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**NBNA Announces the 2022 Under 40 Awardees for
50th Annual Institute and Conference to be held on July 26-31, 2022**
#NBNA50thConference

SILVER SPRING, MD, (July 24, 2022) – The National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) is pleased to announce the 2022 Under 40 Awardees. The reception to honor the awardees will be held during the 50th Annual Institute and Conference NBNA Awards Ceremony in Chicago on Saturday, July 30, 2022, starting at 1:30 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.”***

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>.

“These nurses are our present and our future. They are the next generation of nurse leaders,” stated Dr. Martha A. Dawson, NBNA President. “We look forward to honoring these NBNA young notables under the age of 40 who are rocking the nursing world through professional and educational achievement, leadership, and civic involvement in their NBNA chapters and in the communities they serve. Congratulations to all 16 awardees for 2022!”

NBNA is comprised of nurses at all levels, from LPNs to nurses prepared at the doctoral level, bedside clinicians, chief nursing officers, deans of schools of nursing, researchers, academicians, policy advocates and entrepreneurs.

2022 NBNA Under 40 Award Winners



Erica Davis Williams, DNP, APRN, FNP-C
Surgical Services Nurse Practitioner Nurse III
Hunter Holmes Veterans Administration Hospital
Richmond, VA
Central Virginia Chapter of the National Black Nurses Association



Kimberley S. Ennis, DNP, ANP-BC
Senior Director of Nursing
Mount Sinai Health System
Queens, NY
Greater New York City Black Nurses Association



Carolyn V. Etheridge, BSN, RN, RT(R)
Registered Nurse
UAB Hospital, Heart and Lung Transplant ICU
Birmingham, AL
Birmingham Black Nurses Association



Kendra T. Greene, MSN, MBA/HCM, RN, CCM
Senior Consultant, Medical Management
Optum
Atlanta, GA
Atlanta Black Nurses Association



Sheniece L. Griffin, DNP, RN, CNL
Nursing Director for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion
University of Rochester Medical Center
Assistant Professor of Clinical Nursing
University of Rochester School of Nursing
Rochester, NY
Rochester Black Nurses Association



Shekaul Henry, RN, BSN, BS
ICU Nurse
Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center
Lafayette, LA
Acadiana Black Nurses Association



Ja'Mia Hewitt, MSHA, BSN, RN, HACCP-CMS
Compliance Manager
Coordinated Care Services, Inc.
Rochester, NY
Rochester Black Nurses Association



Sharonda Anderson Johnson, MSN, RN
Instructor
University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Lafayette, LA
Acadiana Black Nurses Association



Aron King, MS, RN
Assistant Manager
UC Davis Medical Center
Sacramento, CA
Capitol City National Black Nurses Association



Melissa E. Mercado, BSN, RN
Corporate Resource RN Emergency Room
Orlando Health
Orlando, FL
Central Florida Black Nurses Association



Cassandra Patricia Mombrun-Francois, MSN RN CPNP-PC
Full time Faculty/Instructor
Massachusetts General Hospital IHP
Boston, MA
New England Regional Black Nurses Association



Hilda Nkansah, DNP RN FNP-BC
Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner
Mount Sinai Beth Israel
New York, NY
Greater New York City Black Nurses Association



Denise Y. O'Neil, MSN, APRN, PMHNP-BC, FNP-C
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Health Connect America
Chattanooga, TN
Direct Member



Bryanna Unique Patterson, BSN, RN
Living Liver Donor Advocate
University of Rochester
Rochester, NY
Rochester Black Nurses Association



Javaris D. Polk, BSN, RN, CCRN, EMTP
Staff Nurse
Emory University Hospital
Atlanta, GA
Birmingham Black Nurses Association



Brittany Yarel Joanne Price, DNP, FNP-C
Nurse Practitioner
Twin Towers Correctional Facility
Los Angeles, CA
Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association

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About the National Black Nurses Association

Founded in 1971, the National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) is a professional organization representing 308,000 African American registered nurses, licensed vocational/practical nurses, and nursing students in 108 chapters and 34 states. 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 chapters 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

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