



THE BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION OF
GREATER WASHINGTON, DC AREA INC

46TH
ANNUAL

Salute

**TO THE BLACK NURSE
OF THE YEAR & SCHOLARSHIP
AWARDS LUNCHEON**

*BNA-GWDCA Serving as the Voice of the
Black Nurse: "Crisis Ready in an Unpredictable
Healthcare Environment"*

2026

Greetings & Welcome!

As we gather to celebrate the 46th Annual Salute to the Black Nurse of the Year and Scholarship Awards Luncheon, we are honored to recognize excellence, service, and legacy within our profession. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Eugenia T. Powell on this well-deserved honor. With more than 32 years of distinguished experience in nursing leadership and healthcare operations, Dr. Powell exemplifies excellence in quality improvement, education, and mentorship, inspiring nurses across generations. We also proudly congratulate our scholarship recipients, whose dedication, resilience, and commitment to the nursing profession represent the promise of our future. Your perseverance along your nursing journey is truly commendable.

In these critical times, as health disparities continue to disproportionately impact communities of color, the Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington, DC Area (BNA-GWDCA) remains steadfast in serving our communities. In 2025, we provided free health screenings and blood pressure checks, organized donations of hygiene products and winter clothing, and proudly launched our first toy drive, supporting students and families in Southeast Washington, DC.

We are especially proud to share the completion of the first phases of the BNA-GWDCA Legacy Project: Honoring Our Icons—one of our most meaningful initiatives of 2025. This short documentary film honors and memorializes our nurse icons and pioneering leaders, capturing their stories, contributions, and triumphs. These extraordinary women laid the foundation upon which we proudly stand today.

We are deeply grateful for your presence as our esteemed guests. Your continued support and commitment to honoring the achievements of Black nurses strengthen our mission and vision. Together, we celebrate our rich history while looking ahead to a bright and promising future in nursing. Thank you for joining us for this special celebration. Let us continue to uplift, empower, and inspire one another as we move forward in excellence and service.

Blessings and favor to each of you!

Warmest regards,

Janice M. Johnson

Janice M. Johnson, BSN, RN-BC
President, BNA-GWDCA





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On behalf of the National Black Nurses Association, Inc., it is both a privilege and an honor to extend heartfelt congratulations to the Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington, DC Area as you celebrate your 46th Annual Salute to the Black Nurse of the Year and Scholarship Awards Luncheon.

For forty-six years, BNA GWDCa has exemplified what it means to lead with purpose, serve with excellence, and advocate with courage. This signature event stands as a powerful testament to your chapter's unwavering commitment to uplifting Black nurses and investing in the next generation of nursing leaders.

This year's theme, "Serving as the Voice for Black Nurses – Crisis Ready in an Unpredictable Healthcare Environment," could not be more timely. We are navigating one of the most complex eras in healthcare history, marked by workforce shortages, health inequities, public health crises, and systemic challenges that demand bold, informed, and resilient leadership. Black nurses continue to rise to the moment. We are clinicians, executives, educators, policy advocates, and trusted community voices. We are not only crisis responders, we are system shapers.

I extend sincere congratulations to the 2026 Black Nurse of the Year, Dr. Eugenia T. Powell, whose distinguished service represents the excellence and impact this award was designed to recognize. I also commend your esteemed guest speakers, Tina Sandri, Darcel Jackson, and Dr. Katie Boston Leary, for lending their voices to an afternoon of empowerment and inspiration.

Equally important, this luncheon serves as your chapter's sole fundraiser, fueling scholarships and sustaining community outreach efforts that open doors for aspiring nurses. That investment in education and service ensures that our pipeline remains strong and our communities remain supported.

To President Janice M. Johnson, Vice President Lauren Mouling, and the entire BNA GWDCa leadership team, thank you for your steadfast commitment to advancing NBNA's mission. Your work strengthens not only your local community but also the national movement to increase the number of culturally competent Black nurses and reduce health disparities.

May this celebration be filled with pride, joy, and renewed commitment to the work ahead.

With appreciation and respect,

Tonya Jackson
Executive Director
National Black Nurses Association, Inc.





STATE OF MARYLAND

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
Wes Moore



March 7, 2026

Dear President Johnson and Members of the Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington D.C. Area:

On behalf of the Moore-Miller Administration and 6.5 million Marylanders, I am honored to congratulate you on the 46th Annual Salute to the Black Nurse of the Year and Scholarship Awards Luncheon.

The theme of the event, "Voice of the Black Nurse: Crisis Ready in an Unpredictable Healthcare Environment," is especially fitting given this year's lineup of some of the region's most impactful and resilient health care professionals, including the 2026 Black Nurse of the Year, Dr. Eugenia Powell.

These public servants remind us that while progress is not preordained, progress is possible because of those willing to do the work. The Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington D.C. Area carries that legacy forward. For decades, this association has improved health care access, advocated for underserved communities, and opened pathways to work, wages, and wealth for future generations of Black nurses.

Maryland is your proud partner in the work. It's why we've increased funding for HBCUs by nearly 60 percent since taking office. We've invested \$4 million into addressing our state's nursing shortage. And we've directed over \$1.4 billion to improving access to mental health services for Marylanders.

It's not lost on me that we find ourselves at a time when we're seeing attacks on health care across the country, but this association wasn't just made for a moment like this. You were founded in a moment like this. So let's keep up the work, and let's leave no one behind.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Wes Moore, written in a stylized, cursive script.

Wes Moore
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ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON
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March 7, 2026

GREETINGS!

I am pleased to extend greetings to all those in attendance of the **46th Annual Salute to the Black Nurse of the Year and Scholarship Awards** hosted by the **Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington DC, Incorporated**. A special congratulations to Dr. Eugenia T. Powell on being selected as the **2026 Black Nurse of the Year!**

I applaud the Black Nurses Association for your commitment to hosting such a wonderful event that recognizes the need for educational opportunity and the well-being of marginalized communities. Your expertise and voice are needed now more than ever.

My best wishes for a remarkable occasion and hope for continued success!

Sincerely,

Eleanor Holmes Norton



Greetings

46th Black Nurse of the Year and Scholarship Awards Luncheon

March 7, 2026



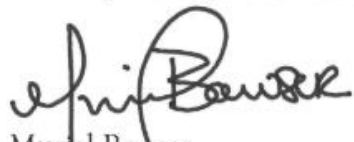
As Mayor of Washington, DC, I extend greetings to the Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington, DC Area on the occasion of your annual Black Nurse of the Year and Scholarship Awards Luncheon.

This 46th anniversary luncheon continues your legacy of honoring excellence in nursing leadership, community service, advancing health equity, and awarding scholarships to support future nurses.

I am especially delighted to congratulate 2026 Black Nurse of the Year Dr. Eugenia T. Powell for exemplary contributions to quality nursing care, nursing education, and her inspiring tutelage of future nurses.

Residents of the District of Columbia and beyond have benefited greatly from your 46 years of outstanding service to our communities.

On behalf of the more than 700,000 residents of Washington, DC, thank you for your unwavering devotion to advancing health equity and empowering Black nurses. Happy 46th Anniversary!


Muriel Bowser
Mayor, District of Columbia



Office of the State's Attorney

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Office of the State's Attorney for Prince George's County, Maryland, proudly recognizes Dr. Eugenia T. Powell, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, CPHQ for her distinguished career and outstanding contributions to the nursing profession, healthcare leadership, and the advancement of high-quality, culturally responsive care; and

WHEREAS, with more than 32 years of experience in healthcare leadership, Dr. Powell has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to excellence through her service as President and Chief Executive Officer of Woodmore Healthcare Consulting and through her influential roles within community hospitals and academic medical centers; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Powell has exemplified visionary leadership and professional integrity in her former positions as a Hospital Administrator, Chief Quality Officer, and Assistant Vice President of Nursing, fostering collaborative work environments that have produced meaningful quality improvements and strong regulatory outcomes; and

WHEREAS, as a national Magnet appraiser with the American Nurses Association and the American Nurses Credentialing Center, Dr. Powell has played a vital role in advancing national standards of nursing excellence, patient-centered care, and organizational quality; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Powell has made lasting contributions to the professional development of nurses and healthcare professionals through her leadership in education and research, including the creation of a hospital-based nursing research program focused on evidence-based practice, quality improvement, and scholarly engagement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Powell's dedication to mentorship, service, and leadership is further reflected in her academic achievements and professional service, including earning advanced degrees from The Catholic University of America and Howard University and board certification as a Nurse Advanced Executive, as well as active service on the Alliance for PACE Innovation and Quality (APIQ) Board, the Fleet Nurse Advisory Board, and as a founding member of the Black Nurse Collaborative; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Powell's selection as Black Nurse of the Year by the Black Nurse Association of Greater Washington, D.C. stands as a testament to her professionalism, dedication, and unwavering commitment to uplifting the nursing profession and strengthening the health and well-being of communities throughout the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TARA H. JACKSON, STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby recognize and celebrate Dr. Eugenia T. Powell, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, CPHQ, on this the 7th day of March 2026, in honor of her distinguished service on the occasion of the Black Nurse Association of Greater Washington, D.C.'s 46th Annual Salute to the Black Nurse of the Year and Scholarship Awards Luncheon. **FURTHER**, I commend her for her exemplary leadership, service, and enduring commitment to excellence in healthcare.



TARA H. JACKSON
STATE'S ATTORNEY



Proclamation

Montgomery County Maryland

WHEREAS, the National Black Nurses Association, Inc. (NBNA) was organized in 1971 under the leadership of Dr. Laurene Sams, former Dean and Professor of Nursing, School of Nursing, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, members of the NBNA are comprised of Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses and Student Nurses, and represent approximately 250,000 African American nurses from the United States, Eastern Caribbean and Africa; with 113 chartered chapters; and

WHEREAS, the NBNA's mission is to provide a forum for collective action by black nurses to investigate, define, and advocate for the health care needs of African Americans, and to implement strategies that ensure access to health care, equal to, or above health care standards of the larger society; and

WHEREAS, the Black Nurses Association (BNA) of the Greater Washington, DC area, chartered in 1975, endeavors to support the mission of the NBNA and provide service to the Greater Washington, DC area community; and

WHEREAS, the first Black Nurse of the Year award program was held on February 14, 1981, at St. Elizabeth Hospital, and the purpose of the award is to recognize and honor the contributions of nurses in the Washington, DC area

NOW, THEREFORE DO I, Marc Elrich, hereby congratulate:

Dr. Eugenia T. Powell
PHD, RN, NEA-BC, CPHQ

President of the Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington, DC Area (BNA-GWDCA) as the **2026 Black Nurse of the Year** at the 46th Annual Salute to the Black Nurse of the Year & Scholarship Awards Luncheon.



Signed this 7th day of March in the year 2026

MARC ELRICH
County Executive

Leadership through the Years

BNA of Greater Washington DC Area, Inc.

was chartered in 1975 and has had the following presidents lead the chapter:

<i>Cynthia Edwards -1976</i>	<i>Glenda LeMaitre -1995-1998</i>
<i>Mary Hinton -1977-1978</i>	<i>Patricia Tompkins -1991-1998, 2007-2010</i>
<i>Elizabeth Richardson -1979</i>	<i>Elmira Asongwed -1999-2002</i>
<i>Barbara Baskerville -1980-1981</i>	<i>Dr. Veronica Clark-Tasker -2003-2006</i>
<i>Dr. Johnella Banks -1982</i>	<i>Diana Wharton - 2011-2014</i>
<i>Ethel Holland Johnson -1984-1989</i>	<i>Sonia Swayze - 2015-2017</i>
<i>Anna McClain -1992-1994</i>	<i>Dr. Pier Broadnax - 2017 - 2023</i>
	<i>Diana Wharton - 2023 - 2025</i>

Janice Johnson - President

Our History

In 1970, Black nurses convened during the 47th American Nurses Association Convention to discuss common concerns. A steering committee formed in 1971 in Cleveland, Ohio, aimed to address the needs of Black Americans in healthcare. Consequently, the National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) was incorporated and gained tax-exempt status in 1972.

The 2nd NBNA Institute and Conference in Miami, Florida, in 1974 drew many nurses from Washington, DC. This led to the official chartering of the Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington, DC Area (BNA of GWDCA) in June 1975 as the fourth national chapter. Notable charter members included Cynthia Barr Edwards (President), Claudine Linder (Secretary), and Lillian Wade (Treasurer). Barbara Baskerville, Ada Cain, Janice Crouch and Bertha Speight were members at large.

As a local NBNA chapter, the BNA of GWDCA focuses on supporting the Greater Washington, DC area community, emphasizing service for both nurses and the community. Members are encouraged to maintain memberships in other professional organizations.

Open to licensed nurses and nursing students, the chapter serves as a unifying force among Black nurses.

In celebration of Black History Month, the BNA of GWDCA initiated its Annual Salute to a Black Nurse on February 14, 1981, recognizing the contributions of Black nursing leaders across healthcare sectors, including the military. This signature program has expanded to provide continuing education for nurses and acknowledge scholarship recipients. Scholarships are awarded to high school seniors entering nursing programs, matriculating nursing students, and licensed nurses pursuing advanced degrees.

NBNA Lifetime Members

Dr. Elmira Asongwed
Dr. Veronica Tasker-Battle
Gaye Broadway
Dr. Denise Canton
Addie Carrington
Juanita Coye-Bailey
Janice Davis
Brenda Denefield-Jones
Audrey Drake
Dr. Janalyn C. Edmonds
Audrey Drake
Dr. Janalyn Edmonds

Cynthia Edwards
Geraldine Feaster
Margaret Green
Juanita Hall
Dr. Barbara J. Hatcher
Martha Herrin
Ethel Holland-Johnson
Judith Jourdain-Earl
Dr. Sharon W. Lewis
Sandra Mavin
Margaret Pemberton

Dr. Carolyn Peoples Veiga
Dr. Gloria Ramsey
Constance Reese
Carolyn Rowe
Karen Scipio-Skinner
Crystal Scott
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The Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington D.C. Area (BNA-GWDCa) invites you to become an integral part of our vibrant community of Black nurses. Becoming a member offers various tiers to cater to nurses at different stages of their careers and experience levels. We understand that every nurse brings a unique role and perspective. Become part of a thriving community that values your dedication and expertise. Together, we can shape a brighter future for Black nurses in the healthcare industry.

Benefits of Membership

- ◆ **Advancement:** Receive support and guidance to progress in your nursing career, whether you're a student or an experienced nurse.
- ◆ **Education:** Access valuable resources, workshops, and webinars to enhance your nursing skills and knowledge.
- ◆ **Exclusive Events:** Attend our members-only events, conferences, and seminars to stay updated with the latest healthcare trends.
- ◆ **Mentorship:** Give back and inspire the next generation while benefiting from mentorship opportunities at every career stage.
- ◆ **Networking:** Connect with a diverse community of Black nurses, share experiences, and build lasting professional relationships.
- ◆ **Paid Scholarship:** For undergraduate and graduate nursing degrees educational advancement

2026



BLACK NURSE OF THE YEAR

Eugenia T. Powell

Eugenia T. Powell, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, CPHQ, FADLN brings over 40 years of healthcare leadership experience and serves as President and CEO of Woodmore Healthcare Consulting Group, LLC. Passionate about culturally responsive care, she has advanced excellence and quality across community hospitals and academic medical centers through collaborative, outcomes-driven leadership. Guided by her Christian faith, Dr. Powell approaches leadership as a calling rooted in service, stewardship, and compassion.

Her executive experience includes roles as Health System Vice President, Hospital Administrator/Chief Operating Officer, and Chief Quality Officer, where she led system-wide initiatives to improve patient outcomes, quality performance, and organizational effectiveness. Dr. Powell has also championed professional development through education and research, establishing nursing research programs grounded in evidence-based practice.

A respected mentor and role model, Dr. Powell holds advanced nursing and quality certifications and is actively engaged in professional service and governance. She is an International Magnet™ Appraiser and a founding member and Vice President/Chief Operating Officer of the Black Nurse Collaborative, Inc. She serves on the Board of the Alliance for PACE Innovation and Quality, the Board of Directors for the Maryland Nurses Association, District 5, and is an abstract reviewer for the National Association for Healthcare Quality (NAHQ).

Dr. Powell is a member of Chi Eta Phi Nursing Sorority, Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She is a newly inducted Fellow of the Academy of Diversity Leaders in Nursing (FADLN). Dr. Powell earned her PhD and MSN from the Catholic University of America and her BSN and master's degree

Panelist

Dr. Katie Boston-Leary

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



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 sits on numerous boards and national committees in nursing and healthcare and is an editorial advisory board member with Nursing Management, Nursing 2025, OADN and ACHE. Katie leads the National Commission to Address Racism in Nursing Forum and organized ANA's inaugural Equity Summit in Washington, DC.

Katie is a 2024 ICN Global Nurse Leaders Institute Scholar and was previously identified in by Health Leaders Media as "One of Five Chief Nursing Officers Changing Healthcare". She also won the ICABA TD Bank 2023 Woman of Impact award, the 2024 Spectrum Circle Award for Innovation in Health and won the 2025 National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) President's Trailblazer Award. She was inducted as a Distinguished Fellow at the Academy of Diversity Leaders in Nursing with the NBNA, is a Fellow with American Organization of Nursing Leadership (AONL), the American Academy of Nursing (AAN) the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery with the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. She was recently named as an honored listee on Marquis' Who's Who in America.

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 recently co-authored a Sigma published book titled *Harmony by Design, Navigating Work and Life in Healthcare*.

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.

Tina Sandri

MHSA, LNHA, QCP, RYT-200

Tina Sandri, MHSA, LNHA, QCP, RYT-200, a Health Care Executive in senior living services that has served assisted living, memory care, long- and short-stay skilled care, respite, and hospice care. A second-generation healthcare leader, her career began when she volunteered at Howard University Hospital while in high school. She has led in for-profit, non-profit, chain, and free-standing healthcare environments, including hospitals and CCRCs. Sandri currently serves on the AHCA Board of Governors. She has served as Chair of DCHCA, the DC affiliate of AHCA/NCAL, and has served on the Board of Leading Age DC.



Sandri serves on the Steering Committee of the Moving (Quality) Forward Coalition and on the Advisory Board of the Vision Centre to develop the next gen of leaders in long term care. As a yoga instructor, she integrates her yoga practice into her leadership style. Past successes with her teams include achieving the 4th Magnet/Pathways to Excellence certified nursing home in the USA, introducing a robot to a senior living community that became a Time Magazine cover story about resident engagement, and being awarded global Ambassador of the Year by Aging 2.0 for mentoring entrepreneurs at the intersection of aging and innovation. Her teamperson-centered approach to employee vaccinations was featured on the front page of The New York Times, CNN, Becker's Hospital Review, McKnight's Senior Living, and globally. Her passion for workforce solutions incorporates a mind/body/spirit approach to optimize resilient teams.

A QAPI certified professional and Baldrige Gold Quality Award Examiner, she is focused on teaching positive process change management. As an AIT preceptor, she has trained diverse leaders to become NHAs in senior living. Consistent with her cultural values as an Asian American, as she was taught to respect and care for her elders since early childhood. She co-developed the city-wide Fun Run Relay in DC to celebrate Older Americans Month, which won the AHCA Program of the Year Award in 2022. Sandri personal and professional mission is to do good, create abundance, and have some fun along the way.

Darcel Jackson

CPXP, LSSGB

Darcel Jackson is the Manager of Patient and Family Centered Care at Children's National Hospital. In this role, she collaborates with clinical and operational teams and oversees the hospital's patient and family partnership infrastructure to strengthen collaboration among patients, families, and staff. Her work ensures that lived experiences meaningfully shape the design, delivery, and improvement of care.

With more than 18 years of experience in healthcare transformation, family engagement, and caregiving.



Darcel brings a systems perspective grounded in practical application. Darcel has led initiatives that integrate patient and family voice into quality, safety, education, and experience efforts, including serving as a family as faculty advisor in clinical and professional education settings. Her leadership is deeply shaped by her journey as the mother of her late daughter, Anniyah, who lived with complex medical needs. This experience provides a unique dual perspective on the shared challenges and opportunities experienced by families and healthcare professionals. Through her work and speaking engagements, Darcel emphasizes actionable strategies that foster trust, resilience, and collaboration. Her focus is on supporting healthier experiences for both those who receive care and those who provide it.

Congratulations to Scholarship Recipients



Farrelle Adotevi
University of Maryland

Founders Scholarship: Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington Area (BNA-GWDCA) established the Founders Scholarship in 2010 to honor the original seven (7) nurses responsible for starting this organization. Cynthia Barr Edwards (President), Claudine Linder (Secretary), Lillian Wade (Treasurer), Barbara Baskerville, Ada Cain, Janice Crouch, and Bertha Speight members-at-large are known as the Founders. The BNA-GWDCA was officially chartered as the fourth chapter of the National Black Nurses Association in 1995.



Amaris Mckisset
Coppin State University

Margaret A. Pemberton Endowed Nursing Scholarship: Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington, D.C. Area (BNA-GWDCA) offers the Margaret A. Pemberton Endowed Scholarship. Ms. Margaret A. Pemberton, BS, RN, a member of BNA-GWDCA, nurse entrepreneur, and owner of residential services for mentally challenged adults established this endowe scholarship.



Mya Hayes
Hampton University



Samantha Grant
Bowie State University

The Johnella Banks Memorial Scholarship is awarded to students enrolled in the registered nursing or practical nursing program. This scholarship was established in memory of Johnella Banks, DNSc, RN, an associate professor of nursing at Howard University College Nursing, served on multiple health related boards in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, past president of the BNA-GWDCA, and recipient of the 8th Black Nurse of the Year Award.



Onyinyechukwu Ikeako
Howard University



Lailah King
Morgan State University

The Veronica S. Longstreth Memorial Nursing Scholarship is awarded to a student enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate nursing program. This scholarship was established to honor Veronica S. Longstreth, MS, RN who had a career as a nursing administrator and worked in the District of Columbia government in various positions serving for over 20 years. She concluded her career as the Associate Director of the Office of Health Facilities Health Regulation and Licensing Administration (HRLA).



Latonia Ford
Kentucky State University



Advance Your Nursing Education with Mourine A. Evans Scholarship for Graduate Nursing students

Supporting graduate nursing students pursuing a Master's degree, PhD, or Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP). Applicants must be an NBNA and BNA-GWDCA member.

Apply for tuition and educational expense support. Deadline: January 31st annually.



For questions and application details visit - [Scholarships – Black Nurses Assoc Of Greater Washington](#)



Support the Future of Nursing Excellence and Community Care

The Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington, D.C. Area (BNAGWA) is dedicated to uplifting the nursing profession and addressing healthcare disparities in our community. Your contribution helps us provide scholarships, professional development opportunities, and essential health initiatives that impact countless lives.

By donating today, you are investing in the education of future nurses, the empowerment of current healthcare professionals, and the advancement of health equity for all. Every dollar brings us closer to a healthier, stronger, and more connected community. Your generosity fuels our mission to care, advocate, and educate.

Together, we can create lasting changes.

Visit our website bnaofgwdca.org and click the donate button.

WE SALUTE OUR PAST HONOREES

2025 Diana Wharton,
MSN, RN, NE-A

2024 Cheryl Durden
MS, RN, CPM, LSSGB

2023 Mourine Evans
RN, MS

2022 Winslow Woodland
RN, MSN

2021 Meedie Bardonille,
BSN, RN, PCCN-K, FCN

2020 Sharon W. Lewis,
DHA, CPM, RN-BC

2019 Phyllis Sharps, PhD,
RN, FAAN

2018 Martinious Handy,
RN, MSN

2017 Cynthia Edwards,
BSN, RN

2016 Pier Broadax,
PhD, RN

2015 Crystal Scott, MSN,
RN-BC

2014 Juanita A. Hall,
BSN, RN

2013 Janice M. Johnson,
BSN, RN-BC

2012 Ottamissiah Moore,
LPN, BSN

2011 Karen Scipio-Skinner,
RN, MSN

2010 Eva Stephens,
DNP, APRN-BC

2008 Barbara S. Scott,
MSN, RN-BC, CAN-BC

2009 Beatrice Adderley-
Kelly, PhD, RN

2007 Connie M. Webster
PhD, RN

2006 Gwendylon Johnson,
RN, MA, RNC

2005 Veronica Clark-
Tasker, RN, PhD, MBA, MPH

2004 M. Elizabeth Carnegie,
RN, DPA, FAAN (deceased)

2003 Dorothy Powell,
RN, EdD, FAAN

2002 Velma Henderson,
RN, MSN

2001 Margaret Pemberton,
RN, AA

2000 Audrey Drake,
RN, MSN, CNAA

1999 Anna R. McClain,
RN, MSN

1998 Donna Rae Richardson,
RN, JD

1997 Jacquelyn R. Campbell,
RN, MSN, CPNP

1996 Mary S. Harper,
RN, PhD, FAAN, (deceased)

1995 Patricia Tompkins,
RN, MS (deceased)

1994 Barbara Hatcher,
RN, PhD

1993 Margie S. Word,
RN, AAS (deceased)

1992 Carolyn Peoples
Veiga, RN, MSN

1991 Bernadine M. Lacey,
RN, EdD, FAAN (deceased)

1990 Col. (Ret.) Margaret
E. Bailey, RN, BA (deceased)

1989 Gwendolyn Webster,
RN, MSN, CNAA

1988 Johnella Banks,
RN, DNSc (deceased)

1987 Brenda S. Cherry,
RN, PhD

1986 Geraldine Feaster,
RN, MS, CNAA

1985 Brig. Gen. (Ret) Clara
Adams-Ender, RN, MSN,
NMAA

1984 Brig. Gen. (Ret) Hazel
Johnson-Brown,
RN, PhD, FAAN (deceased)

1983 Ida C. Robinson,
RN, MS (deceased)

1982 Lillian E. Wade,
RN, MSN

1981 Vernice Ferguson,
RH, MA, FAAN, FRCN (deceased)



Programme

Juanita Hall, BSN, RN, & Jaden Petrus, BSN, RN ~ Presiding

Processional

- Recognition of Founders & Lifetime Members..... Juanita Hall, BSN, RN & Jaden Petrus, BSN, RN
- Greetings from the NBNATonya Jackson, MSHA, BSN, RN,
Executive Director
- Salute to the Military.....Gaye Broadway, MSHCA, BSN, BG (Ret.), USA NC
- Invocation and Blessing of the Food..... Elder Thelma Hagood,
The First Baptist Church of Glenarden International
- "Lift Every Voice and Sing" Verses 1 and 3 Led by Simone Alcorn
- Welcome and Historical Reflections..... Janice M. Johnson, BSN, RN-BC, President,
BNA-GWDCA
- Recognition of Past Honorees..... Barbara Baskerville MSN, RN, COL USA(Ret),
& Alexis Martin, BSN, RN
- Presentation of Scholarship Awards..... Scholarship Committee Members
- Recognition of Distinguished Guests..... Sydney Warren, HU Nursing Student,
& Rev. Veronica Tasker-Battle, PhD, RN, MBA, MPH, MDIV
- Sponsor Recognition..... Kim Greenwood, BSN, RN,
& Eva Stephens DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, CNE

Lunch

..... **Legacy Project Flim Documentary
Silent Auction and Door Prizes**



Congratulations to our Silent Auction and Door Prizes winners!!



~ Continuing Education ~

Voice of the Black Nurse **"Crisis Ready in an Unpredictable Healthcare Environment"**

~ Moderators ~

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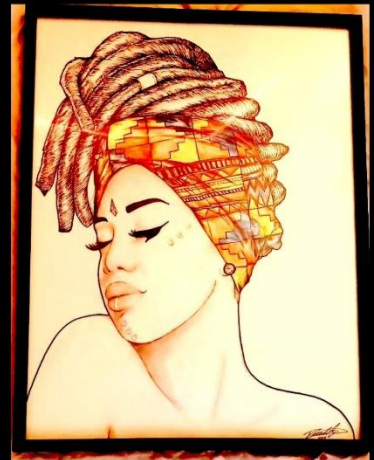
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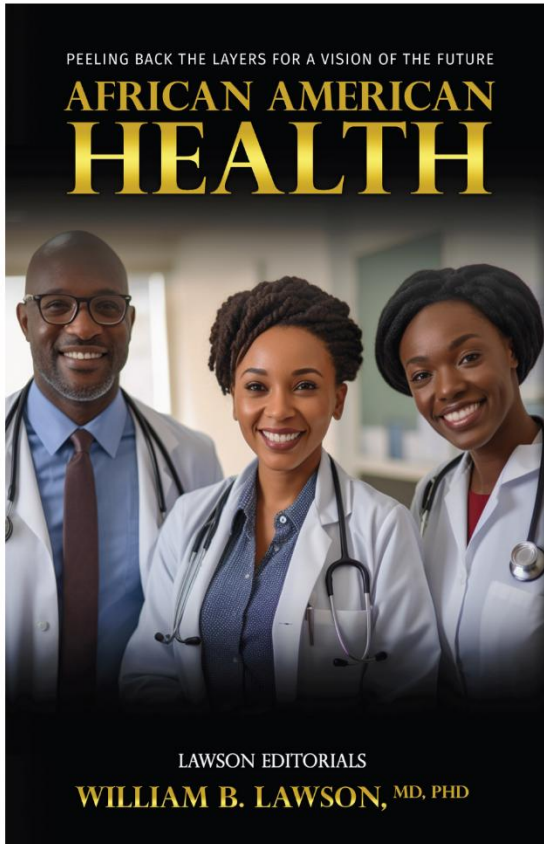


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