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#NBNA Day on Capitol Hill 2020

National Black Nurses Association Celebrates its 32nd Annual National Black Nurses Day on Capitol Hill

The National Black Nurses Association will host its 32nd Annual National Black Nurses Day on Capitol Hill, Thursday, February 6, 2020, from 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Washington Court Hotel, Washington, DC. The theme of National Black Nurses Day is “Addressing the Social Determinants of Health: NBNA’s Call to Action”.

“Over 300 nurses and nursing students from across the Nation will attend the event to educate their Members of Congress about “The Epidemic of HIV/AIDS”, “Climate Change and Environment Justice”, “Smoking and Vaping”, “Gun Violence and Related Consequences” and “Mental Health, Depression and Suicide in Adolescents and Young Adults”, stated NBNA President Dr. Martha A. Dawson.

“NBNA Day on Capitol Hill provides tools and offers experiences on how to best advocate for the profession of nursing and the communities where our members live and work, stated Dr. Sheldon Fields, Chair, NBNA Health Policy Committee. “Nurses are on the front lines of health care. Nurses are change agents, advocating for the profession and for their patients. We can help with practical public policy decisions to improve the health status in our communities.”

The featured speakers are:

Mia Masten, Director, National Advocacy and Professional Relations, Pfizer, Inc. will address “Working Together to Improve Access for Diverse Patients”.

Robert Blancato, President, Matz, Blancato and Associates and National Coordinator, Defeat Malnutrition Today Coalition will present on “Older Adults and Nutrition: The Outlook for 2020”.

The Honorable Allyson Schwartz, President and CEO, Better Medicare Alliance Will speak to “Closing the Gap on Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities: How Medicare Advantage Can Lead the Way Forward”.

Laurie Rubiner, Executive Vice President for Domestic Programs, Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids will talk from the subject of “The Need to Prohibit the Sale of All Flavored Tobacco Products”.

Dr. Gregg Margolis, Director of Health Policy Fellowships and Leadership Programs, National Academy of Medicine will highlight the need for nurses to consider applying for fellowship and leadership programs offered by NAM.

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About NBNA

The National Black Nurses Association, founded in 1971, is a professional organization, representing 250,000 African American registered nurses, licensed vocational/practical nurses and nursing students. The mission of NBNA is to “serve as the voice for Black nurses and diverse populations ensuring equal access to professional development, promoting educational opportunities and improving health”.