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Free Tickets Available for TEDxUAMS Feb. 7

LITTLE ROCK — The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) will be hosting TEDxUAMS from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 7 at the UAMS Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute at 501 Jack Stephens Drive.

Following the spirit of TED (Technology, Entertainment and Design), TEDxUAMS aims to present multiple issues and a diversity of voices from many disciplines.

Free tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis by emailing OrganizationalDevelopment@uams.edu. Attendees are asked to commit to spending the entire day at the talks. Lunch will be provided, and a reception will follow the event.

TEDxUAMS is a group of short, carefully prepared talks, demonstrations and performances that are idea-focused and cover a wide range of subjects to foster learning, inspiration, wonder and provoke conversations that matter.

UAMS has selected 10 presenters to speak on a variety of topics. They are:

- **Paulette Mehta, M.D.** -- *How Poetry Saved My Life*
- **Amber Booth-McCoy** -- *Cause of Death: Kindness is Colorblind*
- **Erick Messias, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H.** -- *The Power of Meaning in Medicine*
- **Tiffany Haynes, Ph.D.** -- *It's Ok to Not Be Ok*
- **Kimberly Jones** -- *What Abuse Looks Like*
- **Jennifer Hunt, M.D.** -- *Will the Real Imposter Please Stand Up?*
- **Joe Thompson, M.D., M.P.H.** -- *Live Well, Die Fast*
- **Kevin Ryan, J.D.** -- *All Health is Public Health*
- **Wendy Ward, Ph.D.** -- *The Future of Healthcare is Teams — Why Patients Should Care*
- **Jerad Gardner, M.D.** -- *Facebook and Rare Cancer Changed My Life*

UAMS is the state's only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; hospital; a main campus in Little Rock; a Northwest Arkansas regional campus in Fayetteville; a statewide network of regional campuses; and seven institutes: the Winthrop P.

Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Psychiatric Research Institute, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging, Translational Research Institute and Institute for Digital Health & Innovation. UAMS includes UAMS Health, a statewide health system that encompasses all of UAMS' clinical enterprise including its hospital, regional clinics and clinics it operates or staffs in cooperation with other providers. UAMS is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. *U.S. News & World Report* named UAMS Medical Center the state's Best Hospital; ranked its ear, nose and throat program among the top 50 nationwide; and named six areas as high performing — cancer, colon cancer surgery, heart failure, hip replacement, knee replacement and lung cancer surgery. UAMS has 2,727 students, 870 medical residents and five dental residents. It is the state's largest public employer with more than 10,000 employees, including 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS, its regional campuses, Arkansas Children's Hospital, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health. Visit www.uams.edu or www.uamshealth.com. Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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