

Dr. Marie O. Etienne

Marie O. Etienne, DNP, APRN, FNP, PNP, D. Min. (h.c.), PLNC is a **tenured full Professor of Nursing at Miami Dade College (MDC) Benjamín León School of Nursing**. She entered the realm of academics at Miami Dade College in 1997 as an Adjunct Faculty and became Full-time Faculty in 1999. Her experience includes pediatrics, geriatrics, family practice, community health nursing, leadership, and course developer of online teaching for the RN-BSN program at the College. She is a certified Professional Legal Nurse Consultant.

Dr. Etienne earned the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from the University of Miami in 2010. In 2017, Dr. Etienne received an Honorary Doctorate for her Outstanding Ministries in Christian Education and was ordained as a Pastor into Christian Ministry on Saturday, May 25, 2019, from Trinity Theological Seminary of South Florida.

Dr. Etienne is President of the Haitian Alliance Nurses Association International, an umbrella organization consisting of all nine chapters of the Haitian American Nurses Association (2018 – Present). She is Past President of the Haitian American Nurses Association of Florida (2005 - 2007) and is Chairwoman of the Haitian American Professionals Coalition (2008 - 2010).

Dr. Etienne serves as the first-elected Chairwoman of the City of North Miami Commission of Women (2022-2024).

Dr. Etienne is the Immediate Past President of the Miami Chapter - Black Nurses Association and received its Lifetime Achievement Award in 2022. She is a Lifetime member of the National Black Nurses Association and was honored with its Trailblazer Award in 2012. In August 2023, Dr. Etienne was elected to its Board of Directors (to serve from 2023 - 2025).

Dr. Etienne is the Founding President of Alpha Beta Epsilon at Large, Miami Dade College & Baptist Health South Florida Sigma Chapter (2022-2024), served as the Elected Director of the South Region Florida Nurses Association (2018-2020), and serves as the Chairwoman of the Haitian American Faith-Based Network, Inc. Dr. Etienne serves as the President-Elect of the Florida Nurses Association (2021-2023). Dr. Etienne **will be the first Minority Nurse to serve as President of the Florida Nurses Association (2023-2025) in its 114-year history**.

Dr. Etienne is the 2007 recipient of the MDC Stanley G. Tate and Family Endowed Teaching Chair for Excellence in Academia. She received many distinguished awards locally, nationally, and internationally including special tribute and congressional record for her outstanding services in the community. She is:

- the **first inductee of the Haitian American Nurses Association's Wall of Fame Award (2011, one out of 32 recipients worldwide)**
- was among five Recipients from the United States to receive the 2013 Florence Nightingale Medal by the International Red Cross; the highest recognition in the nursing profession
- Recipient of the Marie Claire Heureuse Award from The Family Action Network Movement
- Named one of the 2014 Top Educators in Miami by *Legacy Magazine*
- Named one of Great 100 Nurses of Florida by the Florida Nurses Association in 2013

Dr. Etienne serves on the Medical Reserve Corps of the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County.

In the spirit of community impact for underserved populations, in **August 2019, Dr. Etienne and several distinguished professionals/Leaders founded the Global Innovative Foundation, Inc., a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization to create global awareness for the prevention of crimes with the mission to empower survivors of Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence, and Gun Violence through support, education, and scholarships**. As Founder, she serves as President and CEO of the Foundation fulfilling her passion to serve the underserved populations and to empower others to succeed. She provides mentorship and scholarship for survivors of human trafficking to enable them to reach their full potential.

Dr. Etienne's awards include:

- The Daisy Health Equity Award for being an extraordinary faculty member (January 2019)
- Unsung Hero Award by the Miami Chapter-Black Nurses Association (May 2019)
- Health Care Hero Finalist by the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce
- 2019 Faculty Changemaker of the Year Award by the Miami Dade College - Medical Campus
- Florida Action Coalition's "Most Valuable Leader" (October 2019)
- 2019 Lifetime Achievement Awardee by the Community Health and Empowerment Network
- Good Samaritan Award of the Year by the Schulz Foundation (2019)
- The "Women Humanitarian Award" by Life Changing Anointing of Fort Lauderdale (March 2020)
- Honored as the "2020 & 2021 Nurse of the Year" by the National Center of the Haitian Apostolate
- Selected as a May Week Award Recipient in the area of International Awareness and Involvement by Dade County Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (May 2021)
- Outstanding Leadership Award from Haitian American Nurses Association of Palm Beach (May 2023)
- On June 28, 2023, Dr. Etienne was honored with the 2023 Spirit of Community Award by the Florida Commission on the Status of Women.

Dr. Etienne is a community trailblazer, a thought leader in Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion (JEDI), leadership development, and advocacy. As a transformational and servant leader, Dr. Etienne's ultimate goal is to inspire others to become social innovators, leaders and changemakers in their respective communities.