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## **NBNA Announced 2024 Award and Scholarship Recipients**

**SILVER SPRING, MD, - August 30, 2024** - The National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) has announced the 2024 Scholarship and Award recipients. These recipients have demonstrated exceptional academic excellence in nursing. They were recognized and honored at the 2024 NBNA Institute and Conference Scholarship & Awards program in San Francisco, CA on July 27, at 1:30 pm.

NBNA congratulates the new 2024 Scholarship and Award recipients for their outstanding academic achievements in nursing and their determination to surpass education standards. Each recipient will receive a scholarship ranging from \$1,000 to \$20,000 to assist their continued education. Awardees were honored at the 2024 NBNA Institute and Conference Scholarship & Awards program in San Francisco, CA on July 27, 2024.

**Meet the 2024 NBNA Award Recipients:**

### **Nurse Entrepreneur of the Year**

“To recognize a successful business owner.”



**Carolyn Etheridge, BSN, RN, R.T.(R)**  
The Kirklin Clinic of UAB Medicine  
University of Alabama at Birmingham  
Birmingham BNA



### **Nurse Educator of the Year**

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



**Audrey P. Miller, MSN, PhD, APRN**  
Florida International University  
Miami Chapter BNA

### **Nurse Researcher of the Year**

“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.”



**Timiya Nolan, RN, BSN, MSN, PhD, APRN, APRN-BC, FAAN**  
University of Alabama at Birmingham  
Birmingham BNA



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**Staff Nurse of the Year**

“To recognize excellence in clinical practice.”



**Asia McCoy, BSN, RN, OCN**  
New York University  
New York, New York  
Greater NYC BNA

**Uniformed Services Nurse of the Year**

“To recognize excellence in the Uniformed Services.”



**Valerie Diaz, DNP, CRNA, PMHNP-BC, APRN, CNE, CHSE, CAPT, USN, NC**  
Florida International University  
Pembroke Pines, Florida  
Miami Chapter BNA



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**Advanced Practice Nurse of the Year**

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



**Tanya Moore-Murray, MPH, MSN, RNC-OB, C-EFM, CLC**  
Hunter Bellevue School of Nursing of the City of New York  
Teaneck, New Jersey  
Greater NYC BNA

**Student Nurse of the Year**

“To recognize academic excellence.”



**Paje Law, BSN**  
Chamberlain University Charlotte  
Lancaster, South Carolina  
Piedmont BNA-Charlotte



### **LPN/LVN Nurse of the Year**

“To recognize an LPN/LVN who has demonstrated excellence in clinical practice, leadership, and service.”



**Patsy McIntire, LPN**  
Memphis, Tennessee  
Piedmont BNA-Charlotte

### **Under 40 Award**

The Under 40 Award will honor and celebrate NBNA members who are 40 years old and under who have shown strong leadership and demonstrated excellence and innovation in their practice setting, in their NBNA chapters and in the communities they serve. These are the emerging leaders who will carry the vision and the mission of our Founders into the future.



**Ashley Pitts, MSN, RN,  
NPD-BC**  
Florida Agricultural and  
Mechanical University  
Detroit, MI  
Ann Arbor NBNA



**Kierra Knox, MSN,  
RN**  
Mount St. Joseph  
University  
Detroit, MI  
Ann Arbor NBNA



**Kayla Preston, BSN**  
Chamberlain School of Nursing  
Brooklyn, New York  
Greater NYC BNA



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**Daisy Health Equity Award for LPN/LVN**

To recognize excellence of an LPN/LVN in clinical practice who goes over and beyond to address health equity and work to mitigate one or more of the social determinants of health.



**Charde Vance, LPN  
Carrington College  
Elk Grove, CA  
Capitol City BNA**

**Daisy Health Equity Team Award**

To recognize a chapter for their team efforts and activities that address health equity by going above and beyond caring for patients and family members who are from historically, medically, and underserved populations that bear the burden of health disparities.



*Black Nurses Association  
Of Greater Washington,  
DC Area, Inc*

BNA of Greater Washington DC Area



### **Daisy Health Equity Chapter President Leadership Award**

To recognize excellent leadership by a chapter president who exemplifies extraordinary leadership to advance the mission and vision of NBNA by addressing health equity while meeting the needs of the community.



**Arkeelaua Henderson, RN, MSN**  
Grady Health System-Ponce de Leon Center  
Atlanta BNA

### **NBNA Daisy Health Equity Award for Frontline Registered Nurse**

To recognize excellence of a Frontline Registered Staff Nurse who goes over and beyond to address health equity and work to mitigate one or more of the social determinants of health.



**Pamela Chandler-Edwards RN, MSN**  
Adamsville, AL  
Birmingham BNA



## Meet the 2024 Scholarship Recipients

### **Dr. Lauranne Sams Scholarship - Four \$1,000 Scholarships**

This scholarship, which is named for the Founder and First President of the NBNA, DR. LAURANNE SAMS, has a proud and distinguished legacy. The recipient must be an individual who truly represents the leadership, commitment to service and the scholarship of Dr. Sams. The Dr. Lauranne Sams Scholarship is awarded to qualified NBNA members based on their scholastic achievement, financial need, community service and pursuing a baccalaureate or advanced nursing degrees.



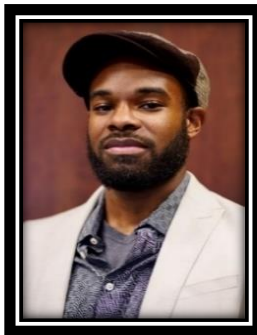
**Anzita Williams, LPN**

Southern University at  
New Orleans  
Gretna, LA  
New Orleans BNA



**Ryan Watson, DNP**

University of North Carolina-  
Greensboro  
Greensboro, NC  
Central Carolina Black Nurses  
Council



**Jeremy Davis, BSN**

North Carolina Central  
University  
Durham, NC  
Central Carolina  
Black Nurses Council



**Sydney Gibbons, BSN**

Florida Atlantic University  
Boca Raton, FL  
Palm Beach County BNA





**Arizona College Scholarships – One \$30,000 and two \$10,000 Scholarships**

Arizona College is offering two partial scholarships to students pursuing a baccalaureate nursing degree. These students may be entering nursing program of study or matriculating as seniors.



**Amber McDonald**

Arizona College of Nursing  
Phoenix, AZ  
Southern Nevada BNA



**Jalon Gordan**

Arizona College of Nursing  
Aurora, Colorado  
Direct Member

**VITAS Healthcare/Esther Colliflower Scholarship - \$1,000**

The scholarship is sponsored by VITAS Healthcare and is awarded to an NBNA nurse or student nurse who is interested in pursuing a career in End-of-Life Care.



**Matilda Owusu**

Lehman College  
Bronx, New York  
New York BNA



**Martha R. Dudley LVN/LPN Scholarship – \$1,000**

Awarded to a recipient interested in advancing their career in LVN/LPN care.



**Taylor Benford**

Dignity Nursing School  
Acworth, GA  
Atlanta BNA

**George E. McGuire Memorial Scholarship - \$4,000**

The George McGuire Memorial Scholarship is an endowed scholarship awarded to a nursing student whose focus is Social Justice. The candidate must be a NBNA member for at least two years pursuing a graduate degree in nursing. Mr. McGuire was a loyal member of NBNA.



**Brandee Hassell, RN**

Hawaii Pacific University  
Honolulu, HI  
San Diego BNA



**Dr. Martha A. Dawson Genesis Scholarship – \$1,000**

The Dr. Martha A. Dawson Genesis Scholarship provides financial assistance to members of the National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) who are interested in working on a graduate degree related to leadership in nursing.



**Anthony Young, RN**

Chamberlain University  
Downers Grove, IL  
Greater New York City BNA

**Dr. Lola Denise Jefferson Scholarship - \$1,000**

The scholarship is provided by Dr. Lola Denise Jefferson, the founder of the Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association Chapter in Houston Texas. The scholarship is awarded to a generic baccalaureate nursing student.



**Amina Senior**

New York University  
West Hempstead, New York  
Greater New York City BNA



**Dr. Millicent Gorham Scholarship - \$2,000 Scholarships**

This scholarship is provided by Sandra Evers-Manly in recognition of the work of Dr. (Honorary) Millicent Gorham, NBNA Past Executive Director. The scholarship is awarded to a NBNA student member pursuing a baccalaureate nursing degree.



**Sophia Dennis, RN**  
Broward College  
Fort Lauderdale, FL  
Miami Chapter BNA

**Dr. Eric J. Williams Scholarship - \$1,000**

This scholarship is provided by Sandra Evers-Manly in honor of Dr. Eric J. Williams, the First Male President of the National Black Nurses Association. The scholarship is awarded to a generic associate or baccalaureate nursing student.



**Lorren Rice**  
Jefferson State Community College  
Birmingham, AL  
Birmingham BNA



### **Martha and Constance Brown Scholarship - \$1,000**

Sponsored by Mrs. Constance Brown NBNA Board Member in honor of mother. Nurse Brown has a long history of service in the community engagement, grant writing and service. She is a past president of the Central Florida BNA, and recently, Mrs. Brown (both) are known for their community service and assistance to the underrepresented population in surrounding the central Florida area.



**Sakinatu Yosimbom**

Webster State University  
Ogden, Utah  
Direct Member

### **United Health Foundation Scholarship - Nineteen \$5,000**

Scholarships UHF goal is to help reduce ongoing disparities in health conditions, experiences and outcomes – as well as address persistent workforce representation challenges, the United States needs a larger and more diverse workforce that is prepared to provide culturally competent care to all patients.



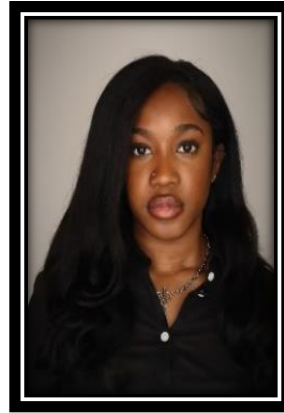
**Stephanie Doibo, RN**  
Case Western Reserve  
University/Frances  
Payne Bolton School of  
Nursing  
Shaker Heights, OH  
Cleveland Council of  
Black Nurses



**Latonia Ford, RN**  
Kentucky State University  
Frankfort, KY  
BNA of Southern Maryland



**Alicia Logan, DNP,  
MS, BS, RN**  
Auburn University  
Auburn, AL  
West Alabama Chapter  
of NBNA



**Lailah King**  
Morgan State University  
Bowie, MD  
BNA of Greater Washington  
DC Area



**Sergine Delma, RN**  
Columbia University  
New York, New York  
Greater New York City  
BNA



**Imani Green, RN**  
University of Alabama at  
Birmingham  
Warner Robbins, GA  
Atlanta BNA



**Beverly Jordan, RN**  
West Chester  
University of PA  
Elkins Park,  
Pennsylvania  
Southeastern  
Pennsylvania  
Area BNA



**Latesha Harris, RN**  
University of North  
Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Chapel Hill,  
North Carolina  
Central Carolina  
Black Nurses Council



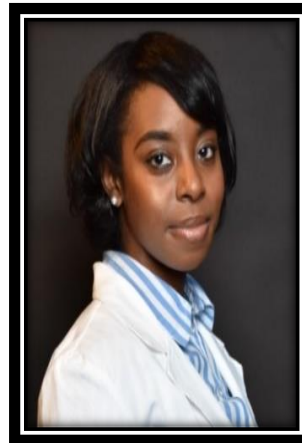
**Jamison Dorsey**  
Yale School of Nursing  
Hamden, Connecticut  
Midlands of South  
Carolina BNA



**Ashton Alexander**  
Chamberlain College  
of Nursing  
Conyers, Georgia  
Atlanta BNA



**Destiny Veal  
Samuel**  
Merritt University  
Oakland, CA  
Bay Area BNA



**Lonnitria Keenan**  
Samford University  
Birmingham, AL  
Birmingham BNA



**Shontaya Carrico**  
University of California  
Davis  
Sacramento, CA  
Capitol City BNA



**Trinity Thompson**  
The Pennsylvania State  
University  
Suitland, MD  
BNA of Greater  
Washington DC Area



**Twyla Frank**  
Southern University at  
New Orleans Nursing  
School  
New Orleans, LA  
New Orleans BNA



**Michelle Iroh**  
Midwestern State University  
Deer Park, TX  
Metroplex BNA Dallas



**Aubre Adams, RN**  
Regent University  
Washington, DC  
BNA of Greater  
Washington DC Area



**Taylor Bellfield, RN**  
Connell School of Nursing  
Boston College  
Quincy, Massachusetts  
New England Regional BNA



**Dejah Johnson, RN**  
Johns Hopkins School of  
Nursing  
Atlanta, GA  
Concerned National  
Black Nurses of Central  
Savannah River Area  
(CSRA)



**Stephanie Fowler, RN**  
Liberty University  
Islip, New York  
Suffolk County BNA





**Nadine Cesaire, RN**  
Florida Atlantic  
University  
Pompano Beach, FL  
Miami Chapter BNA



**Alicia Nebblett-Roberts,  
RN**  
SUNY Polytechnic  
Institute  
Brooklyn, NY  
Greater New York  
City BNA



**Miracle Reese, RN**  
University of Alabama  
at Huntsville  
Tuscaloosa, AL  
Capitol City BNA



**Renee Hickman, LPN**  
Chamberlain University  
College of Nursing  
Atlanta, GA  
Atlanta BNA



**Jaron Burch, RN**  
Walden University  
Philadelphia, PA  
Southeastern  
Pennsylvania Area BNA



**Dufera Kitila**  
Samuel Merritt  
University (SMU)  
Brentwood, CA  
Bay Area BNA



**Tashionna Goodwin**  
Samuel Merritt  
University  
Oakland, CA  
Bay Area BNA



**Corina Aguilar**  
Samuel Merritt  
University  
San Francisco, CA  
Bay Area BNA



**Mariah Wolfe, RN**  
Samuel Merritt University  
Oakland, CA  
Bay Area BNA



### **Ena Williams Scholarship - \$2,000**

The Ena Williams scholarship is a pay-it-forward leadership award for nurses pursuing doctoral studies. Mrs. Williams, PhD scholarship is to appreciate those that helped her to realize her dream and supported her not just in monetary ways, but through mentorship and sponsorship.



**Imari Horton, RN**

Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing, Samford University  
Northport, AL  
West Alabama Chapter of the NBNA

### **Abbott Scholarship Fund – Eight \$10,000 Scholarships**

The Abbott Scholarship Fund provides five scholarships for nursing students including two scholarships for nurse practitioner students and one scholarship for a PhD path student. Selection criteria include interest in primary care, clinical research, and improving diversity clinical trial, financial needs, academic performance, and a desire to serve vulnerable populations.



**Arneshia Murphy,  
BSN**

University of  
Arkansas for Medical  
Sciences  
North Little Rock, AR  
Little Rock BNA  
of Arkansas



**Saphir Jocelyn, MSN**

Framingham State University  
Saugus, MA  
New England Regional BNA



**Taylor Davis, BSN**  
Virginia State  
University  
South Chesterfield, VA  
Central Virginia Chapter  
NBNA



**Jordan Gates, BSN**  
Howard University  
Washington, DC  
BNA of Greater Washington  
DC Area



**Jazmin Carror**  
Mercy University  
Mount Vernon, NY  
Greater New York City  
BNA



**J'Adore Larosa-Mattis, NP**  
Binghamton University  
West New York, NJ  
Greater New York City BNA



**Jazmine Harris, NP**  
Rockhurst University  
Raymore, MI  
Greater Kansas City  
BNA

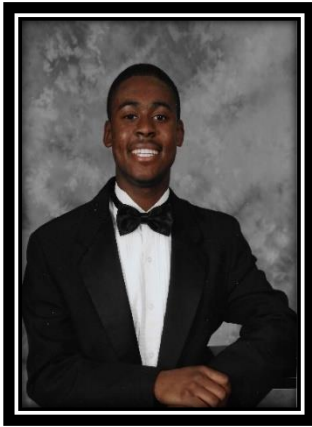


**Kesha Levesque, PhD**  
Medical University of South  
Carolina  
Pikesville, MD  
BNA or Baltimore



**Dorothy B. Martin Scholarship - \$2,000**

Dorothy B. Martin Scholarship is to honor her legacy as a committed professional in the field of nursing. This scholarship of \$2,000 is provided to a nursing student from North Carolina, Washington D.C., or Massachusetts pursuing either an undergraduate or graduate degree in nursing that is a member of the National Black Nurses Association. This scholarship is provided by the friends and family of Pamela Martin Green, the daughter of Dorothy B. Martin.



**Jaeden Poe**

North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University  
Greensboro, NC  
Piedmont BNA-Charlotte

**Lucy Johnson Scholarship - \$2,000**

Awarded to one recipient with proven academic excellence in nursing.



**Alexandra Reaves**

Pennsylvania State University Ross and  
Carol Nese College of Nursing  
Centreville, VA  
BNA of Greater Washington DC Area



**Suncrest Care Scholarship - \$5,000**

Suncrest Care scholarships support entry level nurses and nurses seeking advanced degrees. Suncrest Cares' focus is to improve community wellbeing and to actively address issues of equality, equity, diversity and inclusion in healthcare for the purpose of promoting culturally congruent care.



**Brittany Woods  
-Holmes,  
RN**  
Northern Kentucky  
University  
Concord, NC  
Piedmont BNA-  
Charlotte



**DaJoina Jones**  
Southern University  
at New Orleans  
New Orleans, LA  
New Orleans BNA

**2024 Stephanie M. LeGette Nursing Doctoral Degree - Stanford Health Care Academic Scholarship – \$90,000**

Stanford awards a student who is employed at Stanford Health, enrolled in a PhD or DNP program, and member of Stanford Medicine BNA.



**Jaliza Johnson, RN**  
University California San Francisco (UCSF)  
Hayward, CA  
Stanford Medicine NBNA



### **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, 99,000 licensed vocational/practical nurses, and nursing students in 111 chapters and 32 states and the District of Columbia. 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](http://nbna.org). Follow us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#)!