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Professionally, Harrison serves on several advisory boards and is a collaborator on several projects. She is the chair of the Warren Alpert Foundation Alliance to Increase Diversity in Genetic Counseling Extremal Advisory Committee and recently served on the *All of Us* Genetic Counseling Resource Advisory Board and the Alliance for Genetics and Genomics Diversity Advisory Group. In line with her passion to increase the diversity of genetic counselors, Harrison is a member of the Minority Genetics Professional Network, and co-founder of GOLDEN, the Genetics Opportunities, Learning, Development and Empowerment Network, which is dedicated to increasing the number of Black genetic counselors by raising awareness and mentoring prospective applicants. She was awarded the 2020 National Society of Genetic Counselors Natalie Weissberger Paul National Achievement Award, the society's most distinguished honor.

In the community, Harrison volunteers with the Sickle Cell Association of the National Capital Area, Inc. and is an active member of Metropolitan Baptist Church in Largo, MD.