Closing the Gap in Childhood Obesity

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2014
NEWARK, NJ
The Clinton Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, in collaboration with Grantmakers In Health, are hosting a special convening, *Closing the Gap in Childhood Obesity*, to discuss new and innovative strategies for addressing the health inequity gaps facing our nation’s children. The day-long forum is bringing together dozens of influential leaders who will confront tough questions regarding how we reverse the childhood obesity epidemic and provide cross-sector solutions that help build a vibrant Culture of Health for our children. The four panels will open a dialogue about investments and strategies that will help close health inequity gaps in the United States over the next decade, and highlight creative, out-of-the-box thinking and innovative approaches. The panel discussions are focused on – Closing the Divide in Children’s Health: A Place for Everyone at the Table; Access to Healthy Foods and Beverages; Opportunities to be Physically Active; and What’s Next? Taking Our Efforts to the Next Level. This event – a forum without walls – is being livestreamed to further drive the conversation in addressing how we help all children in America achieve a healthy weight.
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Agenda

7:30 – 8:30 AM
REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

8:30 – 10:00 AM
WELCOME & FRAMING REMARKS

Dr. Brian Strom, Chancellor, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences

Dr. Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, President and CEO, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

CLOSING THE DIVIDE IN CHILDREN’S HEALTH: A PLACE FOR EVERYONE AT THE TABLE

Moderator: Dr. Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, President and CEO, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Monifa Bandele, Campaign Director, MomsRising.org
Leslie Crutchfield, Senior Advisor, FSG; Author
Manoj Fenelon, First Mover Fellow, Aspen Institute
Sam Kass, Executive Director, Let’s Move!
Nichole June Maher, President and CEO, Northwest Health Foundation

10:00 – 10:30 AM
BREAK

10:30 AM – Noon
ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOODS AND BEVERAGES

Framing Speaker: Haile Thomas, Youth Health Advocate

Moderator: Joy Bauer, Nutrition Expert, NBC’s TODAY Show

Dr. Michael Jacobson, Executive Director, Center for Science in the Public Interest
Kevin McCartney, Senior Vice President, Boys & Girls Clubs of America
Susan Neely, President and CEO, American Beverage Association
Wendell Pierce, Actor; President, Sterling Farms
Dr. Janisse Rosario-Schoepp, Senior Program Officer and Director of Policy, Health Foundation of South Florida
William Rosenzweig, Commission Chair, Vitality Institute; Managing Partner, Physic Ventures

Noon – 1:30 PM
LUNCH
1:30 – 3:00 PM
OPPORTUNITIES TO BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE

Framing Speaker: Kiana Knolland, National Youth of the Year, Boys & Girls Clubs of America
Moderator: Jenna Wolfe, TODAY Show Anchor and Correspondent, NBC News

T. Morgan Dixon, Director, GirlTrek
Dr. NiCole Keith, Research Scientist, Indiana University Center for Aging Research
Caitlin Morris, North America Executive Director, Access to Sport, Nike Inc.
Darius Sollohub, Director, New Jersey School of Architecture
Eli Wolff, Program Director, Inclusive Sports Initiative, Institute for Human Centered Design

Moderator: Dr. Richard Carmona, 17th Surgeon General of the United States
Travis Bogard, Vice President, Product Management and Strategy, Jawbone
Susan Dentzer, Senior Health Policy Advisor, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Dr. Faith Mitchell, President and CEO, Grantmakers In Health
Dr. Eduardo Sanchez, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, American Heart Association
Dr. Kenneth Thorpe, Robert W. Woodruff Professor and Chair, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University
Dr. David R. Williams, Florence Sprague Norman and Laura Smart Norman Professor of Public Health, Harvard School of Public Health

3:00 – 3:15 PM
BREAK

3:15 – 4:45 PM
WHAT’S NEXT? TAKING OUR EFFORTS TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Framing Speaker: Andrew Smith, Student Athlete, Irvington High School

4:45 – 5:00 PM
CLOSING REMARKS

5:00 – 7:00 PM
NETWORKING RECEPTION

Agenda subject to change
Forum Panelists

**Monifa Bandele**
Senior Campaign Director, MomRising.org
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Monifa Bandele, MHS, is the Senior Campaign Director for MomsRising.org. Monifa has more than a decade of experience in policy analysis, communications, organizing, and project management, working with groups like the Brennan Center for Justice, Peoples Hurricane Relief Fund, and the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation. Founded in 2006, MomsRising.org is an organization with more than 1 million members, 1,000 contributing bloggers, and more than a hundred aligned national organizations, working together to increase family economic security, to end discrimination against women and mothers, and to help ensure all children can thrive. With a social media reach of more than 3.5 million readers, Forbes.com has named MomsRising.org’s website one of the “Top 100 Websites For Women” for four years in a row.

**Joy Bauer**
Nutrition Expert, NBC’s TODAY Show
@joybauer

Joy Bauer, MS, RD, is one of the nation’s leading health authorities. She is the nutrition and health expert for NBC’s TODAY show, a monthly columnist for Woman’s Day magazine, and the exclusive nutritionist for the New York City Ballet. Joy is the author of several New York Times bestselling books, including The Joy Fit Club, Food Cures, Slim & Scrumptious, and Your Inner Skinny – and the creator of JoyBauer.com. Her mission is to improve the health of our nation, and she believes it’s never too early or too late to reap the benefits of healthy living. Joy lives in New York with her husband and three children.
Travis Bogard
Vice President, Product Management and Strategy, Jawbone
@TravisBogard

Travis Bogard is the vice president of product management and strategy at Jawbone, where he oversees the company’s product roadmap, strategy, customer service, and business development activities globally. Prior to joining Jawbone, Travis spent eight years at Tellme Networks where he served as the director of strategic sales, booking nearly half a billion dollars in revenue. At Tellme, Travis cultivated his business and management acumen taking on a variety of roles in engineering management, product management, sales, and business development. Prior to Tellme, Travis spent four years at AOL where he began as a user experience developer, was a founding member of the AIM development team, and worked on various M&A deals including Netscape. At Jawbone, Travis has scaled the company’s product offering from a single in-market wireless headset to a portfolio of human-centered products designed to make everyday life better through a combination of hardware, software, and data.

Dr. Richard Carmona
17th Surgeon General of the United States

Dr. Richard Carmona was the 17th Surgeon General of the United States. Beginning as a high school dropout of poor immigrant parents, he overcame great adversity to achieve excellence in academics, law enforcement, the military, public health, and business. He has received numerous awards, decorations and recognition, and continues to provide leadership to the government as well as many public and private companies.
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Leslie Crutchfield
Senior Advisor, FSG; Author

Leslie Crutchfield is a senior advisor with FSG, a nonprofit strategy consulting firm that helps foundations, corporations, governments, and nonprofits worldwide solve pressing societal problems. Leslie co-authored *Do More Than Give: The Six Practices of Donors Who Change the World* with and FSG managing directors John Kania and Mark Kramer. Leslie also co-authored *Forces for Good: The Six Practices of High-Impact Nonprofits*, recognized by *The Economist* on its “Best Books of Year” list. She previously was a managing director at Ashoka, and co-founded and ran a nonprofit social enterprise. Leslie actively contributes to media such as *Fortune*, *Forbes*, *The Chronicle of Philanthropy*, *Stanford Social Innovation Review*, and has appeared on programs such as ABC News. Leslie served for 14 years as a SEED Foundation trustee and she was a Crossroads Africa volunteer. She holds an MBA and a BA from Harvard, and resides in the Washington, D.C. region.

Susan Dentzer
Senior Policy Adviser, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
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Susan Dentzer is the senior policy adviser at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the nation’s largest philanthropy focused on U.S. health and health care. One of the nation’s most respected health policy thought leaders, she is also an on-air analyst on health issues on PBS *NewsHour*. Susan was formerly editor-in-chief of *Health Affairs*, the peer-reviewed journal of health policy, and PBS *NewsHour’s* on-air health correspondent, where she received numerous honors and awards. Susan is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences and the Council on Foreign Relations. She is director of the American Board of Medical Specialties, and on the boards of Research!America, which works to advance research to improve health as well as on the Public Health Institute. Susan graduated from Dartmouth, is a trustee emerita and former Chair of Dartmouth’s Board of Trustees, and is an Overseer of the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth.
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T. Morgan Dixon
Director, GirlTrek
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Morgan is a relentless street organizer deeply inspired by her family and the philosophies of women like Ella Baker and Septima Clark. As the co-founder of GirlTrek, a health movement of 20,000 neighborhood walkers, Morgan was named one of the world’s top social innovators by Echoing Green, awarded Teach For America’s Social Innovation Award, and recognized by the Awesome Foundation as a “Leader To Watch.” She and hundreds of volunteers inspire African-American women to “trek to heal their bodies, inspire their daughters and reclaim the streets of their neighborhoods.” Named “Health Heroes” by Essence Magazine and featured on CNN, NPR, and in the Washington Post, GirlTrek is quickly becoming a go-to organization. Prior to GirlTrek, Morgan spent 10 years on the front lines of education reform. She earned a BA in political science from the University of Southern California and a Master of Public Policy at Seton Hall University.

Manoj Fenelon
First Mover Fellow, The Aspen Institute

Manoj Fenelon is a first mover fellow at the Aspen Institute’s Business & Society program which fosters innovation at the intersection of societal and business needs. He is Indian by birth, a New Yorker by residence, and curious by profession – about people, what they buy, and why. His professional experience is varied and spans the realms of future studies, strategic creativity, innovation and consumer understanding. Manoj did his graduate training at the University of Connecticut in communication studies with a focus on emotion and media influence. He is currently the director of Foresight at PepsiCo and frequently invited speaker at foresight/trends conferences.
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Dr. Michael Jacobson
Executive Director, Center for Science in the Public Interest
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Michael F. Jacobson, Ph.D., is co-founder and executive director of the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI), a nonprofit health advocacy organization supported largely by the 900,000 subscribers to its Nutrition Action Healthletter. CSPI is a key player in battles against obesity, cardiovascular disease, and other health problems, using education, legislation, litigation, and other tactics. Dr. Jacobson has written numerous books and reports, including “Six Arguments for a Greener Diet,” “Salt: the Forgotten Killer,” and “Liquid Candy: How Soft Drinks are Harming Americans’ Health.” He received the 2010 Hero Award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Foundation and the American Public Health Association’s 2011 David P. Rall Award for Advocacy in Public Health. Dr. Jacobson is the creator of national Food Day, October 24.

Sam Kass
Executive Director, Let’s Move!
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Sam Kass is the executive director of Let’s Move! and senior policy advisor for Nutrition Policy. In this capacity, Sam leads the First Lady’s work to help America raise a healthier generation of kids. As senior policy advisor on Nutrition he also advises on food and nutrition issues beyond Let’s Move!. One of the First Lady’s longest serving advisors, Sam previously served as senior policy advisor for Healthy Food Initiatives. Sam helped the First Lady create the first major vegetable garden at the White House since Eleanor Roosevelt’s Victory Garden. In 2009, Sam joined the White House Kitchen staff as assistant chef under executive chef Cris Comerford and, in 2010, Sam became Food Initiative Coordinator. Sam is a Chicago native and graduated from the University of Chicago. He worked at 312 and Avec in Chicago and was trained as a chef by one of Austria’s greatest chefs, Chef Christian Domschitz.
Dr. NiCole Keith
Research Scientist, Indiana University Center for Aging Research; Associate Professor, Department of Kinesiology, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

NiCole Keith, Ph.D., FACSM is a research scientist at Indiana University Center for Aging Research, an associate professor in the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) Department of Kinesiology, and a fellow and vice president elect of the American College of Sports Medicine. Dr. Keith is co-founder of the Physically Active Residential Communities and Schools (PARCS) program that is a 12-year old partnership between Indianapolis Public Schools, Eskenazi Health Federally Qualified Health Centers and IUPUI. This award-winning program provides exercise opportunities for over 3,000 adults and children living in Indianapolis inner-city communities. In 2009 Dr. Keith received a “Career Award” from the National Institutes of Health (National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute) to examine ways to improve physical fitness and health as individuals age. She continues researching methods to increase physical activity participation and improve fitness, and has dedicated her career to positively influence health outcomes for socio-economically challenged community residents.

Kiana Knolland
National Youth of the Year, Boys & Girls Clubs of America
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Drive. Everyone who meets Kiana identifies it as her defining quality. She admits her drive was obvious at age 9, when she decided she wanted to be an attorney. Kiana says, “I want to make a difference in my community while making sure justice is served.” A childhood peppered with injustice would have made some people distrust the legal profession, but her background made her more focused on her goal. Determined to receive a quality education, Kiana applied for and was awarded a scholarship to a private high school for her junior and senior years. What does Kiana credit for her drive? The Boys & Girls Club. She says, “I am thankful for the Club for instilling the confidence and drive in me that I need to succeed.” A freshman at Howard University, Kiana is a public relations major and hopes to pursue a career in the legal field.
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Dr. Risa Lavizzo-Mourey
President and CEO, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
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Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, MD, MBA is president and CEO of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the nation’s largest philanthropy dedicated solely to health and health care. A physician specializing in geriatrics, Dr. Lavizzo-Mourey came to the Foundation from the University of Pennsylvania, where she directed Penn’s Institute on Aging and was chief of geriatric medicine. She served as deputy administrator of what is now the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality and worked on the White House Health Care Reform Task Force. She also has served on the Task Force on Aging Research, the National Committee for Vital and Health Statistics and the President’s Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Health Care Industry. Dr. Lavizzo-Mourey earned her medical degree from Harvard Medical School and holds an MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Lavizzo-Mourey is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the President’s Council for Fitness, Sports and Nutrition and serves on the Smithsonian Board of Regents.

Nichole June Maher
President and CEO, Northwest Health Foundation
@northwesthealth

Nichole June Maher joined Northwest Health Foundation (NWHF) as president and CEO in August 2012. Nichole is the youngest president of a major foundation in the Northwest and has led the organization through a significant transformation. NWHF has become a champion of advocacy, policy, and supporting vulnerable populations to be the leaders in creating healthy families and communities. NWHF is proud to have a majority “minority” board & staff; direct more than 70 percent of its grantmaking to communities of color; and provide leadership in leveraging all foundation tools to influence health for every community. Born in Ketchikan, Alaska, Nichole attended school on the Siletz Indian Reservation (OR) and is a member of the Tlingit Tribe of Southeast Alaska. Nichole is widely published and her work has been influential in the fields of philanthropy, equity, and education. She is a proud mother of three young children.
Kevin McCartney
Senior Vice President, Boys & Girls Clubs of America

Nationally recognized as a leader in the Boys & Girls Club Movement, Kevin has been a Club Professional since 1983. After establishing new organizations in both Tracy and Sacramento California, he led both organizations through board development, capital campaigns, construction, program development, and facility openings. In 2000 he accepted the position of director of Government Relations. As vice president of Government Relations, Kevin worked to create new public-private partnerships with government agencies and growing the Alliances nationwide. In 2007, Kevin joined the team in Washington D.C. and was later promoted to senior vice president where he now leads the effort on federal and state funding for young people across the country. In 2013, the Government Relations team generated nearly $136 million for local Clubs. Kevin and his wife Debra have two grown children, Sean and Mary Kate and four grandchildren, Mari, Kate, Emmy, and Liam.

Dr. Faith Mitchell
President and CEO, Grantmakers In Health
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Faith Mitchell is president and CEO of Grantmakers In Health (GIH). Previously she served as vice president for program and strategy at the organization. Before joining GIH, Dr. Mitchell spent 12 years at the National Academies where she was a senior program officer at the Institute of Medicine and a center director in the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Education. She has held leadership positions at the U.S. Department of State, The San Francisco Foundation, and The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. Dr. Mitchell is the co-editor of several reports, including Examining the Health Disparities Research Plan of the National Institutes of Health: Unfinished Business; Discouraging Terrorism: Some Implications of 9/11; America Becoming: Racial Trends and Their Consequences; Governance and Opportunity in Metropolitan America; and Premature Death in the New Independent States. Dr. Mitchell holds a doctorate in medical anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley.
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Caitlin Morris
North America Executive Director, Access to Sport, NIKE, Inc.

Caitlin Morris is the North America Executive Director of Access to Sport, an organization supported by NIKE Inc. dedicated to unleashing human potential by enabling and inspiring youth participation in sports, active play, and increased levels of physical activity. Caitlin joined NIKE Inc. in 2003 and has served in various business leadership positions in Corporate Communications and Sustainable Business and Innovation, most recently as Stakeholder Partnerships Director for the Mobilize team – focused on integrated advocacy strategies. Prior to joining NIKE, Caitlin spent seven years at Mattel, Inc. working in Government Affairs and Corporate Responsibility. She is a graduate of the University of Virginia and resides in Portland, Oregon with her husband and son.

Susan Neely
President and CEO, American Beverage Association

Susan Neely is president and CEO of the American Beverage Association (ABA), the leading public policy and advocacy arm of the non-alcoholic beverage industry. Susan has worked to further the industry’s longstanding commitment to being part of the solution to childhood obesity. Under her leadership, ABA members voluntarily reduced beverage calories in schools by 90 percent by working with the Alliance for a Healthier Generation. In support of the First Lady’s Let’s Move! campaign, the industry placed clear calorie labels on the front of all their packaging. Most recently, ABA joined with the First Lady and the Partnership for a Healthier America to support “Drink Up.” Susan chairs the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Committee of 100, is chair-elect of ASAE and chair of the ASAE Foundation. She is Association TRENDS™ “2014 Association Executive of the Year” and Seton Hall University’s Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations “2011 Global Citizen of the Year.”
Wendell Pierce
Actor; President, Sterling Farms

Wendell Pierce is an accomplished actor who has conquered all realms of media with critically acclaimed performances in theater, film, television and broadcast radio. The TONY, Emmy, Obie, and Peabody winning actor has used his visibility to enlighten and educate his community as well as the nation on the prevalence of urban ‘food deserts’ and the advocacy of healthy eating. His efforts evolved into creating Sterling Farms, a grocery store chain responding to the growing food vacuum within urban communities. The first grocery store launched in March 2013 with profound success, along with three Sterling Xpress convenience stores that also cater these regions. Pierce earned a spot on Fast Company magazine’s 2013 “100 Most Creative People in Business” list and a “Best of Black Business Award” from the American Academy of Business and Commerce. Wendell is most recognized for his portrayal of Detective ‘Bunk’ Moreland on HBO’s, “The Wire.” He is currently starring on HBO’s, “Treme” and co-starring on NBC’s, “The Michael J. Fox Show.” He is the host of the national radio program, “Jazz at Lincoln Center.”

Dr. Janisse Rosario-Schoepp
Senior Program Officer and Director of Policy, Health Foundation of South Florida

Janisse Rosario, Ph.D., is the senior program officer and director of research and policy at the Health Foundation of South Florida, where she oversees the Healthy Eating Active Communities and Preventive Health Measures investment portfolio at the Foundation. She has held her position for over ten years supporting strategic planning, grants management, research, and public policy. She has been integral in leveraging more than $22 million dollars by providing technical assistance to communities to access federal funds to implement strategies to create healthier communities in the South Florida region. Dr. Rosario also co-leads the Florida Partnership for Healthy People, Healthy Places which is a statewide network of funders with the goal of increasing access to healthy foods and physical activity opportunities. In 2012 she was selected to participate in the Terrance Keenan Institute for Emerging Leaders in Health Philanthropy. She holds a Masters degree and a Doctorate degree in Public Health from Florida International University.
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William Rosenzweig
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William Rosenzweig has spent more than 25 years integrating the practices and perspectives of an entrepreneur, venture investor, and educator. He is co-founder and managing partner at Physic Ventures, the first venture capital firm dedicated to investing in keeping people healthy. William was founding CEO of The Republic of Tea, and has been involved in growing the health and sustainability sectors through his work as an entrepreneur and investor at Odwalla, Stonyfield Farms, LeapFrog, Brand New Brands, Revolution Foods, GoodGuide, Gazelle, and Yummly. In 2013, William was named chairman of the Vitality Institute Commission, a national effort focused on promoting health and well-being and preventing chronic disease. In 2010, he was selected by a committee of Nobel Laureates for the Oslo Business for Peace Award, presented jointly by the Business for Peace Foundation and International Chamber of Commerce in Norway. For 10 years, William taught MBA courses at the Haas School of Business at University of California, Berkeley. Will co-authored the bestselling book “The Republic of Tea: How an Idea Becomes a Business.”

Dr. Eduardo Sanchez
Deputy Chief Medical Officer, American Heart Association

Eduardo Sanchez, M.D., M.P.H., FAAFP is deputy chief medical officer for the American Heart Association. From 2008 until 2013, he was vice president and CMO for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas. He was director of the Institute for Health Policy at the University of Texas School of Public Health from 2006 to 2008. He served as Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services from 2004 to 2006 and of the Texas Department of Health from 2001 to 2004. Dr. Sanchez currently serves as chair of the Partnership for Prevention Board of Directors and Chair of the National Commission on Prevention Priorities. He also chairs the Texas Public Health Coalition. From 2008 to 2012, he served as chair of the Advisory Committee to the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). He serves on the newly formed Institute of Medicine’s Roundtable on Obesity Solutions.
Andrew Smith
Student Athlete, Irvington High School

Andrew Smith was born in Newark, New Jersey and raised in Irvington, New Jersey. He is 17 years old and is currently in his senior year at Irvington High School. Andrew is a student athlete and has played football all four years at Irvington High. He was a two-year starter and named team captain his senior year. In the winter of 2013, Andrew made a decision that changed his life. He lost 100 pounds with hard work and dedication. He has two sisters, one older brother, and a mother and father that keep him motivated throughout his hard work. He will be attending Kean University in the fall of 2014 to study physical education and exercise science. He looks forward to pursuing a career in helping people who are overweight become physically fit and healthy.

Darius Sollohub
Director, New Jersey School of Architecture, College of Architecture and Design, NJIT

Darius Sollohub is the director of the New Jersey School of Architecture at the College of Architecture and Design at New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), where he has administered graduate and undergraduate programs in architecture and planning since 2010. He joined NJIT’s faculty in 1995 and helped found its Infrastructure Planning Program, serving as associate director from 1996 to 2007 and director from 2007 to 2010. Darius’s research focuses on design pedagogy, affordable housing, transit-oriented development, parking, earth art, and transportation systems. He is currently writing a book entitled, “Millenials and Design Education.” Darius maintained his own practice as Rosenbaum Sollohub Architects from 1994 to 2004. Previously, Darius worked with Polshek and Partners (now Ennead Architects), Ellerbe Becket, and Steven Holl Architects. Darius holds a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture and a Master of Architecture, both from Columbia University, and is a licensed architect in New York and New Jersey.
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Dr. Brian Strom
Chancellor, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences

Brian L. Strom, MD, MPH is the recently appointed, inaugural chancellor of Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences (RBHS) and the executive vice president for Health Affairs at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. RBHS is comprised of nine schools and five centers/institutes, and includes academic, patient care, and research facilities. Dr. Strom was formerly the executive vice dean of Institutional Affairs at the Perelman School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania (Penn). Although Dr. Strom’s interests span many areas of clinical epidemiology, his major research interest is in the field of pharmacoepidemiology. He is recognized as a founder of this field and for his pioneer work in using large automated databases for research. Dr. Strom is also a nationally recognized leader in clinical research training. At Penn, Dr. Strom developed a graduate training program in epidemiology for clinicians, which was one of the first of its kind in the US.

Haile Thomas
Youth Health Advocate & Motivational Speaker
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Haile Thomas is a 7th grader at St. Gregory College Preparatory School, a youth health advocate and founder of the HAPPY Organization, which is partnered with the YWCA offering kids healthy cooking classes, fun physical activities, and nutrition education. She is a popular motivational speaker; two-time TEDx presenter, junior chef advisor for Hyatt Hotels “For Kids By Kids” menu, and young chef recently featured on Food Network’s Rachael vs. Guy Kids Cook-Off. She is a youth advisory board member with the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, Chop Chop magazine, and the Tucson Village Farm. Haile is a contributing writer for TODAY.COM, Polish magazine, Van’s Natural Foods, and Edible Baja magazine, sharing healthy recipes. Haile has been featured in several media outlets, including Food Network, The Rachael Ray Show, The TODAY show, Edible Baja magazine, Hotel Food & Beverage magazine, Food & Flourish magazine, DASH Recipes, and Epicurious.com.
Dr. Kenneth Thorpe
Robert W. Woodruff Professor and Chair, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University; Chairman, Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease

Kenneth Thorpe, Ph.D., is the Robert W. Woodruff professor and chair of the Department of Health Policy & Management, in the Rollins School of Public Health of Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Thorpe is a member of the International Advisory Board for APCO Worldwide. In addition, he serves as the chairman of the Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease (PFCD). As chairman of PFCD, Dr. Thorpe works with an international coalition organization consisting of patients, providers, community organizations, and health policy experts to raise awareness of the negative impact chronic disease has on health and economy. He is also co-chair of the Partnership for the Future of Medicare. Dr. Thorpe received his Ph.D. from the Pardee Rand Graduate School, an M.A. from Duke University, and his B.A. from the University of Michigan.

Dr. David R. Williams
Norman Professor of Public Health and African and African American Studies, Harvard University

David R. Williams is the Norman Professor of Public Health and African and African American Studies at Harvard University. He is an internationally recognized authority on social influences on health. The author of more than 325 scientific papers, his research has enhanced our understanding of the ways in which socioeconomic status, race, stress, racial discrimination, and religious involvement can affect health. He was ranked as the “Most Cited Black Scholar” in the social sciences in 2008. Dr. Williams was elected to the Institute of Medicine and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He has played a visible, national leadership role in raising awareness of the problem of health disparities and interventions to address them. He served as the staff director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Commission to “Build a Healthier America” and as a key scientific advisor to the award-winning PBS film series, Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick?
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Jenna Wolfe
NBC’s TODAY Show Anchor and Correspondent @JennaWolfe

Jenna Wolfe serves as the Weekend TODAY newsreader and as a correspondent for NBC News’ weekday TODAY show. Jenna spent 12 years as a sportscaster before joining the TODAY show in 2007. Sportscasting was a natural career choice for the three-sport high school and college athlete. Her background, like her personality, is spirited. Born in Kingston, Jamaica, and raised in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, she moved to the United States in 1989, shortly after the political strife on the troubled island escalated. A self-proclaimed dare devil and thrill seeker, Jenna tests the boundaries of sanity in her stories. When not at work, she can most often be found in a gym. As a certified personal trainer, she has made health, fitness, and wellness an integral part of her life. Her biggest and most fulfilling adventure to date…motherhood. Jenna recently became a first-time mom to a baby girl, Harper Estelle.

Eli Wolff
Program Director, Inclusive Sports Initiative, Institute for Human Centered Design @eliwolff10

Eli Wolff is the program director of the Inclusive Sports Initiative at the Institute for Human Centered Design in Boston. Eli also has an affiliation with Brown University, coordinating the sport and development project there. From 2002 to 2008, Eli led a global effort to include provisions addressing sport, recreation, and physical activity within the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), and continues to have a leadership role in the implementation of the CRPD globally. Eli was a member of the United States Paralympic Soccer Team in the 1996 and 2004 Paralympic Games, is a graduate of Brown University, and is currently pursuing his Ph.D. through the German Sport University of Cologne.
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The Clinton Foundation convenes businesses, governments, NGOs, and individuals to improve global health and wellness, increase opportunity for women and girls, reduce childhood obesity, create economic opportunity and growth, and help communities address the effects of climate change. The Clinton Health Matters Initiative, an initiative of the Clinton Foundation, works to improve the health and wellbeing of all people by activating individuals, communities, and organizations to make meaningful contributions to the health of others.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
For more than 40 years the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has worked to improve the health and healthcare of all Americans. We are striving to build a national Culture of Health that will enable all Americans to live longer, healthier lives now and for generations to come.

Grantmakers In Health
Grantmakers In Health (GIH) is a nonprofit, educational organization dedicated to helping foundations and corporate giving programs improve the health of all people. Its mission is to foster communication and collaboration among grant makers and others, and to help strengthen the grantmaking community’s knowledge, skills, and effectiveness.