

## **MILLICENT GORHAM, PhD (Hon), MBA, FAAN**

Millicent Gorham is the Executive Director of the National Black Nurses Association, Inc., which represents 150,000 African American nurses in the United States. Millicent was appointed to that position in October 1995. She handles administrative, fund development, advocacy, communications, marketing, conference planning and program implementation, with a staff of five and a budget of \$1.8 million.

Millicent has more than 35 years of government relations experience. For four years she worked as the health legislative assistant to U.S. Representative Louis Stokes, (D-OH). She was the coordinator of the Congressional Black Caucus Health Brain Trust and served on the steering committee of the CBC Health Brain Trust for 18 years. She served as the assistant director of government relations for the American Optometric Association for eight years. And, for four years, Millicent worked as the director of government relations for the National Rural Health Association.

In 2021, Millicent was appointed to The Rockefeller Foundation's Equitable Vaccination Advisory Council. Simmons University elected Millicent to its Board of Trustees in 2019. In 2017 she was elected to the National Board of the Association of Black Cardiologists; appointed to the Board of Directors of the United Medical Center in Washington, DC; and, was appointed to the Advisory Council to the CEO of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America. In 2016, Millicent was appointed to the Pfizer, Inc. Multicultural Advisory Board. For three years, she served on the Diversity Advisory Board for MGM Resorts International.

The National Action Network honored Millicent with the MLK Day Labor Leader of the Year Award in 2021. In 2020, Millicent was the recipient of the Outstanding Leadership Award from the American Academy of Nursing and the Diversity and Inclusion Award from the University of Massachusetts-Boston.

In 2011, Millicent was awarded an honorary degree from Simmons College, her alma mater and became an honorary fellow of the American Academy of Nursing. She received an MBA from Howard University, with a concentration in health services.