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Morehouse School of Medicine CEO Valerie Montgomery Rice thankful for major gifts in 2024



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Dr. Valerie Montgomery Rice is president and CEO at Morehouse School of Medicine. This submission is part of Atlanta Gives Thanks 2024, in which local business and civic leaders told Atlanta Business Chronicle why they're thankful in 2024.

As we approach our 50th anniversary in 2025, I am so thankful for Dr. Louis Brown, an internal medicine physician in Atlanta, who brought forth the idea for a new medical school to the presidents of the Atlanta University Center schools in 1968; the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation, who supported the feasibility study to investigate the idea; the vision of Dr. Louis W. Sullivan; and all those who have worked to make Morehouse School of Medicine the outstanding institution for health care, and more importantly, health equity.

We have been especially blessed in 2024 with a number of major gifts that will help us provide our students and faculty with additional resources. I am cognizant and grateful that none of what we have been able to accomplish would have been possible without the efforts of those who have gone before us, particularly in the hometown of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who has inspired generations of Americans to look beyond themselves to serve others. Let us all mark the first quarter of the 21st century with a renewed commitment to do what we can to make the next 75 years a better place for all of us.