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NBNA 2021 Institute and Conference
AT-A-GLANCE

WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 4

9:00 am - 12:00 pm
American Red Cross Meeting the Needs of the Underserved and Minorities
3 Contact hours

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Poster Session

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Exhibit Hall

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Founders Leadership Institute
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Non - CE

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Mentoring in the Moment Networking

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Under Forty Forum and Reception
Sponsored by: VITAS Healthcare

10:00 am - 10:30 am
Business Meeting

10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Plenary Session I
Innovative Leaders Strategy to Foster Nurse Resilience
2 Contact hours

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Exhibit Hall

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
NBNA Innovation Theater
Fibroids: A Critical Frontier for Advancing Health Equity
Sponsored by: Hologic
Non-CE

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
NBNA Innovation Theater
Tobacco Use and the Black Community: Reducing the Burden and Fighting Back Against the Tobacco Industry
Sponsored by: Tobacco Free Kids
1 Contact hour

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
LPN/LVN Forum
Non-CE

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Opening Ceremony and 50th Anniversary Celebration
Keynote Speaker: Otis Rolley
Senior Vice President, Equity & Economic Opportunity (USA); The Rockefeller Foundation, New York, NY

8:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Welcome Reception

FRIDAY
AUGUST 6

8:00 am - 10:00 am
Improving Maternal Health Care Outcomes
2 Contact hours

8:00 am - 10:00 am
Nursing Education for the Next Generation of Minority Nurses
2 Contact hours

8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Emerging Leaders Forum
(Unlicensed Nursing Students Only)

8:00 am - 12:00 pm
NBNA Symposium on the Biological and Social Determinants of the Covid-19 Pandemic and the Intersection of Health Disparities
Sponsored by: Clove
4 Contact hours

8:00 am - 12:00 pm
NBNA Pharmacology for Advanced Practice RNs Cardiovascular Disease in the Era of COVID-19 and the Future
Sponsored by: Association of Black Cardiologists
APRNs will receive Pharma CE s and RNs will receive Contact hours
4 Contact hours

10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Nursing Workforce
2 Contact hours

10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Mental Health and Resilience of Frontline Nurses
2 Contact hours

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THURSDAY
AUGUST 5

8:00 am - 12:30 pm
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SCHEDULE

SATURDAY
AUGUST 7

11:00 am - 12:00 pm
NBNA Innovation Theater
Disparities in Cancer Outcomes: Diversity in Cancer Clinical Trials
Sponsored by: Pfizer, Inc.
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11:00 am - 12:00 pm
NBNA Innovation Theater
Add on Efficacy: Oral, Nonstatin Therapies for Lowering LDL-C
Sponsored by: Esperion
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11:00 am - 12:00 pm
NBNA Innovation Theater
Expert Perspective: The First HbS Polymerization Inhibitor to Treat the Root Cause of Sickle Cell Disease
Sponsored by: Global Blood Therapeutics
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11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Poster Session

11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Exhibit Hall

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
Special Session: The Crucial Role Nurses Can Play in HIV Testing
Sponsored by: Gilead Sciences
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3:50 pm
Raffle

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Second Business Meeting

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Plenary II
Leadership & Impact: Fellowship Connection
Sponsored by: American Academy of Nursing
1 Contact hour

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
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10:30 am - 11:30 am
NBNA Innovation Theater
Understanding Disparities in Alzheimer’s Disease and Promoting Brain Health Equity
Sponsored by: UsAgainstAlzheimer’s
1 Contact hour

10:30 am - 11:30 am
NBNA Innovation Theater
Racial/Ethnic Variations in Skin Barrier: Implications for Skin Care Recommendations in Skin of Color
Sponsored by: CeraVe
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11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Poster Session

1:50 pm
Raffle

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
NBNA Awards Ceremony
Nurse of the Year, Under 40, Scholarship Winners, Membership, Chapter and Community Service

7:00 pm - 11:00 pm
President’s Gala: Presentation of the Presidential Awards
Entertainment and Dancing

SUNDAY
AUGUST 8

8:30 am - 9:40 am
Ecumenical Service

10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Closing Session
Addressing Health Equity through Innovative Nursing Leadership
Ena Williams, MBA, MSM, BSN, RN, CENP
Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer; Yale New Haven Hospital, New Haven, CT
.5 Contact hours
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- Black Nurses Association Greater Phoenix Area

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- Bay Area Black Nurses Association
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- Council of Black Nurses, Los Angeles
- Greater Inland Empire Black Nurses Association
- San Diego Black Nurses Association
- Stanford Black Nurses Association

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- Eastern Colorado Council of Black Nurses (Denver)

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- Southern Connecticut Black Nurses Association

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- Big Bend Black Nurses Association (Tallahassee)
- Black Nurses Association, Tampa Bay
- Central Florida Black Nurses Association of Orlando
- First Coast Black Nurses Association (Jacksonville)
- Greater Fort Lauderdale Broward Chapter of the National Black Nurses Association
- Greater Gainesville Black Nurses Association
- Miami Chapter - Black Nurses Association
- Palm Beach County Black Nurses Association
- St. Petersburg Black Nurses Association
- Treasure Coast Council of Black Nurses
- Volusia Flagler Putnam Chapter of the National Black Nurses Association

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- Atlanta Black Nurses Association
- Columbus Metro Black Nurses Association
- Concerned National Black Nurses of Central Savannah River Area
- Middle Georgia Black Nurses Association
- Okefenokee Black Nurses Association
- Savannah Black Nurses Association

HAWAII
- Honolulu Black Nurses Association

ILLINOIS
- Alliance of Black Nurses Association of Illinois
- Black Nurses Association of Central Illinois
- Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association
- Greater Illinois Black Nurses Association
- Illinois South Suburban National Black Nurses Association
- North Shore Black Nurses Association

INDIANA
- Black Nurses Association of Indianapolis
- Lake County Indiana Black Nurses Association
- Northwest Indiana Black Nurses Association

KANSAS
- Wichita Black Nurses Association

KENTUCKY
- KYANNA Black Nurses Association
- Lexington Chapter of the National Black Nurses Association

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- Acadiana Black Nurses Association
- Bayou Region Black Nurses Association
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- Shreveport Black Nurses Association
- Southeastern Louisiana Black Nurses Association

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WE CANNOT WALK FORWARD without looking back. We cannot mark time without appreciating the progress. We cannot plan for the future without elevating our hope. As I reflect on Dr. Lauranne Sams’ presidential address at the National Black Nurses Association’s (NBNA) first conference in 1973, it is apparent that our current trip down memory lane paints a picture of little progress, but great resiliency. The opening excerpt from her speech is:

“The frequent question verbalized by many people and doubtlessly hovering in the minds of many more since NBNA has emerged, is Why a Black Nurses Association? To ask, as if there were any question as to the need, requires only a reminder of the vast web of inequities being experienced by Blacks and other minorities—not in the slavery era; not in pre-1961 Civil Rights Act; not in the 1968 Kerner Report… No, I am speaking about all the past deficits and discriminatory practices which have continuously disgraced and limited the full potential, the development, the selfhood, and the self determination of Black folk. I am speaking about today. Here and Now.”

On December 1, 2020, I received this written question after speaking to 500 attendees about the COVID-19 pandemic and the nursing profession: “I am confused, why is there a BLACK nurses association? I thought we are all nurses not by color, that is like a black… (organization name deleted). I really get confused by some of these speakers as I think separation in organizations promotes separation.”

My written reply to this inquiry:

**Personal reply:** “I live in a multi-color (race and ethnic) world that is not color blind. Therefore, I am an African American/Black nurse; the same as I am considered an African American/Black USA citizen, although we are all citizens of the US. Unfortunately, systemic and institutional racism will not let me forget that I am seen as a Black person; a Black woman first, not just a person or a woman.”

**Professional reply:** Fifty years ago, Black nurses were members of the American Nurses Association (ANA), and by the way, many Black nurses, including me, are still members. However, we did not have a voice or a leadership role. ANA was formed in 1896, over 120 years later there have only been three Black presidents of ANA. Fifty-two years ago, Black (Negro) nurses met with ANA’s sitting president and were told by her that she “could do nothing to change the organization so Negro nurses could have a voice and more influence in the organization.” Fortunately,
we had leaders who said it was time to lean in and step up to promote Black nurses. Their goals were to improve support to our Black sisters and brothers in nursing and to serve those living in our communities. We are still trying to meet those goals, and the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the health, economic, environmental, education, and social disparities in the US, not only for Black Nurses, but also for Hispanic, Asian, Native American, and Philippine nurses in the US.” Let history record that nurses from these races and ethnicities followed NBNA’s example and established their own professional nursing associations. Today, Black and Brown nurses from these associations have a collective advocacy voice through the National Coalition of Ethnic Minority Nurse Associations. 

I added, “In health care today we hear the terms ‘culturally sensitive and congruent care’ when speaking of non-White populations. But, no one has to educate and teach Black and Brown physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and other health care providers/workers how to provide “culturally sensitive White care.” If, as the questioner stated, “We are all nurses,” then all people are the same. So why are we educating healthcare workers by saying that they need to provide “culturally congruent care” to some but not all? Dr. Sams said, “We are all Black and that will never change.” There is a current fallacy that things have gotten better, but our lived experiences as Black people, Black nursing students, and Black nurses tell a different story. Data across the nursing profession’s time capsule clearly reflect weaknesses and threats to health care access, financing, interventions, and poor health outcomes of our people. Blacks experience more burden of health co-morbidities, infant and maternal deaths, short life expectancy, food insecurities, substandard housing, environmental threats, and greater economic scarcity. These negative outcomes are driven by the political determinants of health. By this I mean, unequal laws, statutes, policies, processes, and practices that are designed to provide justice for some and injustices for others. It is equity, equality, inclusivity, leadership, a voice at the table, and justice that Black nurses continue to advocate and push forward.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 “Prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin.” In 1968, the Kerner Commission Report included this statement: “Our nation is moving towards two societies—one White, one Black, separate and unequal.” This report was followed in 2003 by the Sullivan Report that highlighted the “Missing Persons: Minorities in the Health Professions.” In 2010, The Future of Nursing Report: Leading Change, Advancing Health was released addressing the state of nursing in the US. The nursing profession met the goal of 10,000 Nurses on Boards by 2020 and an increase in the number of doctorally prepared nurses. We made some progress by increasing the number of baccalaureate educated registered nurses. However, we failed to increase diversity in the nursing workforce, and the data support this observation. In 1968-69, it was reported that 3.2% of the registered nurse population was Black. In 2018, 7.8% of the four million registered nurses in the US was Black while the general population was 14% Black. The question going forward is not “can we,” but “will” the nursing profession embrace change and do better? The Future of Nursing 2020-2030: Charting a Path to Achieve Health Equity, authored by the National Academy of Medicine, was released May 20, 2021. This report mentions racism 194 times providing a blueprint for the profession of nursing to step up, make a difference, and lead. NBNA has joined with ANA, the National Coalition of Ethnic Minority Nurse Associations, the National Association of Hispanic Nurses, and others to convene the National Commission to Address Racism in Nursing. This Commission goal is to examine “the persistent problem of racism within nursing.” As one participant noted, this work is a marathon, not a sprint.

The million-dollar question is “Can ANA own its past history, block out external noise, and deal with potential internal threats, in order to create real and lasting change?” We need our White sisters and brothers to achieve this change because Black and Brown nurses have assumed this burden far too long. We do not desire to see only a few of us elevated and treated as color taxes, tokens, or trophies. It is not about differences, but sameness and fairness. I am talking about transformation of our profession to influence a society that is laden with resistance to change and denial of facts when it comes to the lack of racial justice. NBNA has stepped up and locked arms with others to address the “inequities in nursing education, practice, advocacy, and research and the leaders in each of these spaces. The National Commission to Address Racism in Nursing is taking bold steps and is starting the process with listening and learning sessions. We are driving this work with...
theoretical frameworks and testimonials to encourage leaders to join in and support this change, real change. NBNA members are still working to see change happen through Dr. Sams’ and our founders’ lenses. The following statement by Dr. Sams was true in 1975; it was true when I graduated in 1976 with a BSN, in 1984 with my MSN, and 2010 with a DNP; and unfortunately, it is true today:

“Despite the laws which supposedly ensure equality for all black workers, and especially Black nurses, they are essentially found at the bottom of the ladder in our schools, hospitals, agencies, and other health care settings: a ladder which is frequently weak and wobbly, deteriorating under the weight of the many incompetent people which those in power tolerate, yet promote and promulgate to sustain and perpetuate the status quo—a status quo which hurts most of all poor and Black people who are by and large the recipients of poor practices and benign neglect.”

And, may I add that too many Black nurses continue to train and educate their replacements and are denied tenure, excluded from scholarship, and asked too often to switch the code to fit in or belong.

To my NBNA brothers, sisters, educators, mentors, researchers, politicians, colleagues, leaders, and friends: I salute you for 50 years of outstanding achievements, bravery, and tenacity. NBNA members, you are the wind I cannot see, the breeze I feel in the heat, and a storm to be reckoned with. They said we would not survive—but we have thrived. They said we would fail—but we have excelled. I am unapologetic that “The National Black Nurses Association, Inc.” must survive and must remain relevant at all costs because our Black nurses and our people need us to be the voice to advocate, educators to teach, mentors to groom, and sponsors to elevate. Fifty years later, and we wait for real change—but we are united.
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Dear NBNA Members, Colleagues and Distinguished Guests:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the National Black Nurses Association 49th Conference and Institute. Our theme, “Celebrating 50 Years of Innovative Community Service, Practice, Education and Research in Nursing”, is a testament to the dedication to enhance the quality of life among African Americans and people of color.

During the past 18 months, the COVID-19 pandemic posed many life challenges in our personal lives, families, and communities. But we have maintained a state of resilience and have so much to be thankful for during this time. Thank you for your support in educating communities regarding the pandemic and the need to be vaccinated.

For the past 50 years NBNA has been a catalyst for change by creating avenues for success for the next generation of nurses and promoting equity in health and healthcare services. I am proud of the work NBNA has done to support registered, licensed vocational/practical and nursing students by offering a platform for Black Nurses to educate, advocate, empower and mentor one another. Our mission is to eliminate health care disparities, promote health by conducting consumer and patient education programs. Since 1971, we have maintained excellence in communities we serve through countless numbers of community service, practice, and research. I honor each of you as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary.

A sincere thank you to the Metroplex Black Nurses Association (Dallas) for serving as the host chapter of our 49th Annual Institute and Conference. Your commitment to ensuring a stellar conference is second to none. Thank you to the National Conference Committee and the NBNA Board of Directors for your support. Thank you to the Executive Director, Dr. Millicent Gorham, Dianne Mance, Estella Lazenby, Tracy Rudd and Keisha Ricks. Our staff has done a stellar job in planning and implementing our 2021 virtual conference. Congratulations to this year’s awardees, past presidents, and founders of NBNA.

As I close, I could say many words to express my gratitude for your attendance at this virtual conference, but I will say only two, thank you.

As we celebrate our past, present and future, relax and enjoy the conference. I look forward to seeing each of you in Chicago 2022.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Williams, DNP, RN, CNE, ANEF, FAAN
Immediate Past President
Greetings and welcome to the National Black Nurses Association 49th Annual Institute and Conference.

During this conference, we will also celebrate the 50th Anniversary of NBNA. As the host chapter, the Metroplex Black Nurses Association of Dallas is proud to be a part of this historic event. This year’s conference theme, “Celebrating 50 Years of Innovation, Community Service, Practice, Education and Research in Nursing”, reflects our mission of service to our profession and to the community.

In 1971, the founding members of the National Black Nurses Association created a purposeful mission of service which we represent in our local Dallas chapter. NBNA has influenced national conversations on diversity in nursing and disparity in minority patient care. Through our local community service, scholarship programs and professional networking, we will continue to serve the mission of the founding members of the organization.

Even though we cannot meet in person, our virtual conference will be an exciting experience. Please enjoy all of the informative sessions and evening celebrations. I look forward to seeing you all in person next year.

Dr. Becky Small
President
Metroplex Black Nurses Association
The American Academy of Nursing's 2021 Health Policy Conference will be a hybrid format with virtual and in-person registration options. The in-person event will be held at the Marriott Marquis in Washington, DC from October 7-9, 2021.

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WHEREAS, the NBNA recruits, supports, and provides mentorship and sponsorship to assist black nurses interested in nursing to increase the percentage of black nurses in the U.S., and
WHEREAS, the NBNA has charted six chapters in Alabama; and
WHEREAS, the Birmingham Black Nurses Association (BBNA) was the first chartered Alabama chapter; and
WHEREAS, the BBNA helped NBNA to charter five additional chapters in Alabama: Montgomery Black Nurses Association, North Alabama Black Nurses Association, Tuskegee (East) Alabama Black Nurses Association, and West Alabama Chapter of the National Black Nurses Association, on one inactive chapter in Mobile and
WHEREAS, the Alabama chapters of NBNA serve the citizens of Alabama and work collaboratively with nursing schools, hospitals and health systems, community partners, advocacy groups, school systems and other professional organizations; and
WHEREAS, the NBNA is celebrating its 50th year of service to Black communities, nursing students, licensed practical/vocational nurses and registered nurses; and
WHEREAS, it is acknowledged that the National Black Nurses Association and the Alabama chapters continue to make significant contributions to the health and wellness of this nation and the citizens of the state of Alabama in education, practice, research, advocacy, entrepreneurship and leadership; and
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim the week of August 3-8, 2021, as
National Black Nurses Association 50th Anniversary
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Benita N. Chatmon, PhD, MSN, RN, CNE
Assistant Dean for Clinical Nursing Education
Louisiana State University Health
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New Orleans, LA
New Orleans Black Nurses Association

Benita N. Chatmon, PhD, MSN, RN, CNE, provides services on several community boards and is the Co-Medical Director for the Baton Rouge Free Clinic, where she assists in providing free care to over 450 people in her community. Benita currently holds an appointment in the School of Graduate Studies at LSU Health New Orleans, serves as a Nurse Researcher at Children’s Hospital New Orleans and is a member of the New Orleans Black Nurses Association. Dr. Chatmon has received numerous awards and she aspires to become a dean or director of a school of nursing.

Javier V. Davis, BSN, RN
Staff Nurse
University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital
Birmingham, AL
Birmingham Black Nurses Association

Javier Vessell Davis, BSN, RN, is currently pursuing a graduate degree as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner at Walden University. Javier is very active in her community serving as a Board Member for a community behavioral health agency, volunteer in her church, serves as a preceptor to nursing students, and is a member of Birmingham Black Nurses Association. Ms. Davis plan is to own and operate an outpatient mental health facility.

Fayola Delica, BSHSE, BSN, RN, DMin (Hon)
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Miami Chapter Black Nurses Association

Fayola Delica, BSHSE, BSN, RN, DMin (Hon), is currently pursuing an MSN-FNP at Purdue Global University Degree. She an active member of the Miami Chapter, Black Nurses Association and has served on several committees. Her community involvement focuses on membership and leadership in several Haitian organizations and she has received numerous rewards. Upon completion of the MSN-FNP program, she would like to work in a hospital setting for several years, start a private community clinic practice, continue medical mission trips around the world, run for public office and work as a faculty member in academia.
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Natalie J. C. Kelley, BSN, RN-BC, is a member of the Metroplex Black Nurses Association. She is the Chief Executive Officer of Green Heart Education, a professional nurse consultant agency that provides educational services to organizations and the community. Natalie currently works at Methodist Richardson Medical Center as a bedside nurse and as a preceptor, mentor and Clinical Site Investigator for research conducted at the medical center. Ms. Kelly plans to pursue an MSN degree with an emphasis in public health to compliment her passion for professional nursing and her interests in population health and health policy.

Biyyiah A. Lee, BSN, RN, PAHM
Cannabis Nurse Education and Advocate
Midwest CannaNursesTM
Detroit, MI
Illinois South Suburban National Black Nurses Association

Biyyiah A. Lee, BSN, RN, PAHM, is pursuing a MSN in Advanced Public Health Nursing, Bridge Graduate Certificate in Public Health Practice at Wayne State University. She is an active member of the Illinois South Suburban Black Nurses Association. She serves on the City of Detroit’s Social Equity Program Workgroup and was the Education and Workforce Development Co-Chair in 2020. Ms. Lee worked to develop the Midwest CannaNursesTM an organization that was formed to connect cannabis and healthcare by offering educational resources and advocating for de-stigmatization and decriminalization in communities of color.

Shawanna S. Moore, DNP, MSN, CRNP, WHNP-BC
Assistant Professor and Director of Women’s Health
Gender Related Nurse Practitioner Program
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Southeastern Pennsylvania Area Black Nurses Association

Shawana S. Moore, DNP, MSN, CRNP, WHNP-BC, provides clinical practice in underserved areas, providing women’s health care services in Camden, NJ and Philadelphia, PA. She has developed a nurse-led pre-natal program which aims at ending period poverty and Breastfeeding Awareness Empowerment which aims at support breastfeeding for black women. Shawana is a member of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Area Black Nurses Association. Her professional accomplishments that include serving as the Principal Investigator for numerous grants, has presented at multiple events, has published, and has a goal of becoming an independently funded clinical researcher and tenured faculty.
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Adjunct Nursing Instructor, Emergency Nurse
CAAN Academy of Nursing, Ingalls Hospital
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Tiffany Ponder, MSN, RN, is currently employed at the University of Chicago – Ingalls and is a member of the Illinois South Suburban Black Nurses Association where she is active in the organization and community. Tiffany is a nurse researcher that is interested in exploring the lack of diversity in the workplace, education and theory development that has negatively impacted both African American nurses and patients. Ms. Ponder plans to open an organization to teach leadership skills and develop good “nurse intuition” in new nurses by aiding hospitals in developing high-yielding nurse residency and education programs covering topics like critical thinking, prioritization and communication.

**Brittany R. Richards, DNP, FNP-BC, RN-BC**
Assistant Professor
New York City College of Technology
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Greater New York City Black Nurses Association

Brittany R. Richards, DNP, FNP-BC, RN-BC, is a member of the Greater New York City Black Nurses Association where she is an active member of the organization and community. Brittany serves as a board member for Seed of Fortune and Friend of New York City Nurse Family Partnership. She has received several awards. She is a board-certified practitioner who would like to obtain board certification as a Nurse Educator, as well as tenure and promotion to Full Professor. It is her desire to publish to build on her scholarly activity. In 10 years, Dr Richard hopes to become a Fellow of New York Academy of Medicine and the American Academy of Nursing.

**Melanie Wren, BSN, MHCA, BS, AS**
Staff Nurse
University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital
Birmingham, AL
Birmingham Black Nurses Association

Melanie Wren, BSN, RN, MHCA, BS, AS is currently employed at the University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital and is a member of the Birmingham Black Nurses Association. She is an active member of her organization and community where she hosted local blood drives and served as a CPR instructor. She presented her scientific research at the National Biomedical Conference and the Research for Creative Symposium. Ms. Wren plans to obtain a DNP and become a nurse entrepreneur. She hopes to utilize her healthcare administration degree to implement policy changes and practices to make the nursing profession more efficient and forward.
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

9:00 am – 12:00 pm
American Red Cross Workshop

The American Red Cross: Updates on Strategies to Serve the Needs of Minority and Underserved Communities

Carmen Kynard, DNP, PMHRN-BC, MSN, MBA, MEd
Chairperson
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Washington, D.C.

Dr. Carmen Kynard, DNP is a lifetime member of NBNA and a member of the Red Cross’s National Nursing Committee. She is a 2015 Florence Nightingale Medal recipient, awarded by the International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, Switzerland for exemplary service for pioneering spirit in public health/nursing education.

Yvette Miller, MD, BSN, ABIHM, ADS
Executive Medical Officer
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Yvette Marie Miller, M.D., BSN, ABIHM, ADS is Executive Medical Officer for the American Red Cross in Charlotte, N.C. with a specialty in Transfusion Medicine. She oversees donor eligibility and product management. Her current focus is on a project to meet transfusion needs of patients with Sickle Cell Disease.

Rebecca Harris-Smith, ED, MSN, BA, RN
National Nursing Committee
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Dr. Rebecca Harris-Smith earned an EdD from Nova Southeastern University Fort Lauderdale, Florida, MSN from University of Phoenix, New Orleans. She recently retired as Dean of Nursing from South Louisiana Community College Lafayette, Louisiana. Rebecca is a lifetime member of NBNA, is currently a Board Member, and serves as the liaison to American Red Cross.

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1:00 pm – 1:15 pm
Greetings

Dr. Martha A. Dawson
NBNA President

1:15 pm – 2:00 pm

Thomas Lobben
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The Art of Fundraising

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4:00 pm – 4:05 pm
Wrap - UP

Dr. Debra A. Toney
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5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Mentoring in the Moment Forum and Networking

Non-Traditional Roles in Nursing: How to transition into Another Area of Nursing

Moderator:
Kim Scott, MSN, MBA, RN
Quality, Risk, Patient Safety Management, Kaiser Permanente
Fremont, CA
Past President, Bay Area Black Nurses Association, Inc.

Kimberly (Kim) Scott is a nurse leader from the San Francisco Bay Area. With over twenty years of health care experience, Kim has established herself as a nursing advocate, motivator, and connector. She has a passion for mentoring and loves to serve and speak about building community. Kim refers to community, as Common Unity. She is the current chair of the National Black Nurses, Inc. Collaborative Mentorship Program (CMP) and past board member of the National Black Nurses Association.

Kaiser Permanente Talent & Acquisitions Team: How to Transition When Considering Another Area of Nursing

Joanne Littleton
Talent Acquisition Consultant
External Talent Sourcing
Joanne Littleton is an experienced Talent Acquisition Consultant with over 18 years of healthcare experience. She has enjoyed working for Kaiser Permanente for the past 15 years, leading strategies for selecting top talent and is currently recruiting for Ambulatory Nursing. Joanne has a Bachelor’s in Psychology from the University of Connecticut.
Rhonda Zancanelli
Talent Acquisition Consultant
External Talent Sourcing
With over 20 years of recruitment experience, Rhonda Zancanelli has enjoyed being a part of the Kaiser Permanente Talent Acquisition team for the last 14 years. Her passion is people, and she is an expert in finding dynamic talent. Rhonda holds a Bachelor’s in HR Management from Colorado Christian University.

Beverly Johnson
Talent Acquisition Consultant
External Talent Sourcing
With over 20 years of Talent Acquisition experience, Beverly Johnson is known as a key player in guiding customers and candidates through the Kaiser Permanente recruitment process. Beverly has robust experience in filling a variety of health care positions. Beverly attended San Jose State University where she studied Music and is currently recruiting for Ambulatory RNs.

Sarah Garner
Talent Acquisition Consultant
External Talent Sourcing
Sarah Garner is a dedicated Talent Acquisition Consultant with over 16 years of health care experience. She has worked for Kaiser Permanente for the last 7 years supporting various roles within Nursing. Sarah is passionate about the advancement of nursing careers and currently supports RN Management opportunities for KP.

Interventional Radiology/Cardiac Catheterization
Carolyn V. Etheridge, RN, RT(R)
Nurse Supervisor, Ambulatory Services
The Kirklin Clinic of UAB Hospital
Birmingham, AL
Birmingham Black Nurses Association
Carolyn Etheridge began her healthcare career at University of Alabama Birmingham Hospital/UAB Highlands in 2008, working as a Registered Radiologic Technologist and currently as a Nurse Supervisor. Carolyn’s healthcare specialties are interventional radiology, cardiac catheterization lab, cardiothoracic intensive care unit, radiology nurse, and PACU. She recently became a Nurse Supervisor in ambulatory services.

Opportunities in Correctional Nursing
Laurie C. Reid, RN, BSN, MS
Director of Nursing/Right at Home-Atlanta
Correctional Nurse Consultant
Atlanta, GA
Ms. Laurie Reid is a retired Military and Uniformed Services Officer having served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Public Health Service. Her nursing career spans 36 years and includes correctional health nursing since 1997. She served as a Correctional Health expert for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and currently, is a correctional health consultant and prison health auditor for Department of Justice agencies.

Consider a Career in Research
Angela M. Allen, PhD, CRRN, RN
Clinical Research Program Director
Banner University Medical Center Phoenix
Banner Alzheimer’s Institute/Banner Sun Health Research Institute,
Phoenix, AZ
Dr. Allen is the Past President, Greater Phoenix BNA. Dr. Allen was appointed to serve a trio appointment as a research nurse at Banner Alzheimer Institute (BAI), Arizona State University (ASU) and University of Arizona (UoA) as the Clinical Research Program Director of Nursing Research. She is also a Certified Rehabilitation Registered Nurse with a specialization in research. Dr. Allen is also a member of over 22 other organizations.

Q & A Wrap up
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Under Forty Forum
Sponsored by: VITAS Healthcare
The Under 40 Forum 2021 Live Watch Party
Featuring DJ Jared Bryant
Hosted Live, From Orlando, FL
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Acadiana BNA Congratulates NBNA 50 years for Leadership & Community Service

Standing, left to right: Ida Fuselier, BSN, RN; Dr. Jeanine Thomas; Phyllis Rodgers, LPN; Sharonda Johnson, MSN, RN
Seated, left to right: Lucille Woodard MSN, RN; Dr. Iris Malone

Congratulations National Black Nurses Association! Celebrating 50 Years of Innovative Service, Practice, Education and Research in Nursing

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Dear National Black Nurses Association,

What a friendship ours has been! Congratulations on reaching your 50-year milestone as a professional nursing organization.

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As you celebrate your 50th anniversary, we look back with pride on our many achievements together, thanks to a shared support of amazing nurses who care, learn, advocate, research, and lead for all the right reasons.

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To the NBNA President, Officers of the Board, Executive Director, Members and Staff on 50 years of Courage and Giving to Our Communities!

Linda Burnes Bolton
Lifetime Member and Past President
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