

NAACP

“Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in healthcare is the most shocking and inhumane.” Martin Luther King jr.

Two Missouri U.S. Congressional Representatives Vote Against Removal of Confederate Statues

Representative Billy Long (R) and Representative Vicky Hartzler (R) voted against the removal of statues of white supremacists and those who served in the Confederate army. Statues of Justice Roger B. Taney who wrote in the 1857 Dred Scott decision (“all people of African descent, free or enslaved are not U.S. citizens and therefore cannot sue in Federal Court), John Calhoun (“State’s rights” proponent). Billy Long provided no comment while Vicky Hartzler said the states should decide who resides in “Statuary Hall”.

Register to vote

In the April election some races were decided by as little as 10 votes. YOURS MATTERS!

Dr. Eunice Asare-Bawuah MD



Please tell us about your background. I was born and raised in Sunyani Ghana. All of my education was in Ghana. I went to an all girls boarding school called Wesley Girl’s High School where I studied Science and Biology. I entered college/medical school at Kwame Nkrumah and then a one year internship in Ghana. I then studied orthopedics at Keele University, Newcastle-Under-Lyme, UK. That experience there birthed a desire to study medicine

in a place that offered a world class education. I did my residency at Meharry Medical College in Nashville in Internal Medicine. It took about three years to make the transition from Ghana/United Kingdom to the U.S.

Tell us about your family. My mom is a nurse and my dad was in construction. They both thought education was very important. They are both Ashanti which is the tribe that had conquered the region. My dad is a sub-chief in the Ashanti tribe. My grandfather was King and that lineage is passed down through the women, making the Ashanti a matrilineal society. I have two sisters and a brother. One sister is an electrical engineer in North Carolina, my other sister is a bank manager and my brother works for the equivalent of the CIA in Ghana. My husband (Author’s note: her

Medicaid Expansion on the August 4th Ballot

Amendment 2 will be on the ballot for Missourians to vote on August 4th.

Missouri is one of several Republican-led states that have refused to expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. If this amendment passes, money that we send to Washington for other states to use for their Medicaid expansion will remain in Missouri

Amendment 2 would expand coverage to adults 19 to 65 from the current income cap of 133% of the federal poverty rate to 138% of the federal poverty rate.

Amendment 2 would prevent legislators from adding restrictions or requirements to prevent people from being able to access Medicaid. It also requires the state to seek the maximum federal funding.

Estimates regarding the impact on our state budget range from costing \$200 million to savings of \$1 billion.

Rural hospitals that have steadily been closing in Missouri would get a lifeline.

By providing regular primary care services we would reduce expensive Emergency Department Care.

Vote YES on Amendment 2.

husband is Dr Kofi Asare-Bawuah, previously interviewed in this newsletter.) and I have two children. Our 12 year old son is very into sports, our nine year old daughter is extremely artsy, she turns everything into art and has a calm, wise demeanor beyond her years.

Tell us about your job. I am a Hospitalist so I take care of adults who are admitted to the hospital for various reasons. I work a variety of 8 hour shifts throughout a 24 hour period. I started with Cox Hospital in 2016, it is my first job since completing my training.

What other languages do you speak? I speak Twi, and Fanti. English is essentially the second language in Ghana. I studied three languages in school, English, French and Twi. When I was little, I also spoke some Russian due to many Russians in Sunyani.

Do you have any hobbies? Yes, I like to garden although mostly my plants die (all but the pepper plants). I like tennis. I started playing in Ghana and now play in a neighborhood league. I also like to sew and help my daughter with her doll's hair.

Have you ever faced racism? Absolutely. I have been called the "n" word and it stung. A broader perspective on racism has to include tribalism. Ashanti people conquered the area and have gold therefor feel superior to others, similar to racism. My grandfather was an Ashanti King so my name afforded me the equivalent of white privilege. We are too similar genetically to believe in the concept of race. We have had to speak with our children about what is going on in this country. If the racial climate becomes too uncomfortable, we could move back to Ghana.

What are your goals? Number one is my children. I need to make sure they are well balanced. Secondly, although I enjoy what I do, hospital management is possible if I tire of clinical work. Thirdly, I want go back to Ghana and give back, especially to my high school.

Do you have any advice for young people? Get yourself educated. You must have a single focus in order to improve your life and following generations. Education is not stressed enough in the U.S. Education will lift people out of poverty.