence and leadership that are hallmarks of our organization.

In this spirit, we, Tayo Addo, MD, and Yolanda Hendley, MD, are privileged to serve as co-chairpersons of the ABC's Interventional Cardiology Committee. The expertise and dedication of distinguished interventional cardiologists and fellows, including Drs. Nasser Adjei, Wayne Batchelor, Marcus Brown, Analise Douglas, Aaron Horne, Okechukwu Mgbemena, and Michele Voeltz, greatly enhance the capabilities of our committee. We stand on the shoulders of giants like Dr. Jordan, driving forward the advancements in our field with a commitment to diversity, mentorship, and innovation.

ABC's commitment to diversity and growth in cardiology has been demonstrated through the provision of hundreds of scholarships and grants to individuals at the outset of their careers. Beginning in 1985, special fellowships in Interventional Cardiology and Electrophysiology were established, with nearly 50 scholarships awarded in these fields. The recipients of these scholarships are now contributing to the education and development of the future generation of cardiologists, perpetuating a culture of mentorship and advancement. This cycle of support reflects ABC's ongoing dedication to fostering progress within the cardiology community.

Our Unified Mission and Goals
The mission of the Interventional Cardiology Committee is to foster a vibrant ecosystem of mentorship, education, community engagement, and professional development tailored to the aspirations of Interventional Cardiologists within the ABC. This comprehensive framework is necessary to catalyze growth, inspire innovation, and strengthen community ties.

Mentorship and Career Development: Creating forums to connect emerging talents with experienced professionals, ensuring a bright future for our subspecialty.
**Advancing Clinical Expertise:** Collaborating with industry and academia to provide training in innovative techniques to produce clinical and procedural skills.

**Community Engagement and Outreach:** Initiating programs to elevate awareness of cardiovascular diseases, fostering healthier futures for underserved communities.

**Professional Development and Networking:** Offering opportunities for knowledge sharing and collaboration through multiple platforms, fostering enduring professional relationships.

**Scheduled Programs and Events in Atlanta**
ABC’s alignment with the American College of Cardiology Scientific Sessions.24 in Atlanta presents a unique opportunity for engagement. Join us for these key events, designed to inspire, educate, and connect our members. Should you wish to come together over a meal, beverage, or light refreshment during the conference, we encourage you to join our ABCICListserv for updates and further coordination. This approach ensures our meetings complement the conference schedule and ABC activities, mindful of our busy agendas.

- **April 5:** ABC Annual Cardiology Fellows Educational Program and Dr. Jay Brown Best Abstract Competition
- **April 6:** ABC General Membership Dinner Meeting & Installation of New Officers/Directors
- **April 7:** Joint Symposium of the ABC and American College of Cardiology
- **April 8:** Celebrate with members, friends and colleagues at ACC.24 Convocation

**A Call to Engagement**
The ABCICListserv stands as a hub for sharing updates and exchanging ideas. We invite you to sign on and share your ideas, talents, and enthusiasm towards our collective mission.

Together, let’s continue the journey of honoring our foundation while fostering the future of cardiovascular care, marked by excellence, innovation, and a deep commitment to our communities.

In solidarity,

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