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National Black Nurses Association Announces its 2020 Nurses of the Year

The National Black Nurses Association is delighted to announce its Nurses of the Year. “NBNA is excited that these 10 nurses have made significant contributions in the profession of nursing,” stated Martha A. Dawson, DNP, RN, FACHE, NBNA President. “NBNA salutes them for their excellence in the workplace, communities and within the field of nursing.”



Dr. (Hon) Millicent Gorham
Executive Director

The awards will be given during the NBNA Virtual Conference Experience Scholarship and Awards Ceremony, on Saturday, September 26, 2020, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST.

The theme of the conference is “Nursing Resilience: Disruptions in Practice, Research, Education, Policy and Entrepreneurship.” NBNA is comprised of nurses at all levels, from LPNs to doctorally prepared nurses and student nurses; bedside clinicians, chief nursing officers, deans of schools of nursing, researchers, academicians, case managers and entrepreneurs.

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.”

Administrative Nurse of the Year

“To recognize excellence in clinical practice”

Kimberley Ennis, DNP, APRN-BC
Associate Director of Nursing
Mount Sinai Hospital
New York, NY
Greater New York City Black Nurses Association

Advanced Practice Nurse of the Year

“To recognize excellence in the clinical area at the advanced practice level”

Jean Straker, DNP, RN, CNS, FNP-BC
Family Nurse Practitioner
New York University School of Medicine Langone Health
New York, NY
New York Black Nurses Association

Nurse Educator of the Year

“To recognize outstanding contribution to professional and /or patient education”

Loretta Taylor Lee, PhD, CRNP, FNP-BC
Associate Professor
University of Alabama at Birmingham
Birmingham, AL
Birmingham Black Nurses Association

Nurse Entrepreneur of the Year

“To recognize a successful business owner”

Regina Hutchins, PhD, BSN, RN
Administrator & Clinical Director
Total Home Healthcare Services, LLC
Fairfield, OH
Black Nurses Association of Greater Cincinnati, OH

Nurse of the Year for Community Service

“To recognize outstanding and exemplary community service”

Selena Gilles, DNP, ANP-BC, CNEcl, CCRN
Clinical Assistant Professor
NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing
New York, NY
Greater New York City Black Nurses Association

Carol Jenkins Neil, PhD, RN
Professor of Nursing, RN to BSN Program
Florida State College at Jacksonville
Jacksonville, FL
First Coast Black Nurses Association

Nurse Researcher of the Year Award

“To recognize a nurse researcher who has completed an outstanding research study and who has excellent potential to develop and implement a program of research that contributes to the well-being and health care of minorities”

Rasheeta Chandler-Coley, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN
Assistant Professor
Emory University
Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing
Atlanta, GA
Direct Member

Staff Nurse of the Year

“To recognize excellence in clinical practice”

Alean Nash, MHA, BSN, CCRN
Team Leader
University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital, Endoscopy
Birmingham, AL
Birmingham Black Nurses Association

Student Nurse of the Year Award

“To recognize academic excellence”

Judley Leriche
Student Nurse
New York City College of Technology
Brooklyn, NY
Greater New York City Black Nurses Association

Uniformed Services Nurse of the Year Award

“To recognize excellence in the Uniformed Services”

Fannie Wiggins Jones, AN

Medical Readiness OIC & Acting Chief Nurse
810th Hospital
Acute Care Manager for Community Care
Birmingham VA Medical Center
75th Field Hospital
Tuscaloosa, AL
Birmingham Black Nurses Association