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National Black Nurses Association Celebrates Members Accepted into the Fellows of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (FAANP)

Silver Spring, MD — The National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) proudly recognizes several distinguished members who have been accepted into the **2026 Class of Fellows of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (FAANP)**, one of the highest professional honors for nurse practitioners.

The Fellows of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners program recognizes nurse practitioner leaders who have made outstanding contributions to clinical practice, research, education, policy, and community health. This year, **59 AANP members** were selected for induction, joining a distinguished body of leaders that now exceeds **1,000 Fellows worldwide**.

NBNA congratulates the following members for this remarkable achievement:

- **Tracey Bell, DNP, NNP** – Pittsburgh Black Nurses in Action
- **Felesia Bowen, PhD, DNP, PPCNP-BC, FADLN, FAAN** – Birmingham Black Nurses Association
- **Maya Clark-Cutaia, PhD, RN, ACNP-BC, FAAN, FADLN** - Academy of Diversity Leaders in Nursing
- **Audwin Fletcher, PhD, FNP-BC** – Lifetime Member of the National Black Nurses Association
- **Charleen Jacobs-McFarlane, PhD, RN, ANP-BC, FNYAM, FADLN** – Greater New York City Black Nurses Association, Lifetime Member
- **Celia McIntosh, DNP, RN, CCRN, CNRN, CEN, SCRN** – Rochester Black Nurses Association

These nurse practitioner leaders represent the excellence, leadership, and commitment to health equity that define the mission of NBNA. Their selection as FAANP Fellows reflects years of dedication to advancing nursing practice, improving patient outcomes, and strengthening communities through compassionate and evidence-based care.

The new Fellows will be formally **inducted on June 25, 2026**, during the **AANP National Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada**. Practicing across **27 states**, the 2026 class represents



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a diverse group of nurse practitioner leaders whose work continues to shape the future of health care both nationally and globally.

“NBNA is proud to celebrate the accomplishments of our members who continue to elevate the role of Nurse Practitioners and serve as leaders in advancing health equity,” said **Dr. Sheldon D. Fields, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, AACRN, FNAP, FAANP, FADLN, FAAN, President of NBNA, and a FAANP fellow himself.** “Their induction into the FAANP program reflects the extraordinary work that Black nurse practitioners are doing to improve the health outcomes all across our country.

About the National Black Nurses Association, Inc.

Founded in 1971, the National Black Nurses Association represents more than 200,000 African American nurses, including over 100 chapters nationwide. NBNA is committed to improving the health of Black communities, increasing the number of Black nurses, and eliminating health disparities through advocacy, education, research, and leadership development.

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