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Western Area Establishes HBCU Endowment at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science

Western Area Director Roxann Thomas Chargois today announced that the Western Area of The Links, Incorporated will establish an endowment fund for Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science in Los Angeles.

The addition of Charles Drew University (CDU) brings the total number of endowments at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in the Western Area to 10. Charles Drew is the only Western Area endowed school in the state of California. The announcement means it will benefit from donations to the current Holiday Fundraising Drive, as well as in ongoing Western Area HBCU funding campaigns.

Collectively, the Western Area has contributed more than \$433,679 in endowments across nine HBCUs: Prairie View A&M University, Texas Southern University, St. Philip's College, Huston-Tillotson University, Jarvis Christian College, Paul Quinn College, Southwestern Christian College, Texas College, and Wiley College, all in the state of Texas.

“I am delighted that effective immediately, we can add Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science to the list of Western Area HBCU School,” Chargois said.

Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science (CDU) was incorporated in 1966 in wake of the Watts Riots and works to eliminate health disparities and provide “unique, quality education and training opportunities for future health care leaders.” It has graduated more than 550 medical doctors, 2,500 post-graduate physicians, more than 2,000 physician assistants and hundreds of other health professionals.

ABOUT THE WESTERN AREA, THE LINKS, INCORPORATED

Drawing on the synergy generated by women who are committed to friendship and service, the Western Area of The Links, Incorporated has more than 2,500 members in 59 chapters located in ten states — Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Oregon, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas and Washington. Western Area chapters are characterized by leadership, award-winning programs, and warm, interpersonal relationships between and among members, as well with other chapters. Service hours that members contribute in their Western Area communities have increased yearly -- currently topping 187,000.

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