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Medical Association of Atlanta Presents Awards at Summer Gala

ATLANTA, July 24, 2023 -- Dr. Fonda Mitchell, the current MAA Board Chair, presented two awards at the Medical Association of Atlanta (MAA) Summer Gala on July 22, 2023. Dr. Mitchell presented the Aven Cup Award to Dr. Carmen Kavali, a Board-Certified Plastic Surgeon and owner of MAA Silver Sponsor Kavali Plastic Surgery & Skin Renewal Center. Dr. Mitchell also presented the President's Award to Dr. Jayne Morgan, a Cardiologist and the Executive Director of Health and Community Education at the Piedmont Healthcare Corporation.

Established in 1854, the MAA has approximately 2,000 members and is the largest county medical society in Georgia. The Aven Cup Award was created in December 1953, when Dr. and Mrs. Carl Aven established an annual award to recognize physicians who play a significant role in civic affairs in an effort to encourage continued community involvement. It is presented annually for outstanding contributions to education, medicine, the arts, and government. The MAA President's Award is given at the MAA President's discretion to a physician the President has observed contributing above and beyond their job description to educate the public.

Dr. Mitchell presented the Aven Cup Award to Dr. Carmen Kavali. Dr. Kavali received this award for her work creating the Georgia Alliance for Patient Protection and for her work in passing the Health Care Practitioners Truth and Transparency Act.

Since beginning her medical school days over 30 years ago, Dr. Kavali has been engaged in patient and healthcare advocacy and leadership. She served on the Governing Council of the Medical Student Section of the American Medical Association. She has served on the Boards of Physicians for Patient Protection, the Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons, the Georgia Society of Plastic Surgeons, the Medical Association of Georgia, and the Medical Association of Atlanta. She is a plastic surgeon, certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery, and she has been in solo private practice in Atlanta since 2002. Dr. Kavali is a patient herself, and her family members are patients. She firmly believes that all patients deserve physician-led care, as well as truth and transparency regarding healthcare credentials. When she isn't in the operating room or attending Board meetings, she is a wife, as well as a mom to two teenagers, three beagles, and four chickens.

Dr. Mitchell presented the President's Award to Dr. Jayne Morgan for her service and community outreach as the Executive Director of the COVID Task Force for Piedmont Hospital as well as for her creation of The Stairwell Chronicles.

Within Dr. Morgan's current role as Executive Director of Health and Community Education at Piedmont Healthcare Corporation, she serves to address health literacy and information both internally to the 42,000 employee system, as well as to external stakeholders. Previously, Dr. Morgan



served as the system Covid vaccine expert as the Executive Director of the Covid Task Force, analyzing the science and data from Piedmont and nationally, publishing five scientific articles, and driving efforts at addressing vaccine hesitancy and increasing vaccine uptake. In doing so, she created a social media series called The Stairwell Chronicles, providing up to date medical and scientific information in an easy to understand format. Dr. Morgan is the recipient of several awards acknowledging her work in providing accurate science and medicine to all communities including the NAACP Award, the National Women’s Empowerment Award, the Atlanta Business Chronicle Award, and the Medical Association of GA Humanitarian Award. Further she serves as a CNN medical expert, holds an appointment as an Adjunct Associate Professor of Medicine at The Morehouse School of Medicine, was selected to support the Department of Health in its series of “Ask the Experts”, and has been a diligent and longtime advocate for health equity for all communities via access to clinical trials. Dr. Morgan further serves on the Board of Georgia Bio, the Medical Association of Atlanta, and the National Board of the American Heart Association Diversity and Inclusion and is the new Health Contributor for Scripps News. Dr. Morgan is published in the areas of Congenital Heart Disease, Interventional Cardiology, and Covid19; serves as the Health Equity Advisor for Moderna, and is on Steering Committees of both Pfizer, and Novartis, where she also serves as the National Lead of the Horizon trial (Novartis). Previously she served as the Chief Medical Officer of the American Chemistry Council, Cardiology advisor to the MitraClip Team at Abbott Labs, the Global Director of the Cardiorenal Division of Solvay Pharmaceuticals, the Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic, and the first African American President of the Southeast Life Sciences Association (the single largest biotech association in the Southeast). In her spare time, she is a Pilates enthusiast and holds multiple Pilates certifications.

The Medical Association offers a sincere congratulations to this year’s award winners.

About the Medical Association of Atlanta

The Medical Association of Atlanta is a non-profit association dedicated to the advancement of organized medicine in the Atlanta, Georgia area. The MAA is the largest county medical society in Georgia, representing a diverse group that focuses on developing physician leadership and meeting the needs of physician leaders. For more information visit <https://www.maa-assn.org>.

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