

## Njemile Carol Jones Memorial BIPOC SNS Conference Scholarship

Njemile Carol Jones, L.Ac., worked at National Public Radio (NPR) as a producer for Morning Edition in DC until she began her studies in Acupuncture and East Asian Herbal Medicine at Pacific College of Health Sciences (then PCOM) in San Diego. She was the owner of the Fertile Living acupuncture practice in Alexandria, VA. Njemile was a bright light in our profession, remembered for being committed to continuous learning. She passed on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

The Shen Nong Society is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion, and in her memory, we have created the Njemile Carol Jones Memorial Conference Scholarship. For 2023 the scholarship will be for free online attendance to both days of the conference. The scholarship is open to application from any BIPOC student or practitioner of acupuncture and East Asian Medicine. The Board of Directors of SNS is made up of teachers of this medicine and we have seen the scarce number of BIPOC students and teachers in our profession. We wish to encourage this population to become teachers and leaders.

Below are some of the thoughts and memories shared by members of our community about Njemile.

*"We knew each other for 40 years, although we didn't know each other well. She went to so many continuing education classes, flew all over the country for them. She attended a CEU I taught on Zoom two months before she passed. She never stopped learning. She was the warmest, most supportive person, you really felt listened to and loved in her presence. I miss having her in this world"* **Lorraine Wilcox**

*"I'm so sad. She was a quiet leader, a gorgeous soul, and generous spirit. We would inevitably cross paths over and over at various continuing ed courses. We shared lovely meals, discussed East Asian medicine, our lives, and our aspirations for the future. NJ, I'm so grateful you and I became friends. Much love and I am hopeful to see you again on the other side. I celebrate you and your life though I will miss seeing you on this plane"* **Lee Hullender Rubin**

*Njemile was a student and colleague of mine for many years. She was completely devoted to the depths of Chinese medicine and her own development as a practitioner. She did not stop going deeper through all of her years. I am so saddened by this loss to our community. Much beloved Njemile.* **Sharon Weizenbaum**

*"Njemile always gifted everyone her generous heart and holistic perspective of our revered medicine. My heart begs for another opportunity to connect, learn, share together. That is not to be, yet, I am so grateful that she graced us with her wise and kind heart, and her million-watt smile. I look forward to sitting next to her in the Great Next, studying and learning how to help."* **Susan Fox**

*"Truly, she was one of a kind...a gentle leader, but she was also so humble and subtle. I learned a lot just being in her company."* **Rachel Schneyer Schaefer**

*Her warm hugs and friendly smile every time I saw her .... she will definitely be missed.* **Heather Smith**

*"Njemile was an amazing human."* **Fiona McCulloch**

*She was such a beautiful person, with a beaming smile always, such a wealth of knowledge and willing to help. Miss her!* **Sadhna Singh**

*"She was so kind and generous, such a sweet soul. May her memory be for a blessing."* **Laura Erlich**

*“Njemile was a powerful woman with a gentle and loving delivery. She was very private, proud and wise. We celebrated her birthday every year we shared at IFS. I am heartbroken and heart warmed to have known her. Rest easy my friend and know you were loved.”* **Susan Schiff**

*“Terrible news....one of my best ever students at PCOM, and a great practitioner to whom I referred many patients.”* **Z’ev Rosenberg**

Criteria:

- Student or practitioner of East Asian Herbal Medicine
- Person of color

Requirements:

- Please submit your name, contact information and a brief (one paragraph) statement about you and your current relationship to the field of East Asian Herbal Medicine by April 1, 2023

One applicant will be chosen after reviewing applications and win free online attendance to both days of the April 2023 Shen Nong Society Conference

All applications should be sent to: [info@shennongsociety.org](mailto:info@shennongsociety.org)

All questions to [marnae@shennongsociety.org](mailto:marnae@shennongsociety.org)