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National Black Nurses Association Congratulates 14 Members Named to the American Academy of Nursing's 2026 Class of Fellows

Silver Spring, MD — The National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) proudly congratulates 14 distinguished members who have been selected for induction into the 2026 Class of Fellows of the American Academy of Nursing (AAN), one of the nursing profession's highest honors.

Election as a Fellow recognizes nurse leaders whose sustained contributions have advanced health care through leadership, innovation, research, education, policy, and clinical practice. The 2026 Class of Fellows will be formally inducted during the American Academy of Nursing's annual Health Policy Conference in October.

"As an Academy Fellow since 2016, I fully understand the magnitude of this honor and welcome our NBNA colleagues into the most highly regarded nursing fellowship. This accomplishment honors your impact on our profession and your service to humanity," stated **Dr. Sheldon D. Fields, NBNA President and CEO**.

The 2026 American Academy of Nursing Fellows will be inducted on **Saturday, October 10, 2026**, during the **American Academy of Nursing (AAN) Health Policy Conference**.

The NBNA members selected for the American Academy of Nursing's 2026 Class of Fellows are:

- Maxine A. Adegbola, University of Texas at Arlington College of Nursing
Metroplex Black Nurses Association (Dallas)
- Jerrica V. Ampadu, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Nursing
Direct Member
- Cheryl D. Bellamy, Henry Ford Health
Detroit Black Nurses Association
- Ahnyel Burkes, University Medical Center New Orleans
New Orleans Black Nurses Association
- Yvette N. Conyers, University of Maryland School of Nursing
Chesapeake Bay Black Nurses Association
- Kimberley S. Ennis, NYU Langone Orthopedic Hospital
Greater New York City Black Nurses Association



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- Grissel Hernandez, Stanford Health Care
Silicon Valley Black Nurses Association
- Nola A. Holness, Florida International University Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing & Health Sciences
Miami Chapter – Black Nurses Association
- Loretta T. Lee, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing
Birmingham Black Nurses Association
- Jacqueline M. Newsome-Williams, Washington Area Nurse Practitioner Group, LLC
Direct Member
- LaDonna C. Thomas, Department of Veterans Affairs – Durham, North Carolina
Central Carolina Black Nurses Council
- Katherine E. Tucker, Health Department, City of New Haven, Connecticut
Southern Connecticut Black Nurses Association
- Lori Lynn Vick, University of South Carolina College of Nursing
Midlands of South Carolina Black Nurses Association
- Tracy R. Wilson, Cristcot Pharma
Black Nurses Association of Greater Houston

These outstanding leaders represent the breadth and depth of excellence found throughout the National Black Nurses Association. Their accomplishments span nursing education, clinical practice, research, health policy, public health, administration, and innovation, further strengthening the profession while advancing health equity for communities nationwide.

NBNA celebrates each of these remarkable leaders and looks forward to recognizing their induction into the American Academy of Nursing later this year.

For reference, the American Academy of Nursing announced its 2026 Class of Fellows in June 2026, recognizing nurse leaders for their significant and sustained contributions to improving health and advancing the nursing profession. (aannet.org)

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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 115 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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