

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Joan E. Smith, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC

Dr. Joan E. Smith has more than 15 years in the nursing profession. Currently, she is a nurse practitioner in pre-anesthesia testing where she provides preoperative assessment for patients undergoing surgery. She is entrusted to make sure patients are in the best condition for surgery, minimize their risk of postoperative complications, and enhance their overall health and surgical experience. Dr. Smith collaborates with surgeons, anesthesia providers, and nurses to ensure best possible outcomes.

As a nurse practitioner, Dr. Smith is passionate about health promotion and disease prevention especially in marginalized communities. She engages in formal and informal teaching aimed to improve patient outcomes. Dr. Smith is a proponent of health justice and health equity. One of the most palpable passions of Dr. Smith is being a fierce advocate for her patients, particularly the underserved and vulnerable.

As a servant leader, Dr. Smith is recognized as an Equity Champion by the Satcher Learning Institute at Morehouse Medical School. Focused on meeting the unmet needs of members in the community. Dr. Smith spearheaded the partnership of the Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington DC and DC Food Project Pantry Program to address food insecurity in children. She is an active member of several local, national, and international organizations, whose primary focus is public service including Alpha Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. where she serves as co-chair of the Northeast Region Health and Wellness Committee, Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, American Association of Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Practitioner Association of the District of Columbia, Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington DC Area Chapter where she serves as Vice President, American Public Health Association, and Maryland Responds Medical Reserve Corps where she served as a volunteer to administer the COVID19 vaccine in Prince George's County. In addition, Dr. Smith received the 2019 Nurses' Choice Advanced Provider Collaboration Award for Perioperative Services.

Dr. Smith holds a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree from Chatham University, a Master of Science in Nursing from Marymount University, and Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Bowie State University. In her free time, Dr. Smith enjoys reading, walking, hiking, cooking, and spending time with family and friends.



Pier Angeli Broadnax, PhD, RN

Dr. Pier A. Broadnax has over 40 years of experience in professional nursing as a direct provider, educator, mentor and administrator. In these roles, she has been an advocate for vulnerable populations, including those in inpatient and community – based settings and mentored junior faculty as well as all levels of nursing students. She is a recognized leader in nursing and how evolving health care trends impact nursing education and the delivery of quality health care services to all citizens. Dr. Broadnax has also conducted research projects, locally and internationally, on the breast cancer experiences of minority women.

Dr. Broadnax believes that in today's healthcare environment, developing partnerships with peers in other Schools of Nursing, communities and legislators is essential to improving the health outcomes of residents living in under-resourced communities.

Dr. Broadnax has assumed leadership roles and as a health policy advocate through participation in health policy councils, professional organizations, and national initiatives. She is in demand as a guest speaker on topics ranging from the *Future of Nursing*, nursing education and health disparities.

Dr. Broadnax was recognized as the 2013 Black Nurse of the Year by the Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington, DC. She has been the Chapter President for the last three (3) years.

Dr. Broadnax obtained her undergraduate degree from Winston-Salem State University, earned her graduate degree in adult health nursing/administration from Hampton University, and earned a PhD in nursing and health policy development from George Mason University.



Pauline Mackey Drake, Esq.

The Honorable Pauline Mackey Drake became the first African American female to be appointed as a County Judge in Jacksonville, Duval County Florida in 1998. This historical event was noted as a major accomplishment as no other African American female had held this position either by election or appointment.

Judge Pauline M. Ingraham-Drayton (Drake) subsequently served a term of twenty-one years having never drawn any opposition in a bid for re-election.

Although now retired, her work with the community continues. She currently Chairs the Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition. This organization has its primary goal to strengthen families and to decrease infant mortality by providing needed services.

She has received numerous awards from the Florida Bar Association, the Mayor's Office of the City of Jacksonville, Delta Sigma Theta, the Jacksonville Bar Association, and other community organizations including churches.



Lamont Carey

Director Lamont Carey, is a native Washingtonian, accomplished author, motivational speaker and advocate. He has been involved in various facets of reentry for the past 17 years.

Mr. Carey has worked with legislators, nonprofits, philanthropists, and other groups that focus on policy, prevention and successful reentry. He has used his personal experiences with the criminal justice system to fuel his passion to help others recognize and overcome barriers to increase the opportunity for success.

As director of the D.C. Mayor's Office on Returning Citizens Affairs, Mr. Carey has doubled his staff's capacity to create pathways for successful reentry and to thrive in our Nation's Capital.