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**National Black Nurses Association Announces its 2019 40 and Under Awardees**

The National Black Nurses Association announces its seventeen 2019 40 and Under Awardees. "These energetic, innovative and knowledgeable nurses are ready to take their rightful place as nurse leaders within NBNA and within the profession of nursing, stated Dr. Eric J. Williams, NBNA President. "They are bedside clinicians, academicians, researchers and entrepreneurs. They have helped to start chapters within NBNA. And, they are serving on various NBNA Committees and hold leadership roles in other health organizations."

The NBNA 2019 40 and Under Awards Ceremony will take place on Saturday, July 27, 2019, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m., at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel, 2 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA. It is a signature event of the National Black Nurses Association 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Institute and Conference, July 23-28, 2019.

The NBNA mission is "to serve as the voice for Black nurses and diverse populations ensuring equal access to professional development, promoting educational opportunities and improving health".



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