

Austin Black Physicians Association Partners with Ascension Seton to Advance Black Physicians and Healthier Communities

~ Partnership supports ABPA's 10th Anniversary Gala and a shared commitment to representation, opportunity and stronger community health ~

AUSTIN, TX, UNITED STATES, September 1, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Austin Black Physicians Association (ABPA) is proud to announce a new partnership with Ascension Seton in support of ABPA's work to advance Black physicians, develop future medical leaders, and strengthen the communities they serve.



ABPA Group Image

For 10 years, ABPA has been building something larger than a professional network. The organization has worked to create pathways for students who can see themselves in medicine, connection and support for Black physicians throughout their careers, and greater trust between physicians and the communities they serve.

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Ascension Seton's collaboration recognizes the power of that work and the ripple effect that happens when Black physicians are supported, elevated, and positioned to lead.

Representation in medicine matters far beyond

representation itself. It can influence whether a young person believes becoming a physician is possible. It can strengthen trust between patients and providers. It can create mentorship opportunities that change the trajectory of a future physician's life. And ultimately, it can help build healthier communities.

“Having Ascension Seton stand alongside ABPA at this moment in our history is incredibly meaningful,” said Kelley Humphries-Mascoll, DC, MS, Executive Director of the Austin Black Physicians Association. “They understand that supporting Black physicians is not simply about supporting individual careers. It is about the students who will see new possibilities for their futures, the patients who deserve to feel seen and understood in their care, and the communities that become stronger when talented physicians are connected, supported, and empowered to lead.”



That shared commitment comes at an important moment for ABPA.

This year, the organization celebrates its 10th anniversary, a decade shaped by physicians who chose to mentor, students who continued pursuing medicine despite the obstacles in front of them, community members who trusted ABPA to show up, and partners who believed that greater representation in medicine could create meaningful change.

On September 19, 2026, ABPA will bring those stories together at its 10th Anniversary Gala at the W Austin. The evening will honor what the past decade has made possible while focusing on what still needs to be built: more pathways for future Black physicians, stronger mentorship, deeper physician connection, greater community outreach, and continued work to strengthen trust in care.

Ascension Seton will help make that next chapter possible as an Impact Sponsor of the anniversary gala, a commitment that directly fosters the next generation of medical leaders and fuels the vital work ABPA is carrying into its next decade.

“The future of medicine in Central Texas depends on developing talented young clinicians,” said Joshua Pozos, MD, MPH, Chief Clinical Officer, Ascension Texas. “We proudly support the Austin Black Physicians Association and their dedication to medical students. Supporting their mission is an investment in the next generation of physicians who will care for our communities.”

“We are celebrating 10 years, but this moment is really about the next 10,” Kelley added. “The physicians we support today will care for families for decades. The students we encourage today may become the physicians, mentors, and healthcare leaders our communities depend on tomorrow. Partnerships like this allow us to keep building that future.”

ABPA's 10th Anniversary Gala invites physicians, healthcare leaders, businesses, community partners, and individuals to be part of that future. Guests can attend the gala, become a partner, or directly support ABPA's continued work through scholarships, mentorship, physician engagement, and community outreach.

To attend, sponsor, or support ABPA's 10th Anniversary Gala, visit: austinbpa.org/gala-2026

About the Austin Black Physicians Association: The Austin Black Physicians Association (ABPA) works to advance Black physicians, empower future medical leaders, and strengthen community trust through representation, mentorship, connection, and equitable care. Through its work with physicians, students, and the greater Austin community, ABPA is helping build a stronger healthcare ecosystem in which representation creates opportunity and healthier communities.

About the 10th Anniversary Gala: ABPA's 10th Anniversary Gala will take place September 19, 2026, at the W Austin. The evening will honor a decade of impact while bringing together physicians, students, community leaders, supporters, and partners committed to building what comes next.

The next 10 years are not guaranteed. They are built.

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