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# Anniversary Celebration & Scholarship Awards Program

2015

*“Going Beyond – Breaking Through Barriers to Success”*

# COMMUNITY VANGUARD AWARD



**WENONAH VALENTINE, MBA**  
iDREAM | Founder HEALTH LEADERSHIP COACH

Wenonah Valentine has framed a 40-year vocation of influential community service. In 2011, she founded iDREAM for Racial Health Equity, a project of Community Partners® that has reimagined capacity-building for service and engagement with millennial leaders; and has inspired an inter-generational and multi-ethnic advocacy, training and transformative leadership network committed to eliminating racial health disparities and infant mortality.

Affectionately known as Coach V, she excels as a strategist by responding to trends for organizational growth, challenge and change. She coaches emerging and seasoned decision-makers as skilled translators of community health assets through the lens of culture, diversity, equity, faith and justice. She has created a learning organization and introduced community-defined practices that questions and builds responsive solutions around the stubborn and persistent statistics linking stress, racism and pregnancies.

Since 1996, Ms. Valentine has raised awareness, mobilized action and measured impact for improving the health outcomes and resilience of Black mothers and babies throughout the life course. She has formed relationships with students, faculty, hospitals and communities throughout Southern California and anchored collaborations with the USC Diversity in Healthcare Leadership Initiative and Pepperdine University's Nonprofit Leadership Collaborative. The UCSB Department of Black Studies recognized her as a distinguished alumni speaker during the 2008 All Gaucho Reunion. She teamed up with world-class scholars and consulted on health equity programming in California, Florida and Nebraska. Travel to Zhuhai, China in 2013 connected global and domestic maternal and infant health practices through her grandson's birth; and broadened interests to the legacy-building for African-descended, multicultural and dual-language families.

She earned a BA degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara with double majors in Black Studies and Economics; an MBA degree from Azusa Pacific University with an emphasis in Christian business and professional leadership; a certificate in Early Child Development Ad-

ministration from Pasadena City College; and in 2014, completed 125 hours towards an Associate Certification with the International Coach Federation.

As a service leader, Ms. Valentine focuses on alumni collaborations where first-generation college students from underrepresented communities gain access to integrative enrichment with industry leaders. She is an elected member of the UCSB Alumni Association's Board of Directors (2010-2016) and formerly chaired the advocacy and multicultural diversity committees; and served as a nonprofit advisor for the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Black MBA Association (2010-2013). She is a member of Bible Enrichment Fellowship International Church and serves her faith community through W.I.T.N.E.S.S. Book Club and as a mother, grandmother, aunt and sister friend.

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# FOR RACIAL HEALTH EQUITY

**iDREAM for Racial Health Equity, a project of Community Partners, is committed to empowering a pipeline of millennial and community health advocate leaders with a deeper understanding of the cultural, societal, environmental and economic issues impacting health outcomes for mothers and babies throughout the life course.**



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