Symposium Agenda

8:45 – 10:15 a.m.  Poster Session: Bridging the Gaps Student Community Health Projects

10:30 a.m. – Noon  Workshop Sessions

Workshop 1   Working With Youth Ain’t Easy: Overcoming Barriers to Better Nutrition
Workshop 2   When Life Gives You Lemons … How Do You Make Lemonade? Dealing With the Stressors of Urban Youth
Workshop 3   It’s Not You, It’s Me … No, It’s Us; Relationships, Communication and Collaboration in Community Health
Workshop 4   Creating the Community Classroom: Contextual Determinants of Healthy Living
Workshop 5   Why the *#@! Are You Staring at Me Like That?
Workshop 6   “Where’s Your Head At?”: Strategies for Supporting Mental Health
Workshop 7   Games Unplugged: Playing With Virtually Nothing
Workshop 8   Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Healthy Food
Workshop 9   Faulty Foundations: How People Fall Through the Cracks
Workshop 10  Aging IS Sexy: New Perspectives for Change

12:15 – 2 p.m.  Awards Ceremony/Plenary Session

Wendell Pierce, actor/activist

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September 24, 2010
8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Continental Breakfast and Lunch Provided

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Please RSVP online by September 17, 2010.
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Please share this invitation with others who might wish to attend.

Wendell Pierce grew up in New Orleans’s historic Pontchartrian Park, a section still suffering bitterly from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Undeterred by bureaucratic delays, Pierce leveraged his visibility as a respected actor and the narrator of the documentary “When the Levees Broke” to launch a community-driven approach to rebuilding. Pierce founded the Pontchartrain Park Community Development Corporation (PPCDC), a nonprofit entity constructing eco- and budget-friendly replacement homes. The PPCDC opened its first model home in May 2010. Pierce brings passion and commitment to the task of revitalizing his former neighborhood—one of the oldest African-American communities lost to the floods of Katrina.

Now celebrating its 20th year, Bridging the Gaps is committed to forging partnerships with individuals and organizations dedicated to the promotion of health in underserved communities. The Annual Symposium is free to the public and is based on the work of students who have participated in the past program year.

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