



NBNA 53RD ANNUAL INSTITUTE & CONFERENCE

Hilton Anatole Dallas August 5-10, 2025

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Hilton Anatole - Dallas, Texas

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Conference Bag Assembly

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

9:00 am - 5:00 pm	National Office Onsite Hours
9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Conference Registration Office Hours
10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Local Chapter Health Fair
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Conference Registration Opens
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm	NBNA Mentoring in The Moment Buddy Café
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Speaker Ready Room Opens
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Conference Information Center
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Welcome Reception
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Chapter Credentialing

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

7:00 am - 5:00 pm	National Office Onsite Hours
7:00 am - 5:00 pm	Conference Registration Open
7:00 am - 5:00 pm	NBNA Mentoring in The Moment Buddy Café
7:00 am - 5:00 pm	Conference Information Center
7:00 am - 5:00 pm	Hospitality Suite Hosted By: Metroplex Dallas BNA
7:00 am - 1:30 pm	EPEC: Education in Palliative and End-of-Life Care Provided by: VITAS Healthcare
7:30 am - 1:30 pm	NBNA Leadership Institute (Chapter Presidents and Vice Presidents, NBNA Board Members and Past Presidents)
7:00 am - 1:30 pm	NBNA Johnson & Johnson Minority Leadership Forum (By Application Only)
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Speaker Ready Room Open
8:00 am - 12:00 pm	Educational Sessions
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	American Red Cross Workshop Sponsored by: The American Red Cross
11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Chapter Credentialing
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Task Force Institutes
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	NBNA Dr. Joyce Newman Giger Memorial Writing Workshop Bring a working manuscript and laptop or tablet.
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Exhibition Hall Grand Opening
2:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Special 45 & Under Forum Provided by: VITAS Healthcare Pre-Registration Required

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6 (CONTINUED)

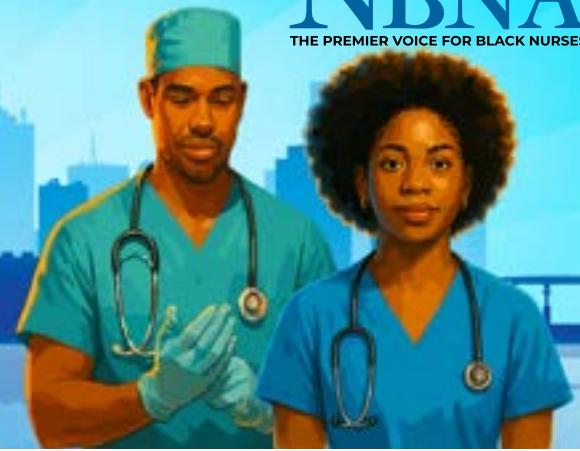
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	New Members/New Attendees Orientation
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Chapter Development
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	NBNA Mentoring in The Moment Buddy Meet-Up /Networking and Welcome Reception Sponsored By: McDonald's

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

Last Day to Purchase Event Tickets.
No tickets will be sold after 2 pm.

6:00 am - 7:00 am	Fitness Session
7:00 am - 4:00 pm	Conference Registration Open
7:00 am - 5:00 pm	National Office Onsite Hours
7:00 am - 5:00 pm	Conference Registration Office Hours
7:00 am - 5:00 pm	Speaker Ready Room Open
7:00 am - 4:00 pm	NBNA Mentoring in The Moment Buddy Café'
7:00 am - 4:00 pm	Conference Information Center
7:30 am - 10:00 am	NBNA Business Meeting Chartering of New Chapters
10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Hospitality Suite Hosted By: Metroplex Dallas BNA
10:00 am - 3:00 pm	Exhibition Hall Grand Opening
11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Plenary Session I Sponsored By: Vertex
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm	EPEC: Education in Palliative and End-of-Life Care Provided by: VITAS Healthcare
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	NBNA Nursing Innovation Theater Sponsored By: Pfizer
2:15 pm - 4:15pm	LPN/LNV Forum Sponsored By: Inspire Health
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Plenary Session II Sponsored By: Pfizer's Multicultural Health Equity Collective
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	NBNA Conference Choir Rehearsal
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Opening Ceremony Chapter Line-Up
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Opening Ceremony

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 8 Wear Red Day!

6:00 am - 7:00 am	Fitness Session
7:00 am - 4:00 pm	Conference Registration Open
7:00 am - 5:00 pm	National Office Onsite Hours
7:00 am - 5:00 pm	Conference Information Center
7:00 am - 5:00 pm	NBNA Mentoring in The Moment Buddy Cafe'
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Speaker Ready Room Open
8:00 am - 6:00 pm	Hospitality Suite Hosted By: Metroplex Dallas BNA
9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Day 1: Summer Youth Enrichment Institute Sponsored By: The University of Texas Arlington
8:00 am - 12:00 pm	Future Nurses Forum Non-licensed Students Only
8:00 am - 12:00 pm	NBNA Educational Institutes
9:00 am - 11:00 am	Matters of the Heart Provided By: VITAS Healthcare
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Innovation Theater Sponsored By: PhRMA
11:00 am - 4:00 pm	NBNA Career & Educational Fair Exhibition Hall Open
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Educational Lunch Session (Limited Seating Available - Pre-Registration Required) Sponsored By: Prolacta Bioscience & Medtronics
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Educational Lunch Session (Limited Seating Available - Pre-Registration Required)
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	NBNA Nursing Innovation Theater Sponsored By: Pfizer
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Plenary Session III
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm	NBNA Conference Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Fund Development Event (Tickets Required)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 Wear Blue Day!

6:00 am - 7:00 am	Fitness Session
6:30 am - 7:45 am	Educational Breakfast Session (/Non-CE) Sponsored By: Anylmn
8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Conference Registration Open

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 (CONTINUED)

7:00 am - 4:00 pm	National Office Onsite Hours
8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Speaker Ready Room Open
8:00 am - 4:00 pm	NBNA Mentoring in The Moment Buddy Cafe'
8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Conference Information Center
8:00 am - 4:30 pm	Hospitality Suite Hosted By: Metroplex Dallas BNA
8:00 am - 10:00 am	Educational Workshops
8:00 am - 11:00 am	Men Bow Tie Breakfast Sponsored By: TRT Practice
8:00 am - 11:00 am	Ladies Breakfast Tea Sponsored By: ViV Healthcare
9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Day 2: Summer Youth Enrichment Institute
10:30 am - 11:30 am	NBNA Nursing Innovation Theater Sponsored By: BridgeBio
10:00 am - 1:00 pm	Exhibition Hall Open
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	Grand Prize Drawing
1:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Scholarship & Awards Ceremony
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Conference Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Lifetime Member Photo
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm	President's Fundraising Gala Presentation of the NBNA Presidential Awards <i>Theme: Urban Cowboy Glam</i> Come dressed in your best Cowboy glam with an Urban flare.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

7:30 am - 9:30 am	Ecumenical Service
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Brunch & Closing Session Installation of Officers Newly Elected Board Members & Nominating Committee
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Post Conference Board of Directors Meeting



Welcome from NBNA President Dr. Sheldon D. Fields

Dear Esteemed NBNA Members and Conference Attendees,

Welcome to the 53rd Annual NBNA Institute and Conference in the city of Dallas, Texas. This is a gathering that reflects not only the resilience and brilliance of Black nurses but also our unwavering commitment to transforming health care and uplifting communities through equity, research, policy, and practice.

This year's conference theme underscores that as nurses, we are more than clinicians—we are healers, advocates, researchers, and change-makers. Our multiple roles is a powerful intersection and where we find our strength. Equity fuels our purpose. Research fuels our curiosity and the need to provide evidence for what we do. Policy gives us a voice and calls us to advocate for what we know is right. Practice grounds us in humanity as caregivers and healers. When these pillars align, we do more than deliver care—we create lasting change and impact.

In this pivotal time in our country, our communities are facing ongoing challenges and threats such as systemic inequities, health disparities, social injustice, anti-Black racism, and anti-DEI legislation. But within each of these challenges and threats lies an opportunity. An opportunity for us to lead with evidence-based insight, to elevate unheard voices through inclusive policies, and to care with compassion informed by cultural understanding. For over 50 years NBNA, through its chapters and dedicated members, has been creatively managing all these challenges and threats in the multiple communities in which we live, learn, work, die, and play. We know that the solutions are community based and community serving.

Together, we are building a future where health outcomes are not only determined by zip codes, income, or race—but by access, dignity, and justice. Let this conference be a call to action, a source of renewal, and a reminder that our collective power lies in collaboration and our focus on the NBNA mission and vision. As we listen, learn, and lead, may we also lift one another up—strengthening the communities we serve and each other.

Thank you for the work you do, for the wisdom you bring, and for the legacy we all are called to carry forward. This has been a challenging year for NBNA but the world needs nurses like you—now more than ever. Thank you to the national NBNA conference planning committee led by former NBNA president Dr. Eric J. Williams and the local conference planning committee led by Jacqueline Miller who worked with the NBNA staff for all the hard work that went into the process of producing this year's institute and conference. I know that you will all leave Dallas empowered and energized until we meet again next year at the 2026 NBNA Institute and Conference.

With pride and purpose,

Sheldon D. Fields

SHELDON D. FIELDS, PHD, RN, FNP-BC, CRNP, AACRN, FAANP, FNAP, FAAN
14TH PRESIDENT & CEO NATIONAL BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION, INC

Greetings from the Conference Chair

Dr. Eric J. Williams



I am excited to bring you warm greetings at the NBNA 53rd Annual Institute and Conference held in Dallas, Texas. You are going to have a great time!

On behalf of the conference committee and office staff, I extend a warm welcome. We have a plethora of educational sessions and activities designed to keep each of you fully engaged with invaluable educational opportunities, experiences, and sensational networking opportunities. You will be amazed by the subject content experts offering state-of-the-art evidenced based information to increase your knowledge in nursing practice, education, research and service. Most importantly, you will be grateful for the wealth of information and materials that will springboard your educational experiences to the next level.

You will be in a state of awe at the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues from across the country. The exhibitors will offer great opportunities, products and other services. Please spend some time with the exhibitors. Together, we can celebrate with our colleagues, corporate sponsors, corporate round table members and Friends of NBNA. We congratulate NBNA's Lifetime Achievement Awardees, Trailblazers, and other recipients such as 40 under 40, Scholarships and Nurse of the Year.

A special THANK YOU to the Dallas Chapter and other Texas Chapters. Your stellar leadership in Dallas has propelled us to this final moment. With deep appreciation, I am grateful that each of you attended this NBNA. Now sit back relax and enjoy Dallas

Sincerely,

Eric J. Williams

DNP, RN, CNE, ANEF, FADL, FAAN

Conference Chair
12th NBNA President

Greetings from the Conference Co-Chair Laurie C. Reid



Greetings Colleagues, Supporters, and Friends,

With profound gratitude and appreciation, welcome to the 53rd NBNA Annual Institute and Conference! Standing on the shoulders of giants, we welcome you to Dallas, Texas; a city known for its vibrant culture and signature Southern hospitality. As National Conference Co-Chair along with our National Chair, Dr. Eric Williams, I am delighted that you chose to travel to Dallas and support the conference. Special thanks to our National Headquarters staff for their attention to detail and tireless efforts to make this conference enjoyable and informative. Kudos to the NBNA chapters and members in this Texas region for their unwavering support, dedication, and hard work! We could not have done this without them!

Texas does it Big and this NBNA conference is no exception! Whether you're here for the first time or returning for the 20th time, we hope you find Dallas to be a dynamic and engaging backdrop for meaningful discussions, professional development, and lasting connections. This year's conference is more than just a meeting—it's a celebration of leadership, and the vital role we play in shaping the future of nursing and health equity.

We encourage you to participate in the educational sessions, dynamic plenaries, and explore the diverse exhibit hall. There is something for all ages and levels of professional development. Be sure to network, meet new colleagues, gather info in the exhibition hall and of course, take time to enjoy the sights, flavors, and spirit of the local culture.

Thank you for being a part of this year's conference. We are honored to host a diverse gathering of nursing professionals, scholars, leaders, and advocates dedicated to excellence in Black health care and the advancement of our communities.

Thank you for your continued commitment, your passion, and your presence. We look forward to a memorable and impactful conference together!

With appreciation and respect,

Laurie C. Reid

RN, MS

National Conference Co-Chair, 53rd Annual Institute and Conference Treasurer,
National Black Nurses Association, Inc.

Letter from the Executive Director Tonya Jackson



Dear NBNA Family,

It is with immense pride, gratitude, and joy that I welcome you to the 53rd Annual Conference of the National Black Nurses Association, held this year at the beautiful Hilton Anatole in Dallas, Texas. This year's theme "Strengthening Communities at the Intersection of Equity, Research, Policy, and Nursing Practice" reminds us of the power we hold to drive transformation in healthcare through advocacy, scholarship, and unwavering service. This monumental gathering would not be possible without the dedication, brilliance, and heart of many. First and foremost, I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation to our exceptional Conference and Special Events Manager, Keaonia Shaw Jamison, whose tireless commitment to excellence has made this event not only possible but extraordinary.

To our phenomenal NBNA National Office staff Tylasia, Faith, Estella, Tatumn, Nicholas, and Annette thank you. Each of you has played a critical role in executing the countless details required to bring this conference to life. Your behind-the-scenes work has not gone unnoticed and is deeply valued.

To our visionary Conference Chair, Dr. Eric Williams, and our steadfast Co-Chair, National Treasurer Laurie Reid, thank you for your leadership, strategic planning, and unshakeable dedication to NBNA's mission. Your thoughtful guidance has shaped this year's conference into a true reflection of NBNA's excellence.

We are especially grateful to one of the hardest working chapters in the NBNA family Dallas Metroplex Black Nurses Association. Under the dynamic leadership of Chapter President Tenisha Howard, you have hosted with grace, poise, and pride. To Local Conference Chair Nurse Jackie Miller and Co-Chair Nurse DeShei Sanders, your efforts have exceeded every expectation. Your attention to detail, your hospitality, and your commitment to showcasing the best of Dallas have truly set a gold standard.

A heartfelt congratulations to our National President, Dr. Sheldon D. Fields, on leading this 53rd NBNA Conference.

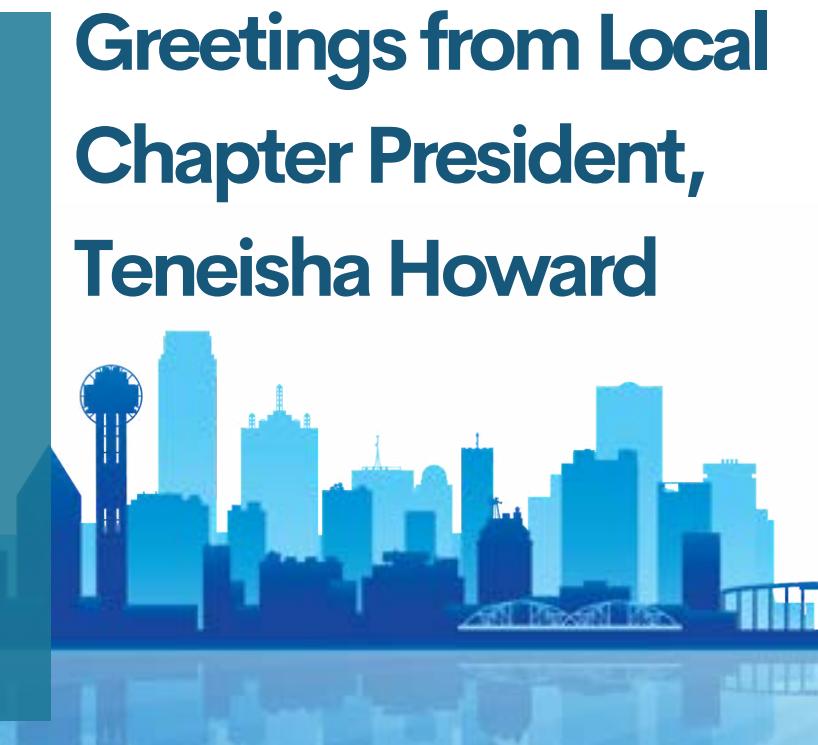
To our members, sponsors, partners, speakers, and attendees thank you for continuing to believe in the mission and vision of NBNA. You are the heartbeat of this organization. As we celebrate our accomplishments and explore new pathways forward, I encourage each of you to take what you learn here and carry it back into your communities with purpose and pride.

May this week be filled with meaningful connections, transformative dialogue, and renewed inspiration. Together, we lead. Together, we heal. Together, we rise.

With gratitude and purpose,


Tonya Jackson MHA, BSN, RN
Executive Director
National Black Nurses Association

Greetings from Local Chapter President, Teneisha Howard



Dear Esteemed Colleagues and Guests,

It is with great pride that I welcome you to Dallas, Texas for the 53rd Annual National Black Nurses Association Institute and Conference: Strengthening Communities: At the Intersection of Equity, Research, Policy, and Nursing Practice. On behalf of the Metroplex Black Nurses Association, Inc. (MBNA), we are honored to serve as your host for this year's influential gathering of Black nursing excellence, scholarship, leadership, and community.

Founded on February 24th, 1999, MBNA has stood as a pillar of strength, service, and advocacy for over two decades. Our mission is simple but profound: to act as a network to unify and empower Black nurses, LVNs, and nursing students to advocate for optimum quality care and positive health behaviors for Black consumers through community service. As we welcome you to our city and to our chapter's home, we hope you feel the strength of that legacy in every moment of this conference.

Dallas is a city that vibrates with culture, history, resilience, and innovation. Whether this is your first visit or you're returning, we invite you to immerse yourself in the unique spirit of Dallas, relishing authentic southern cuisine, exploring the African American Museum, or cheering on one of our city's iconic sports teams. With a powerful lineup of educational sessions, distinguished keynote speakers, and meaningful networking opportunities, we hope your time here is as enriching as it is motivating.

This year's conference promises to be nothing short of inspirational. The conference theme resonates deeply in this moment: a time of transformation in healthcare, of renewed purpose in our communities, and of bold leadership from Black nurses nationwide. We anticipate that you'll leave re-energized, reconnected, and equipped to lead change and advance health equity as Black nurses across the nation.

None of this would be possible without the tireless efforts of our Local Conference Chairs, Jacqueline Miller and Dr. DeShei Sanders, and the devoted members of the Metroplex Black Nurses Association, Inc. Their dedication, careful planning, and unwavering commitment to excellence have transformed this conference into an unforgettable experience for all who attend. I offer my deepest appreciation for their passion and service.

Again, welcome to Dallas! We are honored to have you here and look forward to a conference filled with learning, celebration, and connection. May your time here be meaningful, your drive invigorated, and your voices amplified as you continue to elevate our communities and our profession with passion and purpose. Thank you for being part of this legacy.

With excitement and gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Teneisha Howard".

Teneisha Howard, MSN, RN, NPD-BC
President, Metroplex Black Nurses Association, Inc.

Greetings from the Local Conference Chair Jacqueline Miller



Howdy NBNA!

It is my honor and privilege to extend greetings and congratulations to you as we celebrate the 53rd Anniversary of the National Black Nurses Association. As the local conference chair and member of The Metroplex Black Nurses Association – Dallas, Inc., 53rd Conference Committee worked diligently for more than the past 12 months to help deliver a larger than life, spectacular celebration. The committee is to be commended for a job well done. The other Texas chapters have had input in making this year's conference a success, including Greater East Texas Black Nurses Association organizing the Fund Development Event, BNA of Greater Houston, BNA of Austin, Fort Bend County BNA, Galveston County Gulf Coast, and Southeast Texas BNA.

With strong North Texas ties, I am educated in area institutions including North Texas State University (UNT), Texas Christian University, The University of Texas at Arlington, and Texas Woman's University. I joined NBNA as a nursing student in 2003 and have attended all the conferences except three. I received the Lauranne Sams Scholarship in 2004. I've witnessed nurses improve their practices and I've seen the aging process. I've mourned losses and celebrated accomplishments. I have lifelong friends as a result of being a member of NBNA. The chair of my MSN is a member. I became a lifetime member in 2012 and have moderated a few conference sessions. I receive all continued education required by the State of Texas while attending the conferences.

I have almost 20 years of nursing experience including jail health, home health, med/surg, ICU, mental health, and am currently employed as a rehab nurse with Select Medical, one of the corporate sponsors. I am a past president of the Metroplex Black Nurses Association. I am a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. I'm also a proud mother of three young men and grandmother of nine.

Jacqueline Miller

MSN, RN

Local Conference Chair

Greetings from the Host

Chapter Conference

Co-Chair

Dr. DeShei Sanders



Welcome to the great state of Texas — where everything is bigger and better! It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 53rd National Black Nurses Association Conference (NBNA). Our theme this year, Strengthen Communities: At the Intersection of Equity, Research, Policy, and Nursing Practice, reflects the powerful role we play in transforming healthcare.

As co-chair of this historic conference, I am honored to welcome each of you to Dallas, TX. I encourage you to fully engage in every session, ask bold questions, and share your unique perspectives. Take this opportunity to connect deeply with your peers—your boots on the ground—and build lasting networks that will strengthen our profession and communities.

Get involved in the conversations, challenge the status quo, and commit to driving change in your practice and beyond. Together, we can advance equity, influence policy, and improve patient outcomes.

Enjoy the experience, make meaningful connections, and let's make this conference a milestone for growth and impact!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. DeShei Sanders".

DNP, RN

Host Chapter Conference Co-Chair

A Message from the Conference and Special Events Manager National Black Nurses Association



Dear NBNA Family:

What a joy it is to welcome you to the 53rd Annual Institute and Conference of the National Black Nurses Association here in the vibrant city of Dallas, Texas!

As the Conference and Special Events Manager, it is both an honor and a labor of love to plan and execute an event that brings together so many extraordinary nurses, leaders, partners, and supporters from across the country. Every detail, every session, and every special event is designed with you in mind to celebrate your excellence, support your growth, and elevate the collective power of Black nurses everywhere.

To our attendees, thank you for showing up with enthusiasm, professionalism, and purpose. Your commitment to education, networking, and leadership is the heart of this conference.

To our sponsors and exhibitors, your support fuels our mission and allows us to create spaces where knowledge is shared, connections are made, and innovation thrives. We are truly grateful for your partnership.

To our speakers and presenters, thank you for generously sharing your expertise and inspiring us all to continue leading with compassion, courage, and excellence.

And to our special guests, thank you for joining us in celebrating the legacy and future of Black nursing. Your presence means more than words can express.

To the National office staff, better known as my NBNA work family, thank you for rolling up your sleeves, stepping in, and lending your hands and hearts to ensure this conference is a success. From behind-the-scenes coordination to on-the-ground support, your commitment, long hours, talents and your ideas, please know that your efforts have made a meaningful impact. It is because of your teamwork, flexibility, and commitment that the conference committee has come to life.

Coordinating this conference is more than a job for me it is a passion. It is deeply fulfilling to create an environment where our members feel empowered, celebrated, and connected. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving in this role and for being part of what makes NBNA so impactful.

Wishing each of you a meaningful, enriching, and unforgettable conference experience. Let's continue to rise, together.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Keaonia Shaw Jamison

Conference and Special Events Manager

National Black Nurses Association



AICHA DAVIS
STATE REPRESENTATIVE | DISTRICT 109

Dear NBNA Family,

Welcome to this year's National Black Nurses Association Conference!

NBNA is more than a network. It is a movement. A movement grounded in legacy, carried forward by leadership, and driven by a deep commitment to saving lives and closing health gaps across our communities.

Black nurses have always been the backbone of care. You nurture not only bodies, but families and futures. Your work does not stop at the bedside. It reaches into homes, schools, churches, and neighborhoods, bringing healing, advocacy, education, and trust wherever it is needed most.

In a world that does not always see us or hear us, you continue to show up with excellence, compassion, and strength. That is powerful. Whether you are a student nurse just beginning your journey or a seasoned leader guiding others, know this: your presence matters, your work matters, and you matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aicha M. Davis".

Representative Aicha Davis



RHETTA ANDREWS BOWERS

TEXAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Dear Friends and Esteemed Members of the National Black Nurses Association,

Welcome to Dallas, Texas!

It is my absolute honor to extend a heartfelt Texas welcome to each of you attending the 53rd Annual National Black Nurses Association Institute and Conference. As a member of the Texas House of Representatives and a lifelong advocate for equity, education, and access to quality healthcare, I am filled with pride that this powerful gathering is happening right here in our great state.

The Metroplex Black Nurses Association, a powerful force in advocacy and education since 1999, has demonstrated unwavering commitment to improving health outcomes in our region. Hosting this national conference is a testament to their leadership and dedication, and I commend them for bringing this important event to our state.

Black nurses have always been the heartbeat of healthcare—providing not just care, but compassion, advocacy, and strength in the face of adversity. Your presence here this week reminds us all of the legacy you uphold and the future you are actively building.

As you come together to learn, lead, and uplift one another, know that you have my deepest gratitude and full support. Texas is better, stronger, and healthier because of you.

Welcome to Dallas—and thank you for all that you do.

With appreciation,

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Hon. Rhetta Andrews Bowers

Texas House District



STATE REPRESENTATIVE

VENTON C. JONES, JR.

TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ★ DISTRICT 100 ★ DALLAS

August 5, 2025

Dear Members, Attendees, and Guests of the 53rd Annual National Black Nurses Association Institute and Conference:

On behalf of the great State of Texas and House District 100, it is my distinct honor and pleasure to welcome you to the 53rd Annual National Black Nurses Association Institute and Conference.



As a proud lifelong advocate for health equity and community empowerment, I am thrilled that Dallas has been selected as the host city for this prestigious event. The National Black Nurses Association and the Metroplex Black Nurses Association have long been pillars of excellence, leadership, and advocacy, not only within the nursing profession but also in advancing the health and well-being of our communities across the nation.

This year's gathering brings together nurses, students, educators, and healthcare leaders from all corners of the country, united in a shared commitment to continuing education, professional development, and transformative community engagement. Your dedication to delivering quality, compassionate care, particularly within Black communities, is both admirable and essential in driving meaningful progress in our healthcare systems.

Thank you for all you do to make a lasting difference in the lives of so many.

Warmest
regards,

Venton C. Jones Jr.

Venton C. Jones, Jr. State
Representative, House District 100
Texas House of Representatives





Eric L. Johnson

MAYOR OF DALLAS



August 5, 2025

Greetings!

As Mayor of Dallas, I am pleased to welcome the attendees of the National Black Nurses Association 53rd Annual Institute and Conference to Dallas, Texas.

The 53rd Annual Institute and Conference gathers more than 1,500 nurses, students, and healthcare professionals from across the nation to obtain state-of-the-art clinical instruction on such subjects as cardiovascular disease, cancer, children's health, diabetes, end-of-life, HIV/AIDS, kidney disease, research, and women's health.

This year's conference theme, "Strengthening Communities: At the Intersection of Equity, Research, Policy, and Nursing Practice," reflects the National Black Nurses Association's commitment to advancing health equity and transforming care through empowered nursing leadership.

We wish you the best for a memorable, joyous, and successful event.

All my best,

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Eric L. Johnson
Mayor



Rick Stopfer
Mayor

August 5, 2025

Welcome,

It is an honor and pleasure for me to welcome you to the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex for the National Black Nurses Association's 53rd Annual Institute and Conference.

With the theme "Strengthening Communities: At the Intersection of Equity, Research, Policy, and Nursing Practice," I know your group of nurses, students, and healthcare professionals are excited to learn from and connect with one another. Your commitment to advancing health equity and transforming care through empowered nursing leadership is admirable and we are grateful for your service to communities across the United States.

We hope attendees take full advantage of everything Irving and the DFW Metroplex have to offer.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Stopfer
Mayor



April 30, 2025

Warmest greetings: On behalf of the City of Coppell and the Coppell City Council, I am honored to welcome you to the 2025 National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) Conference. This annual gathering stands as a powerful testament to the excellence, resilience, and leadership of Black nurses across the nation and beyond. Your presence here is more than a professional commitment—it is a celebration of legacy, advocacy, and community. Whether you are a seasoned healthcare leader, an emerging nurse scholar, or a dedicated student, your contributions are deeply valued and essential to the health and equity of our communities. This year's conference theme, "Strengthening Communities: At the Intersection of Equity, Research, Policy, and Nursing Practice," reflects the continued commitment to advancing health equity and transforming care through empowered nurse leadership. We are inspired by the dedication you demonstrate daily and honored to join you in advancing the mission of NBNA. As you engage in networking, learning, and reflection, I encourage you to embrace every opportunity to share your voice, build new partnerships, and recharge your passion for nursing. May this conference reaffirm your purpose and empower your path forward. Thank you for your unwavering service and leadership. We look forward to the impact you will continue to make.

Sincerely,

Wes Mays, Mayor
City of Coppell



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City of Farmers Branch
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Dear Attendees,

Welcome to Dallas!

It is my distinct honor to extend a heartfelt Texas welcome to each of you attending the 53rd Annual National Black Nurses Association Institute and Conference. We are proud to host this inspiring gathering of Black nurses, students, educators, and healthcare leaders from across the country—trailblazers who continue to shape and elevate the future of healthcare.

As a public servant and community advocate, I have long admired the dedication and compassion nurses bring to their work every day. Black nurses, in particular, have been pillars of strength, resilience, and healing—often going unrecognized, yet always indispensable. Your presence here in Dallas is not only a testament to your leadership and expertise, but also a celebration of the profound impact you have on patients, families, and communities nationwide.

I applaud the Metroplex Black Nurses Association for its steadfast commitment to unifying and empowering Black nurses through education, advocacy, and service. From your upcoming health fair at the MLK Recreation Center to the scholarship fundraiser Sneaker Ball and the life-saving blood drive with the American Red Cross—your efforts truly embody the spirit of this conference and the values that strengthen our communities.

Thank you for choosing Dallas as the backdrop for this important convening. May your time here be filled with meaningful connections, fresh perspectives, and the inspiration to continue leading with excellence and compassion.

With deep gratitude and admiration,

Omar Roman

Farmers Branch City Councilmember,
District 1



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SHERIFF

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RE: Welcome to the 53rd Annual National Black Nurses Association Institute and Conference

On behalf of Dallas County, it is my honor to welcome you to the 53rd Annual National Black Nurses Association Conference, taking place August 5–10, 2025.

Dallas County is proud to host over 1000 healthcare professionals, including nurses, students, and educators from across the United States. This is an important gathering of professionals who embody compassion, expertise, and commitment to the wellbeing of all our residents.

Dallas County Sheriff's Office acknowledges that The National Black Nurses Association has long been a beacon of excellence, leadership, and advocacy in nursing. Your dedication to advancing health equity, improving patient care, and empowering black nurses nationwide is truly commendable. This conference serves not only as a platform to share knowledge and skills, but also as a powerful testament to the enduring spirit and impact of black nurses in our healthcare system.

I hope your time here will be filled with enriching discussions, valuable connections, and inspiring moments that will continue to strengthen your mission and vision.

Welcome to Dallas County, and best wishes for a successful and impactful conference.

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In Loving Memory of DR. CARRIE FRAZIER BROWN



It is with both deep sorrow and profound gratitude that we come together to celebrate the life of Dr. Carrie Frazier Brown. An icon of service and leadership, Dr. Brown's legacy continues to inspire generations of nurses and healthcare professionals.

Dr. Brown's career was a testament to her dedication to advancing health equity and the nursing profession. She earned a Master of Arts in Human Relations, a Master of Science in Psychiatric Nursing, and a PhD, solidifying her position as a prominent leader in mental health, public health, and policy. Her advocacy was commemorated in the Congressional Record for her support of the Nursing Training Act, and she went on to serve six years as Detroit's health commissioner, championing innovative and inclusive healthcare solutions.

As the second president of the National Black Nurses Association, Dr. Brown helped strengthen the foundation upon which NBNA continues to grow today. Her visionary leadership and relentless commitment to excellence earned her national recognition, including being named the Michigan ANA Chapter's Outstanding Psycho-Mental Health Nurse in 1993 and NBNA's Nurse of the Year in 1996.

Dr. Carrie Frazier Brown's impact lives on through the countless lives she touched and the powerful example she set. We extend our deepest condolences to her family, friends, colleagues, and the nursing community at large. Let us continue to honor her memory by advancing the mission to uplift, serve, and lead.

In Loving Memory of **LINDA BURNES BOLTON**

DRPH, RN, FAAN

6TH PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION, INC.

It is with profound sadness that NBNA shares the news of the passing of our beloved 6th President of the National Black Nurses Association, Incorporated, Dr. Linda Burnes Bolton, who transitioned peacefully this morning in her home surrounded by loved ones.

Dr. Burnes Bolton was an extraordinary leader, trailblazer, and inspiration to our organization and the entire nursing profession. Her contributions to the National Black Nurses Association and the nursing community are immeasurable, leaving an impactful and enduring legacy.

Dr. Burnes Bolton was instrumental in fulfilling NBNA's mission and safeguarding its sustainability during challenging times. Among her many contributions, Dr. Burnes Bolton created the National Black Nurses' Community Health Collaboration Model, which continues to be utilized by nursing students today. She passionately advocated for increasing the number of Black nurses and worked tirelessly to place nurses of color in underserved communities, addressing critical workforce shortages.

Dr. Burnes Bolton held numerous, significant roles throughout her career. She served as Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center for over 50 years, President of the American Academy of Nursing, and President of the American Organization for Nursing Leadership. She also served as vice-chair of the landmark Future of Nursing Leading Change, Advancing Health report in 2010, which shaped the direction of nursing for the 21st century.

Her extraordinary legacy, leadership and impact are widely recognized. Significant accolades and awards include the Living Legend Award and Lifetime Legacy Award from the American Academy of Nursing, distinguished member of the National Academy of Medicine and one of the first recipients of the National Black Nurses Association's prestigious Trailblazer Award and recipient of the NBNA Lifetime Achievement award. Most recently, at the 52nd NBNA Institute and Conference, she was inducted into the Academy of Diversity Leaders in Nursing inaugural class as a Luminary Fellow for her renowned contributions in education, research, policy, and administration.

Dr. Burnes Bolton's unwavering dedication, visionary leadership, and boundless compassion profoundly shaped our profession. She leaves behind a legacy of excellence and service that continues to inspire nurses worldwide.

Please join the National Black Nurses Association in extending our deepest condolences to her family and loved ones during this difficult time. Details regarding memorial services will be shared as they become available.

Let us honor her memory by continuing the mission to uplift and empower Black nurses and the communities we serve.



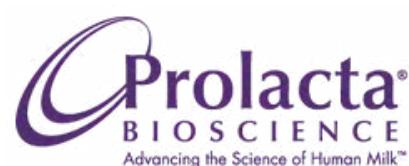
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OPENING KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DR. LINDA D. SCOTT



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CLOSING KEYNOTE SPEAKER

ANGELA BEDDOE

Chief Executive Officer American Nurses Enterprise

Angela Beddoe is the CEO of the American Nurses Enterprise which consist of the American Nurses Association which represents the nations 5 million registered nurses, the American Nurses Credentialing Center and the American Nurses Foundation. Ms. Beddoe was a Principal in G-Force Consulting, a stakeholder engagement and strategic communication and business development company. Ms. Beddoe was formerly Vice President-Public Affairs for a utility holding company who at the time had \$2 billion in revenue and \$4 billion in assets and President of its foundation. In her role as a member of the executive team, reporting directly to the Chairman and CEO, her responsibilities included overseeing strategic implementation of government and community relations, corporate communications, public relations, media relations, advertising, branding, change management, and philanthropic giving in multiple states and Washington, DC .



Nationally, she is past Chair of the Board of Rebuilding Together, a low-income housing organization, based in Washington, DC with at that time over 150,000 volunteers and almost 200 affiliates nation-wide. During her tenure, Rebuilding Together increased its revenue four-fold and developed strategic partnerships with national brands including HGTV, NFL, Home Depot and the NBA. Currently, Ms. Beddoe serves on the board for the Center for Workforce Inclusion (CWI), a 60\$ million non-profit based in Silver Spring, MD and chairs its communication and marketing committee and is a member of the finance committee. She also is the Chair for CWI Labs, a non-profit think tank and program innovator, focused on the future of work and workforce development for underinvested and underserved communities. In addition, she serves on the board of Business For Good (BFG) a public foundation. BFG invests in people to build better businesses, stronger communities and a more equitable world.

She has served as a moderator for the U.S. Department of State on building global partnerships for the International Women's Empowerment Leadership Summit and co-produces The Power of Women Summit during the Cannes Film Festival in Cannes, France. She has received awards from the American Red Cross of Northeastern NY, the Women's Employment Resource Center and Girls, Inc. of the Capital Region of NY and consequently honored by the New York State Senate and U.S. House of Representatives for her business achievements and work in the community.

She was also Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of Herlife Magazine-New York; a premier lifestyle magazine with, at its peak, over 120,000 print and digital readers. She is considered a thought leader on the topics of entrepreneurship and strategic communication and has been a guest lecturer for the business department at Skidmore College and the Graduate School of Public Relations at New York University. In her consulting work, Ms. Beddoe has engaged organizations on strategic planning and communication, branding, advertising, business development, marketing and developed the Tsunami Strategy to build momentum for clients. Angela holds her B.A. in Government from Skidmore College.

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Sandra Million-Underwood



Sandra Millon Underwood R.N., Ph.D., is a Professor in the College of Nursing at the University of Wisconsin.

Dr. Millon Underwood is a nurse researcher, educator and clinician with 40 years of experience in the design, implementation and evaluation of evidence-based programs that aim to foster diversity, inclusion, health equity and improve health outcomes among diverse, under-served, at-risk population groups. Her work reinforces the need to understand and apply principles and science relevant to health determinants and community-based research and practice.

Dr. Millon-Underwood's research projects have addressed disparities in cancer education, cancer prevention and cancer control among minority, economically challenged and marginalized population groups within and beyond the contiguous United States. The work has been funded by the National Cancer Institute; the American Cancer Society; Sigma Theta Tau International; the Wisconsin Genomics Institute; the Wisconsin Department of Health.

Dr. Millon-Underwood, was appointed to the NIH Council of Councils, the National Cancer Advisory Board, the Advisory Council of the National Institute of Nursing Research and the United States Preventive Health Services. In addition, she has served on consensus conferences and scientific review panels convened designed to explore practices essential to health promotion and chronic disease prevention; the effectiveness of tools used in genetics, genomics and personalized and precision medicine; and issues relevant to reducing health disparities and improving health equity.

Dr. Millon-Underwood maintains an active community-based practice aimed towards addressing health concerns and needs men, women and children throughout the Midwest. She also teaches and mentors faculty, colleagues and students committed to learning how to better engage in the work and more effectively serve the communities.

Dr. Millon-Underwood earned her B.S.N. in nursing and M.S.N in nursing from Loyola University College of Nursing (Chicago, Illinois) and Ph.D. in education and social policy from Northwestern University (Evanston, Illinois). She has received recognition for exemplary teaching, scholarship and service with numerous awards including the American Academy of Nursing, the National Black Nurses Association Institute of Excellence, Loyola University College of Nursing, and the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee.

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Beverly Malone PhD, RN, FAAN



Under Dr. Beverly Malone's leadership, the National League for Nursing (NLN) has advanced the science of nursing education, increased diversity in nursing scholarship, and championed evidence-based practice. Dr. Malone's distinguished career has blended education, administration, and clinical practice, including as Federal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health under President Clinton.

As a reviewer, she contributed to the groundbreaking IOM report, "The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health," and served on the Minority Health Federal Advisory Committee. Dr. Malone has been awarded more than 20 honorary doctorates.

Presently, Dr. Malone serves as Vice Chair at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Board of Directors, co-leads the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) Health Professional Education and Communication Working Group, and serves on NAM's Steering Committee. She is also a member of ecoAmerica's Leadership Circle Executive Committee.

In 2025 Dr. Malone received the Dean's Medal for Distinguished Service from the University of Maryland School of Nursing, in 2024 the [American Nurses Association \(ANA\)](#) named her as their Hall of Fame Award recipient, the [American Academy of Nursing](#) selected Dr. Malone as their Mary Elizabeth Carnegie Leadership in Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity (EDI) Awardee, and the [National Black Nurses Association](#) recognized her as an inaugural Fellow in the Academy of Diversity Leaders in Nursing (FADLN). The year prior, Modern Healthcare honored Dr. Malone as one of the nation's leading health care executives, naming her on their 2023 list of the 50 Most Influential Clinical Executives in Healthcare. The [American Nurses Credentialing Center \(ANCC\)](#) presented Dr. Malone with the prestigious 2023 HRH Princess Muna Al Hussein Award for her commitment to advancing the nursing profession and excellence in nursing professional practice across international borders. In 2023, Dr. Malone was listed in Modern Healthcare's 100 Most Influential People in Health Care for the fourth consecutive year. That same year, she was honored by the American Nurses Association with the prestigious President's Award and was selected for the M. Louise Fitzpatrick Award for Transformative Leadership by [Villanova University](#). Dr. Malone was also featured as one of 25 Outstanding Women during Women's History Month by Diverse: Issues in Higher Education.

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Modern Healthcare also has honored her with a Top 25 Women Leaders' Luminary Award in 2021 and named her to the inaugural list of five Minority Healthcare Luminaries. She was previously honored on their list of Top 25 Women in Healthcare. The International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses (ISPN) honored her with the Living Legend Award.

In 2020, Dr. Malone received the America and Cincinnati's LindaBates Parker LegendAward, named an Honorary Member of the Philippine Nurses Association of America, bestowed the Gail L. Warden Leadership Excellence Award by the NationalCenter for Healthcare Leadership, and conferred by the American Academy of Nursing with their Highest Nursing Honor, "Living Legend."

The Alpha Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau and the College of Nursing of Adelphi University, Long Island, honored Dr. Malone with the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2019. She was presented with a citation from the American Psychological Association for her outstanding leadership in advancing excellence in health care for the nation and global community, was named one of the Top 25 Minority Executives in Healthcare by Modern Healthcare and accepted the Nursing OutlookExcellence in ResearchAward (2018).

Dr. Malone was elected to two terms as president of the American Nurses Association (ANA) representing 180,000 nurses and served as the first African American general secretary of the United Kingdom (UK) RoyalCollege of Nursing(RCN) representing 400,000 nurses.A member of the UK as well as US delegation to the World Health Assembly, she was also vice chair of the Brussels- based European Federation of Nurses Association. Furthermore, she has the distinguished honor of her portrait being displayed at the National Portrait Gallery in London.

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Big Bend Black Nurses Association (Tallahassee)
Black Nurses Association, Tampa Bay
Central Florida Black Nurses Association of Orlando
First Coast Black Nurses Association (Jacksonville)
Greater Fort Lauderdale Broward Chapter of the National Black Nurses Association
Greater Gainesville Black Nurses Association
Miami Chapter - Black Nurses Association
Palm Beach County Black Nurses Association
St. Petersburg Black Nurses Association
Treasure Coast Council of Black Nurses

GEORGIA

Atlanta Black Nurses Association
Columbus Metro Black Nurses Association
Concerned National Black Nurses of Central Savannah River Area
Middle Georgia Black Nurses Association
Okefenokee Black Nurses Association
Savannah Black Nurses Association

HAWAII

Honolulu Black Nurses Association

ILLINOIS

Alliance of Black Nurses Association of Illinois
Black Nurses Association of Central Illinois
Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association
Greater Illinois Black Nurses Association
Illinois South Suburban National Black Nurses Association
North Shore Black Nurses Association

INDIANA

Black Nurses Association of Indianapolis
Lake County Indiana Black Nurses Association
Northwest Indiana Black Nurses Association

IOWA

Iowa Black Nurses Association

KANSAS

Wichita Black Nurses Association

KENTUCKY

KYANNA Black Nurses Association
Lexington Chapter of the National Black Nurses Association

LOUISIANA

Acadiana Black Nurses Association
Bayou Region Black Nurses Association
Cenla Black Nurses Association*
New Orleans Black Nurses Association
Shreveport Black Nurses Association
Southeastern Louisiana Black Nurses Association

MARYLAND

Black Nurses Association of Baltimore
Black Nurses Association of Maryland Eastern Shore
Black Nurses of Southern Maryland
Chesapeake Bay Black Nurses Association
Direct Member - NBNA

MASSACHUSETTS

New England Regional Black Nurses Association
Western Massachusetts Black Nurses Association

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2025 NBNA Chapters by State

MICHIGAN

Ann Arbor National Black Nurses Association
Detroit Black Nurses Association
Grand Rapids Black Nurses Association
Greater Flint Black Nurses Association
Kalamazoo-Muskegon Black Nurses Association
Lansing Area Black Nurses Association
Southwest Michigan Black Nurses Association

MINNESOTA

Minnesota Black Nurses Association

MISSOURI

Black Nurses Association of Greater St. Louis
Greater Kansas City Black Nurses Association
Mid-Missouri Black Nurses Association

NEVADA

Southern Nevada Black Nurses Association

NEW JERSEY

Concerned Black Nurses of Central New Jersey
Concerned Black Nurses of Newark
Mid State Black Nurses Association of New Jersey
Middlesex Regional Black Nurses Association
New Jersey Integrated Black Nurses Association
South Jersey Chapter National Black Nurses Association

NEW MEXICO

Black Nurses Association of New Mexico/El Paso*

NEW YORK

Greater New York City Black Nurses Association
Hudson Valley New York Black Nurses Association
New York Black Nurses Association
Rochester Black Nurses Association
Suffolk County Black Nurses Association

NORTH CAROLINA

Central Carolina Black Nurses Council
Piedmont Black Nurses Association - Charlotte
Queen City National Black Nurses Association

OHIO

Akron Black Nurses Association
Black Nurses Association of Greater Cincinnati
Cleveland Council of Black Nurses
Columbus Black Nurses Association
Stark County Black Nurses Association
Youngstown-Warren Black Nurses Association

OKLAHOMA

Eastern Oklahoma Black Nurses Association

OREGON

Alliance of Black Nurses Association of Oregon

PENNSYLVANIA

Northwestern Pennsylvania Black Nurses Association
Pittsburgh Black Nurses In Action
Southeastern Pennsylvania Area Black Nurses Association

SOUTH CAROLINA

Lowcountry Black Nurses Association
Midlands of South Carolina Black Nurses Association
Tri-County Black Nurses Association of Charleston

TENNESSEE

Chattanooga Black Nurse Association
Memphis-Riverbluff Black Nurses Association
Nashville Black Nurses Association

TEXAS

Black Nurses Association of Austin
Black Nurses Association of Greater Houston
Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association
Galveston County Gulf Coast Black Nurses Association
Greater East Texas Black Nurses Association
Metroplex Black Nurses Association (Dallas)
Southeast Texas Black Nurses Association

VIRGINIA

Black Nurses Association of Charlottesville
Central Virginia Chapter National Black Nurses Association
Hampton Roads Virginia Black Nurses Association*
National Black Nurses Association: Northern Virginia Chapter

WISCONSIN

Milwaukee Chapter National Black Nurses Association
Racine-Kenosha Black Nurses Association

*New Chapter

2025 NBNA Trailblazer Award

Katie Boston-Leary

PhD, MBA, MHA, RN, NEA-BC, FADLN, FAONL



Dr. Katie Boston-Leary is the Senior Vice President of Equity and Engagement at the American Nurses Association addressing DEIAB and workforce challenges within the profession. Katie is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Maryland School of Nursing and the School of Nursing at Case Western Reserve University. She is a board member for St. John's University Health Programs, Hippocratic AI and Ingenovis Health and an editorial advisory board member with Nursing Management, Nursing 2025 and ACHE. Katie leads the National Commission to Address Racism in Nursing Forum and served on the National Academy of Science and Medicine's National Plan to Address Clinician Well-Being supported by the previous U.S. Surgeon General.

Katie authored two chapters in The Sage Encyclopedia of Multicultural Counseling, Social Justice, and Advocacy, the first encyclopedia focused on racism and Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging. Katie was also featured in the award-winning documentary film, Everybody's Work funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

She was identified in August 2019 Health Leaders Media Journal as "One of Five Chief Nursing Officers Changing Healthcare". She also won the ICABA TD Bank 2023 Woman of Impact award and the 2024 Spectrum Circle Award for Innovation in Health. She was recently inducted as a Distinguished Fellow at the Academy of Diversity Leaders in Nursing with the National Black Nurses Association and will be inducted this year as a Fellow with American Organization of Nursing Leadership (AONL). She was recently named as an honored listee on Marquis' Who's Who in America.

She has conducted research on care delivery models, time allocation, nurses' well-being, racism and civilized oppression in nursing with Quint Studer, Joslin Insight and McKinsey. She is a well-known speaker internationally with many publications, podcasts and national outlets namely CNBC, NY Times, Cheddar TV, Axios, Beckers, Forbes, Bloomberg News and on NBC's Today Show. She completed her PhD at Walden University in Health Services, obtained a dual degree MBA and MHA from the University of Maryland Global Campus and her bachelor's degree in nursing from Bowie State University in Maryland. She is a board-certified Nurse Executive and obtained a nurse executive leadership certificate from Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

2025 NBNA Trailblazer Award

Ronald Hickman

PhD, ACNP-BC, FNAP, FADLN, FAAN



Dr. Ronald Hickman is the Dean and Ruth M. Anderson Endowed Professor at the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing at Case Western Reserve University. He is a registered nurse and a board-certified acute care nurse practitioner who has provided care for patients undergoing general and cardiothoracic surgery, as well as patients in the intensive care unit. As a nurse scientist, Dr. Hickman is nationally known for his pioneering work focused on technology-based solutions to improve chronic disease self-management and end-of-life care. His innovative work integrates knowledge from several disciplinary domains to develop technologies and understand biobehavioral mechanisms that influence how patients and their families make decisions and manage their health or an acute illness.

Dr. Hickman's impact on practice and science has earned him several prestigious honors. He is an elected fellow of the National Academies of Practice, the Luther Christman Society, the Academy of Diversity Leaders in Nursing, and the American Academy of Nursing. He is the second nurse to hold the distinction as an Emerging Leader in Health and Medicine by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. Dr. Hickman's scholarship has also garnered numerous regional and national awards, including distinguished scientist awards from the regional and national research societies, and honors related to diversity, equity, and inclusion, such as the Luther Christman Award from the American Association of Men in Nursing and the American Nurses Association's 2020 Diversity Award.

2025 NBNA Trailblazer Award

Monica R. McLemore



Dr. Monica R. McLemore is a visiting professor at the Rory Meyers College of Nursing at New York University. Prior to this, she was a tenured, full professor in the Child, Family, and Population Health Department and the Director for the Manning-Price Spratlan Center for Anti-Racism and Equity (CARE) in Nursing at the University of Washington School of Nursing. She previously held the Endowed Professorship and Lecture in Health Promotions. Throughout 2023, she served as the Interim Associate Dean for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in the School of Nursing. She retired from clinical practice as a public health and staff nurse after a 28-year clinical nursing career in 2019, however, continues to provide flu and COVID-19 vaccines.

Her program of research is focused on understanding reproductive health and justice. To date, she has 143 peer reviewed articles, OpEds and commentaries and her research has been cited in the Huffington Post, Lavender Health, eight amicus briefs to the Supreme Court of the United States, and four National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine reports, and a data visualization project entitled How To Fix Maternal Mortality: The first step is to stop blaming women that was published in the 2019 Future of Medicine edition of Scientific American.

Her work has also appeared in publications such as Dame Magazine, Politico, ProPublica/NPR and she made a voice appearance in Terrance Nance's HBO series Random Acts of Flyness. She is the recipient of numerous awards and is a past chair for Sexual and Reproductive Health section of the American Public Health Association. She was inducted as a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing in 2019. She became the Editor in Chief of Health Equity Journal in 2022.

2025 NBNA Trailblazer Award

Deborah C. Stamps

EdD, MBA, MS, RN, GNP, NE-BC, CDE®, FADLN, FAAN



Dr. Stamps is the founder and chief executive officer for Deborah Stamps Consulting, LLC. Dr. Stamps has almost forty years of progressive healthcare leadership and is an internationally recognized authority on workforce development, diversity, equity, inclusion, justice, nursing education, and leadership. She has held various roles, from LPN, RN, Chief Nursing Officer, Vice President of Quality, Patient Safety and Innovation including founding President of the Rochester General College of Health Careers and the inaugural Chief Diversity Officer at Rochester Regional Health.

Dr. Stamps created the professional academic workforce (PAW) model to advance the educational and economic mobility of underrepresented minorities in nursing through establishing partnerships between healthcare, community,

and academic organizations. She has published peer-reviewed journals on the innovative, collaborative nurse leadership model, the Chief Nursing Officer Council, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, workforce development and academic clinical practice partnerships. Dr. Stamps is a 2023 Academy of Nursing Fellow, the recipient of the Center for Nursing NY Driscoll Award and is a National Black Nurses Association 2024 inaugural Fellow in the Academy of Diversity Leaders in Nursing (FADLN).

Dr. Stamps holds membership in a few professional organizations such as the American Nurses Association, the National Black Nurses Association is currently the First Vice President and life member of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc., has held offices including chartering President of Beta Ch Chi, Inc. in Rochester NY, Dean of Membership, Financial Secretary and Northeast Regional Director; She currently serves as vice chair of the New York State Board for Nursing, serves on the board of directors for the YWCA, Hillside, St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center, and the International Collaboration for Community Health Nursing Research.

Dr. Stamps earned a certificate as a practical nurse from the Rochester Educational Opportunity Center, AAS in Nursing from Monroe Community College, BSN from SUNY College at Brockport, MS and the Gerontological Nursing Practitioner at Nazareth College, a MBA from Rochester Institute of Technology, and an EdD from St. John Fisher College. She is nationally certified as a Nurse Executive by the American Nurses Credentialing Center and Certified Diversity Executive (CDE®) through the Institute for Diversity System at the Society for Diversity. Dr. Stamps became an independent certified coach, teacher, and speaker with the John Maxwell Team.

2025 NBNA Trailblazer Award

Mitchell J. Wharton

Ph.D., MPH, RN, FNP-BC, CNS, ACRN, AAHIVE, FNAP, FADLN, FAAN



Dr. Mitchell J. Wharton (Pronouns: They/Them/Theirs) is an accomplished educator, clinician and behavioral health researcher, whose work strives to empower underrepresented racial/ethnic, sexual and gender diverse people through effective mentorship, leadership development, and public health advocacy.

As an educator, Dr. Wharton has taught and advised nursing students at the baccalaureate and master's level for more than a decade. Their pedagogical approach to education is rooted in Human-Centered learning; wherein the whole person and their wellbeing are prioritized and learning experiences are designed to incorporate context, needs, and learner interests to foster agency and intellectual development.

With more than two decades of clinical experience, Dr. Wharton is dually prepared as a community-based nursing clinical specialist (CNS) and a board-certified family nurse practitioner (FNP-BC). Dr. Wharton has advanced training in adolescent health and additional board certifications as AIDS care registered nurse (ACRN), and as an HIV expert (AAHIVE).

Dr. Wharton's scholarship identifies and utilizes asset-based modalities to optimize HIV prevention and health maintenance among Black and Latino sexual minority men by examining social determinants of health, sexual identity and behavior, social justice, and human rights.

Over the course of their career, Dr. Wharton has actively contributed to advancing nursing excellence through past leadership and service as the inaugural Associate Dean for Equity and Inclusion at the University of Rochester School of Nursing, an elected member of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing DEI Leadership Network Steering Committee. They currently serve as a member American Academy of Nursing's expert panels on Health Equity and LGBTQ+ Health. Dr. Wharton also serves as the current President of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC) and Member-At-Large [Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility] for the Eastern Nurses Research Society (ENRS). For their substantive and outstanding contributions to the nursing profession, Dr. Wharton has been named a Distinguished Fellow of the National Academies of Practice (FNAP), a Fellow of the Academy of Diversity Leaders in Nursing (FADLN), and Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN).

Dr. Wharton earned a BSN and MSN from Widener University School of Nursing, a Ph.D. from the University of Rochester School of Nursing, and an MPH from the University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry. They completed a post-doctoral fellowship in HIV Epidemiology and Prevention Sciences at Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health.

2024 Founders Spirit Award Recipients

Rebecca Harris Smith

Ed.D., RN



Dr. Rebecca Harris-Smith is a compassionate and visionary nursing leader with over 40 years of impactful experience spanning healthcare, higher education, consulting, and public/private sectors. A dedicated educator and mentor, she has a proven record of designing and advancing academic nursing programs while fostering growth and excellence among students, peers, and professional teams.

She currently serves as a member of the American Red Cross/National Nurse Network and, as a proud "Living Gift" from NBNA to the community, co-hosts an Annual Blood Drive. Dr. Harris-Smith has held multiple leadership positions within the New Orleans Black Nurses Association (BNA), served as a Board Member of the National Black Nurses Association, and is a proud Lifetime Member of NBNA.

Her career reflects a deep commitment to service, leadership, and education. As an experienced Dean of Nursing, she is highly skilled in nursing education, program evaluation, case management, and academic advising. She is also known for her ability to build and strengthen relationships across community stakeholders, executives, students, and colleagues.

Dr. Harris-Smith earned her Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Higher Education Leadership from Nova Southeastern University and continues to be recognized as a collaborative leader, articulate communicator, and dedicated advocate for nursing excellence.

2024 Founders Spirit Award Recipients

Aron King MS, RN



Aron King, MSN, RN, is a registered nurse, healthcare leader, and PhD student at the University of California, Davis, specializing in community-based mental health interventions for Black men. Currently an Assistant Manager at UC Davis Health, he has worked in cardiac telemetry and medical intensive care and is passionate about advancing health equity.

A recognized leader in nursing, Aron has served in multiple roles on the executive board of the Capitol City Black Nurses Association (CCBNA) and currently holds the position of Historian. He also chairs the National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) Ad Hoc Committee on Men's Health and co-chairs the NAACP Sacramento Health Committee.

His work has earned national recognition. In 2024, Aron received the Founders Spirit Award from NBNA for his impact in Sacramento, particularly for launching Cut to the Chase, a barbershop-based mental health program in collaboration with the Greater Sacramento Urban League and CCBNA. In 2023, he was awarded The American Association for Men in Nursing's IDEA Award (Inclusion and Diversity Excellence Award) for his efforts to increase diversity in the nursing profession through the Breaking Down Barriers to Nursing Conference. Additionally, he was named an NBNA Under 40 Awardee in 2022, one of only 16 nurses in the nation to receive the honor.

Aron is also the co-author of *The Diaries of a Resilient Black Nurse*, a collection of stories highlighting the struggles and achievements of Black nurses in America. He starred in the documentary *Everybody's Work*, which sheds light on systemic racism in healthcare and the role of nurses in dismantling barriers to health equity.

Through initiatives like Barbershop Health Talks and the Breaking Down Barriers to Nursing Conference, Aron remains committed to increasing workforce diversity and addressing health disparities in communities of color.

2024 Founders Spirit Award Recipients

Vivienne McDaniel MSN,BSN



Dr. Vivienne McDaniel is a transformational and servant leader. After more than 30 years in healthcare administration, she emerged as a trailblazing leader in nursing holding roles in workforce development, quality assurance, and academia. She is an executive nurse consultant and adjunct professor of nursing, specializing in health policy and advocacy, and executive nurse leadership. She serves as the diversity ambassador and consultant for James Madison University School of Nursing, and a diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) consultant for Sentinel U®, a simulation health division of American Sentinel College of Nursing and Health Sciences at Post University. In September 2024, she was appointed as interim executive director (ED) for the National Black Nurses Association, Inc (NBNA) during their search for a permanent ED.

Vivienne is the immediate past president of the Central Virginia Chapter NBNA and is the NBNA Health Policy Committee vice chair. She was the inaugural chair of the Virginia Nurses Association and Virginia Nurses Foundation (VNF) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council and served on the VNF Board of Trustees for five years. She sits on the Board of Directors of Sigma Theta Tau's Chi Alpha at Large Chapter as chair of the Governance Committee. In May 2022, she was appointed to Henrico, Parham, and Retreat Doctors Hospitals' Board of Trustees and participates in the work of the hospitals' DEI Patient Subcommittee. In addition, she serves on the Nurses on Boards Coalition Grant Steering Committee, Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action Steering Committee, and the Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence JEDI Advisory Council.

In 2021, Vivienne became a Fellow of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Diversity Leadership Institute and currently serves as a mentor and consultant for the Institute. In 2022, she was awarded the Leadership in Ethics Award by the American Nurses Association (ANA) which recognizes an individual registered nurse who has authentically demonstrated the highest standards of ethics and leadership in nursing practice. In 2023, at the suggestion of Vivienne, the ANA inaugural Mary Mahoney Lecture Series was launched, honoring the first Black registered nurse in the U.S.

Dr. McDaniel earned her DNP degree from Walden University, and her MSN in Nursing Management and Organizational Leadership and BSN degrees from American Sentinel University.

2024 Founders Spirit Award Recipients

Carter Todd

MS, MBA, RN, NE-BC, CCRN



Carter Todd is Nurse Manager and the Founder & Immediate Past President of the Capitol City Black Nurses Association (CCBNA), the local chapter of the National Black Nurses Association. His route into the nursing profession has taken him through all levels of the California education system. Carter is a graduate of Sacramento State University, obtained his BSN with Samuel Merritt University, pursued graduate studies at the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis, and recently received his MBA with Western Governors University. He enjoys community organizing, health care educational projects, and spreading all the amazing benefits that nursing has to offer. He is a recipient of the Sacramento Business Journals 40 Under 40 Award, the Association of California Nurse Leaders Emerging Leaders Award, and the National Black Nurses Association 40 Under 40 Award. Engaging with community partners

throughout California, Carter focuses on health education and nursing professional development as avenues of impact. Carter was also part of the Inaugural class of the American Nurses Association\California's Advocacy Fellowship in 2021.

2024 Founders Spirit Award Recipients

VITAS Healthcare



VITAS was founded in 1978 as Hospice Care Inc., one of the nation's first hospice programs. But our story really begins in the mid-1970s, when Hugh A. Westbrook, an ordained United Methodist minister, and Esther T. Colliflower, a registered nurse, and Don Gaetz saw a void in the treatment of people with terminal illnesses.

As a pioneer in the American hospice movement, VITAS was instrumental in leading a bipartisan effort to add hospice to the healthcare payment system. In October 1983, the Medicare Hospice Benefit was enacted, ensuring coverage for all Medicare beneficiaries for care related to terminal illnesses or any illness that shortens life expectancy.

This pivotal moment in US healthcare history happened because a few visionaries saw the gap that existed for patients nearing the end of life. As a result of these efforts, Medicare pays for hospice services. Many states have established Medicaid coverage for hospice, and virtually all private insurers and managed care plans provide coverage for hospice care.

Today, VITAS is America's leading provider of end-of-life care, working in cooperation with hospitals, physicians, nursing homes, senior living communities, insurers, and community-based organizations throughout the nation. We remain committed to identifying and closing gaps in treatment.

VITAS works to ensure that seriously ill patients and their families of all walks of life have timely access to compassionate and effective end-of-life care.



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2025 Johnson & Johnson Minority Nurse Leadership Fellows

The Johnson & Johnson Minority Nurse Leadership Fellowship recognizes and develops a select group of outstanding NBNA members who exemplify leadership, innovation, and service across clinical, academic, and community settings. These fellows will engage in a yearlong program focused on strengthening core leadership competencies while implementing capstone projects that uplift health equity and nursing excellence. Guided by experienced mentors, these emerging leaders will carry forward NBNA's legacy of advocacy and impact in the communities they serve.

Frankie Bell, DNP, RN, NPD-BC, NC-BC

Black Nurses Association of Maryland Eastern Shore

Shelitha Campbell, DNP MSN, BSN, APRN, FNP-BC, PHN

Bay Area Black Nurses Association

Audrey Cole, MSN, RN, CPON

Memphis-Riverbluff Black Nurses Association

Christie Davis, MSHSA, RN, CENP

Silicon Valley Black Nurses Association

Charmaine L. Duckie, DNP, RN, MSRN-BC, NEA-BC

CEO & Owner, Duckie Enterprise

Raven England-Joyner, MSN, RN

Birmingham Black Nurses Association

Latonia Ford, MBA, BSN, RN, DCPM

Black Nurses of Southern Maryland

Arnice Jackson, DNP, FNP-C

Black Nurses Association of Maryland Eastern Shore

LaQuadria Robinson, DNP, CRNP, PMHNP-BC

Birmingham Black Nurses Association

Anniece Spencer, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, BC-ADM

Black Nurses Association of Greater St. Louis



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2025 NBNA Nurse of the Year Awards

ADMINISTRATIVE NURSE OF THE YEAR

"To recognize excellence in clinical practice."



Kaitia Charitable, DNP, MSN-Ed, RN- BC

Chamberlain University School of Nursing
Greater New York City BNA

NURSE EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

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



Sharonda Johnson, DNP, RN University of
Louisiana at Lafayette Acadiana BNA

NURSE OF THE YEAR FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

"To recognize outstanding and exemplary community service."



Evenly Lewis, BSN, RN, OCN, WHE

Christiana Care
Middlesex Regional BNA

ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE OF THE YEAR

"To recognize excellence in the clinical area of the advanced practice level."

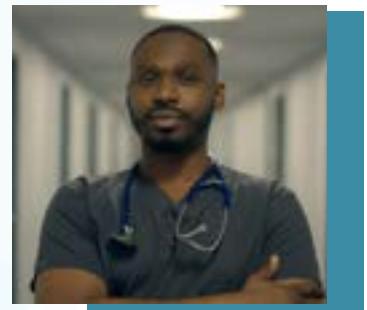


Demechiko French, DNP, PMHNP-BC, FNP-C

University of Alabama Birmingham BNA

NURSE ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

"To recognize a successful business owner."



Nathaniel Saintus, DNP, AGACNP-BC, FNP-BC

WeDriveHealth Primary Care
Greater New York City BNA



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2025 NBNA Nurse of the Year Awards

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."



Cynthia Bienemy, PhD, RN

All Things Professional LLC
Acadiana BNA

STAFF NURSE OF THE YEAR

"To recognize excellence in clinical practice."

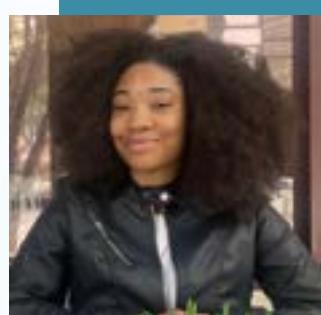


Amanda Hudson, RN, CRNP

Birmingham Veteran Affairs Medical Center
Birmingham BNA

OUTSTANDING LICENSED PRACTICAL / VOCATIONAL NURSE OF THE YEAR

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



Blaec Martin, LPN

University of Texas at Arlington
Southeast Texas BNA

STUDENT NURSE OF THE YEAR

"To recognize academic excellence."



Mercy Oshiokhale, BSN, RN

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Acadiana BNA

2025 NBNA Nurse of the Year Awards

UNIFORMED SERVICES NURSE OF THE YEAR

"To recognize excellence in the Uniformed Services."



**Derrick Glymph, PhD, DNP, CRNA, CHSE,
CNE, COL, USAR, FIAAN, FAANA, FAAN**

Norfolk State University
Central Carolina Black Nurses Council

UNDER FORTY AWARDS



Samantha Berrien, DNP(c), MSN, BS
The University of Alabama at Birmingham
School of Nursing
Birmingham BNA



**Diane Ennefils, MSN, RN, AGACNP-BC,
CMSRN, CNOR**
New York University Health
Greater New York City BNA



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UNDER FORTY AWARDS



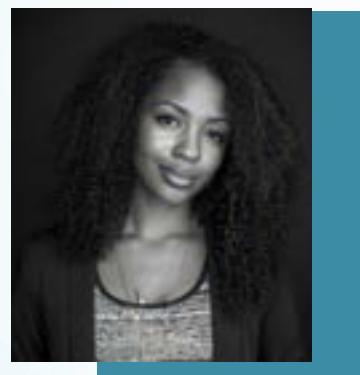
Lo-Ruchama Hilaire, BSN, RN
Memorial
Sloan Kettering Cancer Center & LIU
Brooklyn
Greater New York City BNA



Ardenia Norris, BSN, RN
University of Alabama at Birmingham
Birmingham BNA



Ashley Singleton, BSN, RN
Humana
Acadiana BNA



Charde Vance, BSN, RN
University of California, Davis Health
Capitol City BNA



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DAISY AWARDS

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.

**DaJanae Gresham-Ryder, DNP, MSN,
RN, PHN, CMSRN**

University of California, Davis Health
Capitol City BNA



NBNA DAISY HEALTH EQUITY AWARD FOR LPN / LVN NURSE

To recognize excellence of a 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.

Suzanne Holliday-Thomas, LPN
Hartford Hospital
Northern Connecticut BNA

NBNA DAISY HEALTH EQUITY FOR THE NBNA CHAPTER (TEAM) AWARD



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

Piedmont BNA-Charlotte
Charlotte, NC



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2025 NBNA 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.



Ezinne Ugwu
University of Iowa
Direct Member



Chelsey Chatters
University of Iowa College of
Nursing
Direct Member



**Adetutu Obadina, MSN,
RN, NPD-BC**
San Jose State University
Stanford Medicine BNA



Ardenia Norris
University of Alabama at
Birmingham
Birmingham BNA

NBNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,500

This scholarship, provided by the NBNA Board of Directors, is awarded to a qualified NBNA member who is pursuing a baccalaureate or advanced nursing degree.



Melissa Nelson, MSN, CNM, WHNP-BC
MGH Institute of Health Professions
New England Regional BNA



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ARIZONA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP – TWENTY \$10,000 SCHOLARSHIPS

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Anjelica Shines
Arizona College of Nursing
BNA Greater Phoenix Area



Ayeasha Lowe
Arizona College of Nursing BNA
Greater Phoenix Area



Denia Alonzo
Arizona College of Nursing
Greater Inland Empire BNA



Destiny Evans
Arizona College of Nursing
Northern Connecticut BNA



Hannah Riley
Arizona College of Nursing –
Aurora
Direct Member



Jasmie Paige
Arizona College of Nursing
Southeast Texas BNA



Kelsie Hercules, BSN
Arizona College of Nursing
Miami Chapter BNA



Keya Lewis
Arizona College of Nursing
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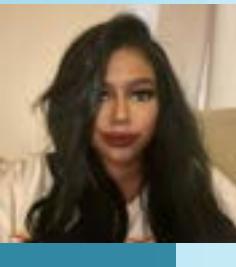
Kiana Bootie

Arizona College of Nursing –
Chesapeake
Central Virginia Chapter
NBNA



Madison McAbee

Arizona College of Nursing Tempe
BNA Greater Phoenix Area



Mekelit Fiseha

Arizona College of Nursing –
Las Vegas
Southern Nevada BNA



Melina Jusme

Arizona College of Nursing
Miami Chapter BNA



Michelle Beard

Arizona College of Nursing
BNA of Greater St. Louis



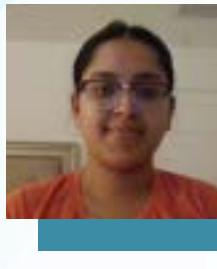
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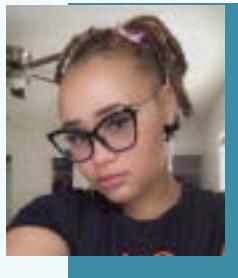
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ARIZONA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP – TWENTY \$10,000 SCHOLARSHIPS

Arizona College is offering twenty \$10,000 scholarships to students pursuing a baccalaureate nursing degree. These students may be entering nursing program of study or matriculating as seniors.



Rolanda Williams
Arizona College of Nursing
BNA Greater Phoenix Area



Samantha Carpenter
Arizona College Of Nursing Las
Vegas
Southern Nevada BNA



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Arizona College for Nursing
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Villa Ashman
Arizona College of Nursing
Detroit BNA

VITAS HEALTHCARE/ESTHER COLLIFLOWER SCHOLARSHIP – \$1,500

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.



Donjayla Jenkins, BSN, RN
ECPI University
Central Florida BNA of Orlando



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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.

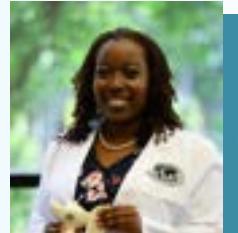
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Harding University
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Jalita King, BSN, RN

Mount Carmel College of
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Detroit BNA



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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.

Danielle McLarty Cabarrus

College of Health Sciences
Queen City NBNA



DR. DAISY HARMON-ALLEN SCHOLARSHIP - \$2,000

The scholarship is provided by Dr. Daisy Harmon-Allen, the 13th President of the Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association in memory of her mother, Mrs. Bonnie Harmon, who was an elementary school teacher in Sallis, Mississippi. The scholarship is awarded to an associate degree nursing student.

Jalaina Fusilier

Grambling State University
Shreveport 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.

Shani Francillon

New York University
New York BNA



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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.



Shalela Forbus, MSN, RN, PMH-BC

Pennsylvania Western University
Pittsburgh Black Nurses in Action

DR. MILICENT GORHAM SCHOLARSHIP - \$2,000

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.



Sydney Gibbons

Florida Atlantic University
Palm Beach County 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.



Sasha DuBois, MSN, RN, NEA-BC

Boston College
New England Regional BNA

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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.



Brittany Woods-Holmes, RN, BSN, MHA
North Carolina A & T State University
Piedmont BNA-Charlotte

MARGARET PEMBERTON SCHOLARSHIP - \$4,000

The scholarship is provided by Margaret Pemberton, a member of the Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington, DC Area. This endowed scholarship is awarded to a nursing student from the chapter in the conference's host city.



Catherine Holyfield-Allen
Galen College of Nursing
Metroplex BNA Dallas

MARIA A. DUDLEY ADVANCED PRACTICE SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000

The scholarship is provided by Maria A. Dudley to a nurse pursuing a degree as an advanced practice nurse.



Winchel William
Florida International University Miami
Chapter BNA



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MRS. OLA LOFTON SCHOLARSHIP – \$2,000

The Mrs. Ola Lofton Scholarship is given in memory of the 95 years old World War II nurse who passed away on January 6, 2019. The scholarship is sponsored by Sandra Evers-Manly. The scholarship is awarded to NBNA nursing student pursuing a baccalaureate nursing degree.



Vallerie Moseby, RN
Chamberlain University
Little Rock BNA of Arkansas

NBNA SOCIAL JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP – \$1,000

This scholarship is in the memory of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and George Floyd and all men and women of color who have died because of racism.



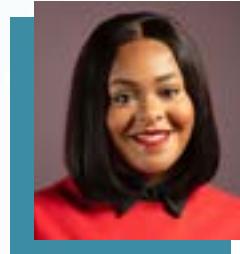
Ayomidamope Adebiyi, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, CEN, COHN-S
John Hopkins University
Central Valley BNA

UNITED HEALTH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP - TWENTY \$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.



Abigail Hall
University of Michigan
- Ann Arbor
Ann Arbor NBNA



Amiyah Hopkins
University of Louisville
KYANA BNA Louisville



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Nese College of Nursing
New York BNA



Chika Dunu
Helene Fuld College of
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Dejah Johnson
Johns Hopkins University
Concerned National Black
Nurses of Central Savannah
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Djiane Gaspard
Arkansas State University
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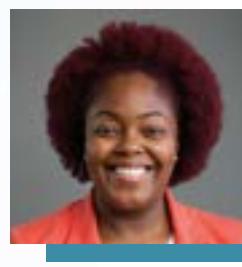
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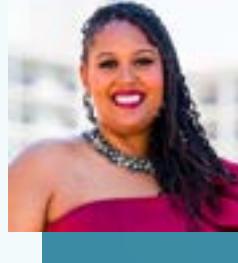
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Tiffany Henderson
Saint Louis University-Trudy
Busch Valentine School of
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BNA of Greater St. Louis



Titia Widener-Williams
MSN, APRN, FNP-C,
CNOR
Wilmington University
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TAMMY WOODS

CHAIR, NBNA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

INDIVIDUAL UNLICENSED STUDENT MEMBERS – FIRST PLACE

TRICIA ROMANS

FORT BEND COUNTY BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION – 51

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MARIE BRIGHT

COUNCIL OF BLACK NURSES, LOS ANGELES – 32

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Membership Campaign Chapter Awards

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HIGHEST RETENTION FROM JUNE 15, 2024, TO JANUARY 31, 2025

GRAND CHAPTER – COUNCIL OF BLACK NURSES, LOS ANGELES (60/84) – 71.4%

LARGE CHAPTER – MIAMI CHAPTER – BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION (112/47) – 42%

MID-SIZE CHAPTER – KYANNA BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION (29/22) – 76%

SMALL CHAPTER – COLUMBUS METRO BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION (35/26) – 74.3%

HIGHEST NUMBER OF MEMBERS (NEW AND RENEWING)

GRAND CHAPTER (120 PLUS MEMBERS) –

FORT BEND COUNTY BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION – 196

LARGE CHAPTER (80 – 119 MEMBERS)

MIAMI CHAPTER – BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION – 109

MID-SIZE CHAPTER (40 – 79 MEMBERS)

CENTRAL CAROLINA BLACK NURSES COUNCIL – 76

SMALL CHAPTER (8 – 39 MEMBERS)

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION – 37

HIGHEST PERCENT GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP (JUNE 16, 2024/MAY 15, 2025)

GRAND CHAPTER – COUNCIL OF BLACK NURSES, LOS ANGELES (73/140 – 92%)

LARGE CHAPTER – PIEDMONT BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION – CHARLOTTE (75/95) – 27%

MID-SIZE CHAPTER – DETROIT BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION (33/75) – 127%

SMALL CHAPTER – NORTHWEST INDIANA BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION (8/18) 125%

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Alexis Washington
President

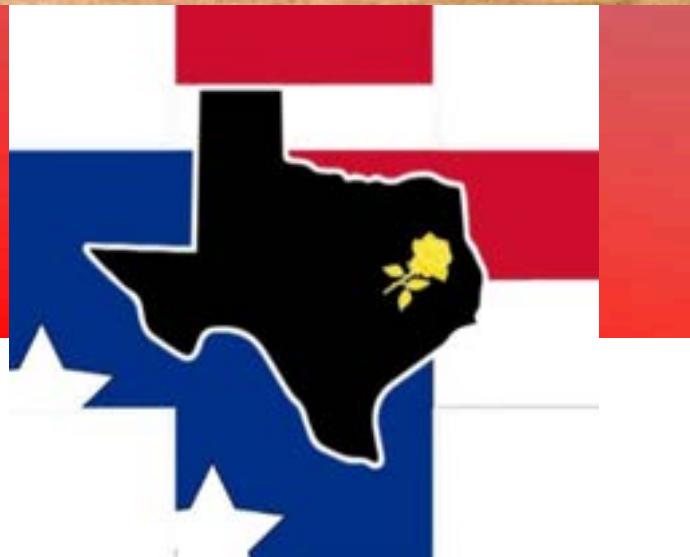


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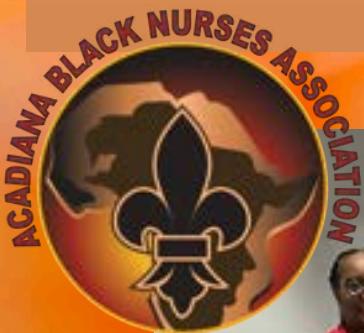
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Inaugurated a new chapter, expanding our reach and impact

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Honored culture and history during Hispanic Heritage Month and Black History Month

Launched our social media platforms to stay connected and engaged

Awarded scholarships to graduate and undergraduate students

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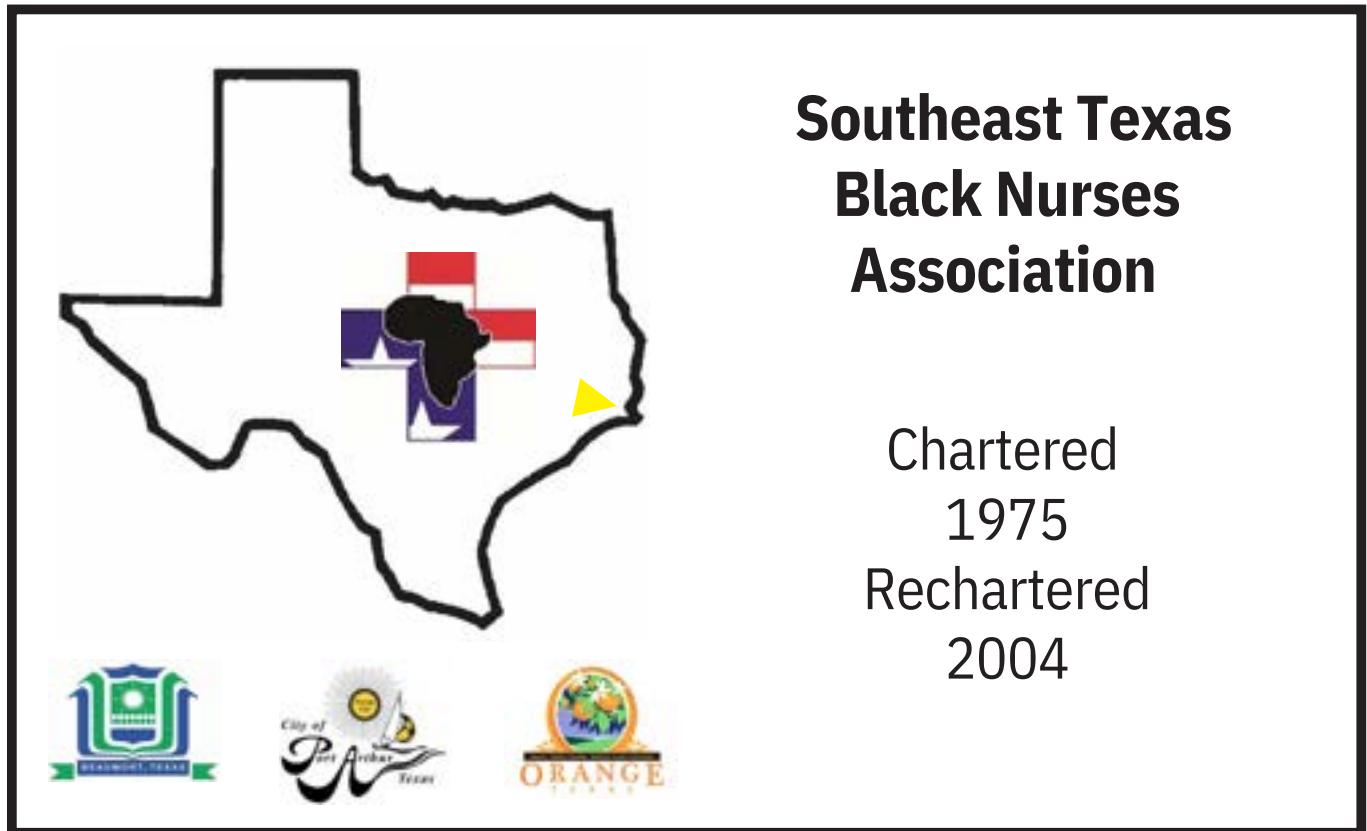
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