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National Black Nurses Association Announces the Recipients of the 2018 NBNA Nurses of the Year Awards

The National Black Nurses Association is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2018 NBNA Nurses of the Year. “These NBNA members are exemplars of excellence in nursing practice, research and academia”, said Eric J. Williams, DNP, RN, CNE, FAAN, NBNA President. The Awards Ceremony will take place on Saturday, August 4, 2018, 1 p.m., during the NBNA 46th Annual Institute and Conference, July 31 – August 5, St. Louis Union Station Hotel.

	<p>ADMINISTRATIVE NURSE OF THE YEAR “To recognize excellence in clinical practice”</p> <p>Leonora Muhammad, DNP, APRN, AGPCNP-BC, CCHP Senior Director Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Corizon Health Black Nurses Association of Greater St. Louis St. Louis, MO</p>
	<p>ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE OF THE YEAR “To recognize excellence in the clinical area at the advanced practice level”</p> <p>Samantha Gambles Farr, MSN, FNP-C, CCRN, RNFA, DNP-student Surgical Intensive Care Nurse Practitioner University of California San Diego Health San Diego Black Nurses Association San Diego, CA</p>
	<p>NURSE EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR “To recognize outstanding contribution to professional and/or patient education”</p> <p>Sandy N. Cayo, PhD©, DNP, FNP-BC Clinical Assistant Professor New York University Greater New York City Black Nurses Association New York, NY</p>

	<p>NURSE ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR “To recognize a successful business owner” Scharmaine Lawson, DNP, FNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN Chief Medical Officer Common Ground Health Clinic CEO, Nola The Nurse New Orleans Black Nurses Association New Orleans, LA</p>
	<p>NURSE OF THE YEAR FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE “To recognize outstanding and exemplary community service” Janice Sanders, RN, BSN, MSHM, MSHE Nurse Consultant and Health Education Coach – WRC Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association Missouri City, TX</p>
	<p>NURSE RESEARCHER OF THE YEAR “To recognize a nurse researcher who has completed an outstanding research study and who has excellent potential to develop and implement a program of research that contributes to the well-being and health care of minorities” Kathy Wright, PhD, RN, GCNS-BC, PMHCNS-BC Assistant Professor, Chief Diversity Officer The Ohio State University, College of Nursing Discovery Themes – Chronic Brain Injury Columbus Black Nurses Association Columbus, OH</p>
	<p>STAFF NURSE OF THE YEAR “To recognize excellence in clinical practice” Crystal Norman, BSN, RNC-OB Registered Nurse North Shore Medical Center Black Nurses Association, Miami Miami, FL</p>
	<p>STUDENT NURSE OF THE YEAR “To recognize academic excellence” Edward C. Bennett, Jr. Cardiovascular ICU Clinical Technician Cleveland Clinic Foundation Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing Case Western Reserve University Cleveland Council of Black Nurses Cleveland, OH</p>
	<p>UNIFORMED SERVICES NURSE OF THE YEAR “To recognize excellence in the Uniformed Service” Beverly A. Dandridge, MSN, FNP, MSAJS, CCHP Commissioned Corps Liaison Department of Homeland Security Black Nurses of Southern Maryland Temple Hills, MD</p>

The NBNA mission is to serve as the voice for black nurses and diverse populations ensuring equal access to professional development, promoting educational opportunities and improving health.