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The Dr. Edna B. McKenzie Branch ASALH

The First Annual Charles R. Drew Virtual Knowledge
Bowl

On February 12, 2022, the Dr. Edna B. McKenzie Branch of ASALH located in Pittsburgh Pa conducted its First Annual Dr. Charles R. Drew Knowledge Bowl for Black History Month. The event was held virtually. Approximately 170 plus people from around the United States of America attended this First Annual Dr. Charles R. Drew Knowledge Bowl.

Questions were based upon the life of Dr. Charles R. Drew and Black history events and people.

Keynote address on Dr. Charles R. Drew was given by Dr. Ida Jones, Vice President of Membership, Association for the study of African American Life and History (ASALH).

The Dr. Charles R. Drew Knowledge Bowl was named after the brilliant African American, Dr. Charles R. Drew who organized America's first large-scale blood bank and trained a generation of Black physicians at Howard University. Dr. Charles R. Drew is known as the "father" of the Blood Bank and his groundbreaking discoveries saved hundreds of thousands of lives during World War II.

After ten rounds of grueling questions by McKenzie Branch Historian, Alonna J. Carter, who served as the moderator for the event, the Hampton University team would emerge as the Champions of the First Annual Dr. Charles R. Drew Knowledge Bowl

The Hampton team was comprised of Sadiki Muhammad, Alexis Walker, and Makiyah Holder. David Taylor and Robert Watson were the coaches and faculty advisors for the Hampton team. There was a second place tie between Frostburg State University of Frostburg, Maryland and Howard University, Washington D. C.

All participants will receive prizes.

This friendly exercise in Black History trivia was the brainchild of Ronald B. Saunders and was in line with ASALH's Black History theme for 2022, Black Health and Wellness.

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