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NBNA Announces 2022 Lifetime Achievement Awards

Best of the Best in Nursing Honored at 50th Annual Conference in Chicago on July 26 - 31

SILVER SPRING, MD, (July 13, 2022) - The National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) will recognize and honor four NBNA Lifetime Achievers - a prestigious honor that recognizes exemplary leadership and dedication to the nursing and the healthcare field, practice, academia, and service. The reception to honor the awardees will be held during the 50th NBNA Annual Institute and Conference Awards Ceremony on Saturday, July 30, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. CST.



The theme of this year's conference is "***Bridging the Gap of Social Injustice and Health Disparities through Excellence in Nursing, Practice, Education, and Research.***"

Selected by the NBNA President, the NBNA Lifetime Achievement Award honors outstanding leaders that have made significant contributions to the advancement of the nursing profession and health care. Past recipients represent some of the most influential professionals in the field whose contributions continues to have a lasting impact.

"We are so proud to celebrate the 2022 NBNA Lifetime Achievement Awards honorees at the 50th Annual Conference in Chicago this year," says Dr. Martha A. Dawson, NBNA President. "Their lifetime dedication to the field of nursing, healthcare, advocacy, and humanitarianism, fully embodies the mission of NBNA and our 50 years of rich legacy that each one will become a part of in our history. Congratulations to our honorees!"

2022 Lifetime Achievement Honorees:



MILLICENT GORHAM, PhD (Hon), MBA, FAAN is the inaugural Executive Director of Movement is Life, a new nonprofit focused on physical activity and improved mobility; reducing and eliminating health disparities; health equity; and improved health outcomes and quality of life. Serving as the former executive director of the NBNA, she has more than 35 years of government relations experience. Some of her honors include the MLK Day Labor Leader of the Year Award from the National Action Network, Outstanding Leadership Award from the American Academy of Nursing, and the Diversity and Inclusion Award from the University of Massachusetts-Boston. She was awarded an honorary doctorate from Simmons College, her alma mater, and is an honorary fellow of the American Academy of Nursing.



Janice Phillips PhD RN CENP FAAN is the Director of Nursing Research and Health Equity at Rush University Medical Center and an Associate Professor at Rush University College of Nursing. She serves as a system-wide leader in supporting health equity as a shared goal by integrating health equity across the Rush Health system's education, research, and clinical spaces. Dr. Phillips is an experienced clinician, researcher, educator, political advocate, policy regulator, author, and professional influencer in the health care arena. She is the author of more than 150 publications, five edited textbooks, and served as the inaugural health policy columnist for the Minority Nurse Magazine. She is the recipient of more than 60 professional and community awards and recognitions including the Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award. Dr. Phillips is a Lifetime Member of the National Black Nurses Association.

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Dr. Hilda Richards, EdD, RN, FAAN, 8th President of NBNA served as the President of the NBNA from 1999 to 2003 and has been an active member for 50 years. She has also served as the vice president and the Founding Editor for the NBNA Journal and currently holds the distinguished honor of Editor Emerita. Under her leadership, the journal grew and increased in circulation. With a long career in practice, education, advocacy, and journalism, she has served on many national and local boards. She was the first African American Chancellor at Indiana University and held other academic leadership appointments prior to that position. Today she is still an active member advisor to NBNA presidents. She is a NBNA lifetime member that continues to mentor and sponsor the next generation of nurse leaders in practice, research and academia.



Linda Washington-Brown, Ph.D., EJD, APRN-C, MSN, CNS, HCRM, FAANP, FAAN is the president and director of Xspurt Provider Services and Vaccine Program Coordinator at the Miami Rescue Mission Caring Place Clinic. As a national, state, and local visionary leader and community advocate receiving numerous national, state, and local recognitions and awards - Dr. Brown serves as an adult, pediatric, and family nurse practitioner. She is nationally certified through AANP, with more than 50 years in professional nursing practice and 35 years in academia, including serving as a founding dean for a school of nursing. She is a Lifetime

Member of the NBNA, past-President of the Miami Chapter BNA, Fellow in the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (FAANP), and Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN). Dr. Brown is widely published in refereed journals. She is an expert grant writer and served as reviewer for HRSA and governmental funding agents. She has excelled in education, practice, and research.

Expecting more than 800 nurses and nursing students to attend, more information about the conference and a detailed agenda is located at <https://www.nbna.org/conf>.

To read more information about the NBNA Award Program, visit [here](#).

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About the National Black Nurses Association

Founded in 1971, the National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) is a professional organization representing over 499,000 African American registered nurses, licensed vocational/practical nurses, and nursing students in 111 chapters and 32 states, plus the District of Columbia. 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." NBNA chapter members offer voluntary hours providing health education and screenings to community residents in collaboration with community-based partners, including faith-based organizations, civic, fraternal, hospitals, and schools of nursing. For more information, visit nbna.org. Follow us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#)! #NBNAResilient, #NBNA50thConference