



MDCGC QUARTERLY

Official member newsletter of The Maryland and DC Society of Genetic Counselors

The vision of the MDCGC is to ensure the quality of genetic health care and to promote the field of genetic counseling in Maryland and the District of Columbia (hereafter referred to as DC). *MDCGC Quarterly* is your source for updates on our past accomplishments, current projects, and upcoming events.

Year in Review!

As this year draws to an end, we thought we'd reflect back on some of what we've accomplished together in 2019...

- We hit 100 active members in our first year!
- MDCGC is officially recognized as a 501c6.
- Our first annual education conference has been scheduled (details on page 2).
- We have a sponsor for the Maryland Genetic Counseling Licensure bill.
- Improvements and updates have been made to the MDCGC website including a Job Board, a newsletter archive page, improvements to the mobile platform, and a **members-only** page. Be sure to check it out at <https://www.mdcgc.org/>
- We hosted three networking events, including a happy hour, family picnic, and trivia night.

We'd like to thank everyone who contributed to making 2019 such a success!



ELECTION RESULTS!

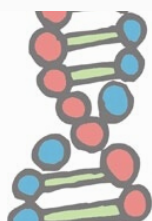
We successfully held our first election! Please welcome our newly elected leaders:

Board Members:

- President - Jordan Brown
- President-Elect - Lydia Hellwig
- Secretary - Katie Bisordi
- Treasurer - Monique Lubaton

Committee Co-Chairs:

- Membership Committee - Patrick Semesky
- Public Policy Committee - Margo Gallegos
- Social Media and Communications Committee - Elizabeth Kramer Dugan
- State Meeting and Education Committee - Ashley Low



A look at what's coming in 2020...



Register Now!

1st Annual Education Conference

January 31, 2020, 8:00am - 4:30pm
 Johns Hopkins Hospital
 Chevy Chase Conference Center
 The Sheikh Zayed Tower
 1800 Orleans Street Baltimore, MD 21287

Highlights of the conference include:

- Navigating the GC Journey: Hearing the Call, Finding Mentors and Allies, Slaying the Dragons, Leading into a Strong Future
 - Gillian Hooker, PhD, ScM, LCGC - 2020 NSGC President
- Artificial Intelligence in the Hands of Genetic Counselors
- The Role of Ethics in Genetic Counseling Practice
- Professional Issues Panel Discussion
- Polygenic Risk Scores and Health Disparities
- Genetic Counseling Considerations Among Specific Patient Populations
- Condition-specific updates
- ... and more!

The MDCGC will be applying for Category 1 CEUs!
 Visit <https://www.mdcgc.org/annual-conference> for more information and to register!

Interested in joining a committee? Please visit www.mdcgc.org/committees to learn more and contact committee chairs!



Don't forget to renew your MDCGC membership for 2020!

Why Join?

Benefits of MDCGC Membership...

- Educational opportunities, including an annual symposium
- Access to the newsletter - this is only accessible to active members
- Volunteer opportunities - get involved in committee membership, task forces, or leadership roles to help advance GCs in the MD/DC area!
- Participation in salary surveys
- Never miss an announcement for other genetics-related educational events in the area
- Networking and social opportunities - meet your colleagues at other institutions in the area!

Follow us on social media for regular updates!



@MDCGeneticCounselors



@TheMDCGC





A great time was had by all at our Genetics Trivia Night on Genetic Counseling Awareness Day!

save the date



Friday, January 31, 2020 | 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Inaugural Educational Symposium

Location: JHU Chevy Chase Auditorium

<https://www.mdcgc.org/annual-conference>



Thursday, February 27, 2020 | 4:45 pm - 8:00 pm

Baltimore-Washington Genetics Group Meeting

Location: GBMC

Talks supported by: Invitae

