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National Black Nurses Association Congratulates Members Named 2026 Fellows of the Academy of Diversity Leaders in Nursing

SILVER SPRING, Md. — Oct. 21, 2026 — The National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) proudly congratulates its members selected for induction into the 2026 Class of Fellows of the Academy of Diversity Leaders in Nursing (ADLN). This prestigious recognition honors nursing professionals whose leadership, achievements and dedication have contributed to advancing justice, equity, diversity and inclusion throughout the nursing profession and healthcare.

The Academy of Diversity Leaders in Nursing recognizes distinguished nursing leaders who have demonstrated excellence in education, research, clinical practice, policy and administration. The 2026 class represents a diverse group of professionals whose contributions continue to strengthen the nursing workforce, expand opportunities for underrepresented communities and promote equitable healthcare outcomes.

"These 18 Luminary inductees and 40 Distinguished Inductees, for a total of 58 NBNA members, underscore the deep mutual commitment to Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion work that both ADLN and NBNA share," stated **NBNA President and ADLN Co-founder Dr. Sheldon D. Fields, PhD, RN, CRNP, FNP-BC, FAANP, FNAP, FADLN, FAAN**.

NBNA proudly recognizes the following members named to the 2026 ADLN Fellowship class:

2026 Luminary ADLN Fellows

The Luminary ADLN Fellowship recognizes highly distinguished nursing professionals with at least 30 years of experience who have made significant contributions to advancing justice, equity, diversity and inclusion in nursing.

- Gabrielle P. Abelard, DNP, APRN-BC, FAAN, FNAP, FAANP
- Jewel Ann Adams, MSN, FNP-NEA-BC
- Paula Alexander-Delpech, PhD, PMHNP-BC, APRN
- Angela Denise Brock, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC
- Shelley Ann Burke, DNP, MSN, RN, CPN

- Valerie J. Diaz, DNP, CRNA, PMHNP-BC, APRN, CNE, CHSE, CAPT (Ret), USN, NC, FAANA
- Mourine Alicia Evans, BSN, MS, RN
- Elsie Adedolapo Jolade, DNP, FNP-BC, ACNS, ED.M., APRN, CCRN, FAAN
- Monique Marie McKnight-Meachum, MSN-Ed, MSN, CGRN, FNYAM
- Christina M. Oldini, RN, MBA, CPHQ
- Schenita Davis Randolph, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN
- Nadia Fritz Raymond, PhD, MHA, RN
- Denise Hudson Robertson, DNP, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, CNL
- Norma L. Rogers-Fink, BSN, RN, CCRA, ACRP-PM, RP
- Wanda Thruston, DNP, APRN, PNP-PC, RN, FAAN
- Trina Michell Turner, DNP, RN-BC, LNC, CNE
- Carmen Michelle Ward-Sullivan, PhD, RN
- Lisa Whitfield-Harris, PhD, MBA, MSN, RN, NEA-BC

2026 Distinguished ADLN Fellows

The Distinguished ADLN Fellowship honors nursing professionals who have developed innovative initiatives and demonstrated meaningful contributions to transforming nursing education, research, practice, policy and administration.

- Josephine Ataa Agyei, BSN, RN
- Gwen Anderson, DNP, RN, SCRN, CNE, NE-BC-FNYAM
- Omega Augustus, RN, MSN
- Karine Austin, DNP, MSN-Ed, MBA, RN, NEA-BC, CENP, CPPS
- Stacy M. Bentil, DNP, MSN, LNC, RN
- Sabina Bien-Aime, MHA, BSN, RN, AMB-BC
- Chris L. Bryant, DNP, MSN-PH, CNS, RN
- Ahnyel Burkes, DNP, RN-BC, NEA-BC, LSSBB
- Shantay Y. Carter, BSN, RN
- Katia Charitable, DNP, MSN-Ed, RN
- Norman Cyprian Jr., DHA, MHA, BSN, RN, BC-CVRN, FACCN
- Christie Lynn Davis, MSHSA, RN, CENP
- Hershaw Davis Jr., DNP, MBA, RN
- Tymeeka Davis, DNP, RN-BC, CNL
- Bibiane Dimanche Sykes, Ed.D, MSN, RN
- Madeline Feliciano-Weiser, DNP, RN, NE-BC, CNML
- Casey Green, MSN, RN, CCRN-CMC, CFRN, CTRN, TCRN, CEN, CPEN, CNRN, NRP
- Charlotte A. Gullap-Moore, DNP, MSN, MLS, APRN, ANP-BC, RN, FNAP

- Lendra James, DNP, MS, RN, NE-BC
- Erica Denise Joseph, PhD, DNP, APRN, PMHNP-BC, NP-C
- Daisy Lara, DNP, CRNP, FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC
- Latoya Lewis, Ed.D-CI, MSN, RN
- Keisha Lewis-Nesbitt, MSN.Ed, PHN, RN
- Sylvia Martin, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, CPCHE
- Sheniece Latoya Martin-Stancil El, DNP, RN, CNL
- Laquisha La Chelle Moody, DNP, RN, CNEpv, LNC
- Cassandra Patricia Mombrun, MSN, RN, CPNP-PC
- Cassandra Moore-Hawkins, DNP, MS, RN, EBP-C, FACHDM, FANHE
- Tanya R. Moore-Murray, MPH, MSN, RNC-OB, C-EFM, CLC
- Jose Perpignan Jr., MSN, FNP, RN
- Nyishah Shaune Samaniego, DNP, RN, CEN, TCRN, NE-BC, LNC
- Kimberly Janese Scott, MSN, MBA, RN
- Kenya Denette Smith, DNP, PMHNP-BC
- Sheree Smith, MS, RN, NEA-BC
- Ladonna C. Thomas, DNP, ANP-C, VHA-CM, FCN, FFNMRCSI, FNAP
- Carter Todd, MS, MBA, RN, NE-BC
- Nicole Alicia Wallace, LPN
- Sarah Kathleen Wells, MSN, RN, CEN, CNL
- Charlene Denyse Whitaker-Brown, DNP, MSN, FNP-C, PMHNP-BC
- Titia Delores Widener-Williams, MSN, APRN, FNP-C

NBNA extends its heartfelt congratulations to all members inducted into the 2026 ADLN Fellowship class. Their accomplishments represent an enduring legacy of leadership, service and advocacy that continues to shape the future of nursing and healthcare.

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.