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REGISTRATION UNDERWAY:

NBNA to Host 49th Annual Institute and Conference Virtually on August 4-8, 2021
#NBNA Celebrates 50 Years and will recognize 12 Presidential Awardees

SILVER SPRING, MD, (July 1, 2021) - The National Black Nurses Association is excited to host the 49th Annual Institute and Conference to commemorate and celebrate its 50th anniversary year virtually on August 4-8, 2021! The theme of this year's conference is "Celebrating 50 Years of Innovative Community Service, Practice, Education, and Research in Nursing."



Expecting more than 1000 nurses and nursing students to attend the conference, registration is now underway. To register for the virtual conference, members and nonmembers go [here](#). More information about the conference and detailed agenda is located at <https://www.nbna.org/conf>.

"Although we will not be in Dallas, Texas this year, we are ecstatic to celebrate this momentous time in NBNA history virtually," stated Dr. Martha A. Dawson, NBNA President and CEO. "We know that our nurses are experiencing an incredibly unique time in their lives during this recent pandemic and NBNA wants to ensure that all participants have the ability to attend the 49th Annual Institute and Conference. In addition, we recognize and honor the twelve 2021 Presidential Awardees chosen for their extraordinary contributions in nurse leadership, academia, research, practice, and administration."

In addition to a five-day fully packed [conference agenda](#), on August 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM EST, NBNA will host the President's Gala and 50th Anniversary Celebration Presentation featuring the 2021 NBNA Presidential Awardees:

2021 NBNA Lifetime Achievement Awardees

U.S. Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX)
Dr. Gaurdia Banister, New England Regional Black Nurses Association
Peggy Pettit, RN, Ft. Lauderdale Broward Chapter of the National Black Nurses Association
Carolyn TenEyck, RN, NBNA Direct Member

2021 NBNA Trailblazer Awardees

U.S. Representative Lauren Underwood (D-IL)
U.S. Representative Cori Bush (D-MO)
Curtis Weber, RN, Greater Kansas City Black Nurses Association
Laurie Reid, MSN, RN, Atlanta Black Nurses Association
Dr. Jennifer Coleman, Birmingham Black Nurses Association
Dr. Cynthia Barginere, Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association
Dr. Julius Johnson, President, Greater New York City Black Nurses Association

2021 NBNA Honorary Member

Kristen Williams, Astra Zeneca Pharmaceutical Company

The conference will provide the opportunity for attendees to receive up to 35 contact hours and attend three days of NBNA workshops, mentorship sessions, Under 40 events, development programs, lunch and learns, and so much more!

Conference Objectives:

- Discuss the importance of a nurse's ability to be resilient and practice self-care.
- Discuss disruptive trends in health care delivery and inequity in healthcare.
- Examine emerging opportunities for transforming the future of nursing through innovative nursing/interdisciplinary practice, education, research, and policy advocacy.
- Identify new models of care to reduce inequities in health care and improve health outcomes for minority and underserved communities.

All interested exhibitors and sponsors can complete the registration application [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 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, #NBNACelebrates50Years, #NBNAConference21

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