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The National Black Nurses Association Celebrates Seven Members Named 2026 Fellows of the NLN Academy of Nursing Education

SILVER SPRING, Md. — August 13, 2026 — The National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) proudly congratulates seven distinguished NBNA members who have been selected as members of the 2026 class of Fellows of the National League for Nursing (NLN) Academy of Nursing Education.

The 2026 class marks the 20th class of Academy Fellows and is the largest in the Academy's history, with 44 nurse educators selected for this prestigious recognition.

NBNA proudly celebrates the following NBNA members on their well earned honor:

- Ashley Bryant, PhD, RN, OCN, FAAN, FGSA
- Benita Chatmon, PhD, MSN, RN, CNE, FAAN, FADLN
- Derrick Glymph, PhD, DNAP, CRNA, CNE, CHSE, FIAAN, FAANA, FAAN
- Kechinyere (Kechi) Iheduru-Anderson, EdD, DNP, RN, CNE, FAAN, FADLN
- Audrey Miller, PhD, MSN Ed, APRN, PPCNP-BC, CPN, CNE, FADLN
- Jonas Nguh, PhD, RN, NEA-BC
- Danica Sumpter, PhD, RN, CNE, FADLN

Selection as a Fellow of the NLN Academy of Nursing Education recognizes nurse educators who have made significant and sustained contributions to nursing education. Candidates undergo a rigorous review of their accomplishments in areas including innovative teaching and learning strategies, nursing education research, faculty development, academic leadership, public policy and collaborative educational, practice and community partnerships.

"Excellence in Nursing Education is a hallmark of the nursing profession, and the induction of these stellar NBNA educational leaders underscores the importance of fostering nursing education that is more inclusive as well as culturally humanistic", stated **Dr. Sheldon D. Fields, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, FAANP, FNAP, FADLN, FAAN, 14th NBNA President.**

The Academy of Nursing Education recognizes individuals who have made enduring and substantial contributions to nursing education. With the addition of the 2026 class, the Academy will include 473 Fellows representing leaders from academic institutions, health care systems and other organizations committed to advancing nursing education and the quality and safety of health care.

The 2026 Fellows will be formally inducted during the Honors Convocation on **Friday, Sept. 25, 2026**, as part of the NLN Education Summit in Washington, D.C.

NBNA celebrates the 2026 fellows for this remarkable professional achievement and for their continued commitment to advancing nursing education, leadership and excellence.

About the National Black Nurses Association

Founded in 1971, NBNA is a professional organization representing more than 308,000 African American registered nurses, licensed vocational/practical nurses, and nursing students through chapters nationwide. NBNA is dedicated to serving as the voice for Black nurses and diverse populations by promoting professional development, educational advancement, leadership, and health equity initiatives that improve the health of communities locally and globally.

