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Welcome

President’s Message
2019 Nursing Celebration

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 29th Annual Nursing Celebration on behalf of the Texas Nursing Association District 9 Foundation. Thank you for celebrating with us as we honor outstanding nurses, present scholarships, and award research grants to THE BEST & BRIGHTEST!

Tonight, we will honor twenty nurses nominated by their peers, who will be recognized for their contributions and excellence in nursing. It should be noted that tonight’s event is the largest fundraiser of the Texas Nurses District 9 Foundation to provide scholarships and research grants to support scholarship in nursing. Money to support these activities is procured through sponsors, donors, the silent auction, and charitable members. Give Generously!

Our goal this year is to have 100% donor participation from our attendees tonight. Whether your donation is $10 or $1,000, every dollar will impact our mission to enhance our profession. This year, Brooke Baugh of the Wolford Group is serving as a consultant to help ensure the 2019 Nursing Celebration is a success. Based on survey results, plans are underway in preparation for Nursing Celebration 2020- stay tuned.

The mission of Texas Nurses Association, District 9 (TNA D9), “is an organization that strives to provide forums for the exchange of ideas, viewpoints, education, and dissemination of information about professional nursing and health-related legislation.” The mission is in alignment with the mission of TNA, “Empowering Texas Nurses to advance the profession.”

To achieve this mission, TNA D9 encourages members to engage in various local and state events. TNA D9 has the largest membership in Texas, totaling more than 3,000 members. Our membership is extraordinary, which means that TNA D9 can accomplish significant goals.

I encourage every one of you to become more engaged in TNA and TNA D9 events. Become a member, run for a board position, attend a district meeting, participate. To stay informed, members are encouraged to visit the TNA D9 website, read the Advocate, the official electronic newsletter of TNA D9, and follow us on our social media channels: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn. In addition, check the TNA website for upcoming events such as 2020 Nurse Day at the Hill and House of Delegates.

As the TNA D9 President, my goal is to instill a sense of excitement about TNA D9 to ensure value in membership. I ask for your support to make 2019-2020 the new standard for member engagement through participation.

Engagement is contagious!

Juliana J. Brixey, PhD, MPH, MSN, RN
President, TNAD9, Nursing Celebration Chair
Program

6:00 PM  Reception with Texas Nurses Association and D9 Officers
         General Reception and Silent Auction

7:00 PM  Dinner and Awards Ceremony

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Dr. Kimberly Curtin, President Elect, TNA District 9
Deven Barriault, MSN, RN-BC
Harris Health System

Deven Barriault is a Nursing Professional Development Specialist at Harris Health System. She has a baccalaureate and a Masters degree in nursing. She is lauded as a coach, educator, leader, mentor, professional nurse and revered colleague by her co-workers. She has been recognized for her work through the Betty Lee Evans Award for Nursing Excellence from UTMB, the DAISY Award, Good Samaritan Foundation Award, and was named to Who's Who in Nursing Leadership. She has served as a primary investigator on two research studies and several EBP projects. She is indisputably a champion for others, committed to enhancing standards of care, making data-based evidence accessible, and training a resilient cadre of future nurse clinicians, leaders and scientists.

Ninotchka Brydges, DNP, MBA, APRN, ACNP-BC, BSB
UT MD Anderson Cancer Center

Ninotchka Brydges leads Advanced Practice Provider (ACNPs & PAS) in the ICU at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. She has baccalaureate, graduate, and DNP degrees. Her experience includes progressive nursing positions from staff nurse, to Supervisor/ Nurse Manager, and Assistant Director. She serves as a mentor for staff nurses, APNs, nursing students and high school students. She is active in multiple professional associations, has presented at numerous local and national conferences, and received the John Winston Research Grant for her doctoral project at TWU. She readily shares her expertise through presentations, publications, and serving as adjunct faculty. She is a highly experienced RN and credentialed advanced practice provider, and is an excellent role model, educator, and practitioner.

Amy Calvin, PhD, RN
Cizik School of Nursing at UTHealth

Amy Calvin is an Associate Professor of Clinical Nursing at UT Health Cizik School of Nursing. Dr. Calvin is a well-known scholar in the field of end-of-life care. She has received funding for nine research grants on end-of-life issues. She has given a total of 40 podium and poster presentations at international, national, regional, and local professional conferences, and has published 19 peer reviewed journal articles and one book chapter. She is a recognized advocate for students. Through her work as chair of the Culture of Success Task Force, Dr. Calvin helped to build a network for success in the BSN curriculum to help students succeed and maintain high educational standards. Students voted for her to receive the John P. McGovern Outstanding Teacher Award three times and she also merited the prestigious UT Regents’ Outstanding Teaching Award.

Alison Gardner, PhD, RN
Houston Baptist University

Alison Kurtz Gardner is an adjunct faculty member at Houston Baptist University. She began her career with an Associate degree and has completed a Bachelors, Masters and Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing. Alison developed and thrice updated the Living with Leukemia educational booklet and assisted in the writing and production of an educational video on the same topic, which is distributed to all newly diagnosed patients. At MD Anderson, she worked in inpatient leukemia as an Advanced Practice Nurse for 29 years, retiring in 2017. In addition, she has served as undergraduate faculty teaching medical surgical nursing and critical care nursing. She is an ongoing ONS member and has served as co-editor or editor of the neutropenia special interest group newsletter for 10 years.
Amanda Garey, MSN, RN-BC, C-OB, C-EFM  
**Texas Children’s Hospital**

Amanda Garey is currently a Nursing Professional Development Specialist at Texas Children’s Hospital. As a lead nurse planner, she has influenced guidelines and projects through advocacy for unit-based educators and system wide education projects. Amanda also assists with abstract and module reviews. She was an item writer for the advanced NPD certification. She volunteers for the TNA Education committee and as an advisor for the nursing professional development specialty and nursing conferences, survey development, and virtual learning. Amanda strives to improve educational delivery systems through active engagement in the education design and delivery, innovation of technology and open continuing education opportunities for nursing staff. Amanda has published and presented nationally. Currently, she is the President-Elect for the Association of Nursing Professional Development – Houston Affiliate.

Danya Garner, MSN, RN-BC, OCN, CCRN  
**UT MD Anderson Cancer Center**

Danya Garner is an oncology nurse educator who works at UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. He graduated cum laude from his BSN program after serving as President of the Student Nurses Association. After achieving his MSN degree, Danya was selected as a Ph.D. Jonas Nurse Leader Scholar in his doctoral program. Danya’s current responsibilities entail developing, planning, implementing, and evaluating institutional nursing competencies, as well as affecting key policy changes. Danya serves as a professional role model for both young and experienced nurses through his professional organization participation, ongoing committee work, and his interest and expertise in continually improving patient care. He is a leader in the organization, garnering support for extensive projects through his enthusiasm and constant efforts.

Elizabeth ‘Pepe’ Greenlee, DHA, MSN, RN, CPHQ  
**Harris Health System**

Elizabeth ‘Pepe’ Greenlee is the Associate Administrator Quality Management Systems for the Harris Health System and is responsible for Quality and Performance Improvement, Risk and Patient Safety, and Infection Prevention, Accreditation. Dr. Greenlee has an MSN and a doctorate in Healthcare Administration. She is a certified Professional in Healthcare Quality and Quality Improvement in Nursing. Besides her role at Harris Health, she serves as a Joint Commission Disease Specific Reviewer, conducting audits at healthcare organizations. She is an active member of several professional organizations and has authored or presented on core measures, sepsis, quality and a safety culture. Dr. Greenlee is committed to the nurses at Harris Health and mentors the staff to improve their knowledge of performance improvement.

Erica Hall, MSN, RN, OCN  
**Oncology Consultants, P.A.**

Erica Hall is a certified Oncology Clinical Nurse at Oncology Consultants, P.A. Her responsibilities include providing education to nurses, as well as updating nursing practice policies and procedures. Notably, she focuses on quality for both staff and patients, consistently working to enhance the nursing profession and patient care experiences. She actively supports staff competency and serves as a key resource for quality improvement work. Erica effectively educates her nurse colleagues and mentors nurses in professional association participation. Erica is a nurse leader, including at her local ONS Chapter, where she is this year’s President. Through her extensive leadership at the ONS, Erica has served as President, President-Elect, Secretary and Director at Large.
Candice Herman, MSN, RN, NEA-BC
Baylor St. Luke’s Medical Center

Candice Herman is the Magnet Program Director for Baylor St Luke’s Medical Center. She holds an advanced certification as a Nurse Executive (NEA-BC) and is working towards her PhD. Ms. Herman is the Chair of the Nursing Policy Review Committee and mentors the Nursing Research Council. She also supports the Staff Nurse Council, Magnet Writing Team and the Magnet Steering Committee. She is a frequent presenter on such varied topics as: Nurse-Driven Protocols, Rapid Critical Appraisal Skills, Core Measures, and Nurse Autonomy. Ms. Herman is also a Magnet Appraiser and dedicates her time to helping other healthcare facilities achieve Magnet designation. Ms. Herman advocates for nursing excellence as evidenced by her commitment to helping all staff reach their highest potential.

Maureen Lall, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC, COHN-S, SCRN
Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital

Maureen Lall is the Director of Neuroscience Services at Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital. In addition to being certified as an FNP, Dr. Lall maintains certifications as an Occupational Health Nurse (COHN) and as a Stroke Certified RN (SCRN). She places a strong focus on patient care and the education of caregivers. She is responsible for the Primary Stroke Center, the Neuroscience & Spine Center, neuro-rehabilitation, neurophysiology, and neuroscience continuing education. Dr. Lall also founded the Stroke Survivors and Caregivers Support Group. She is a validated Spanish language interpreter and a former Peace Corps Volunteer. Dr. Lall is a role model for her colleagues, new graduates, and students in the development of patient focused care.

Katherine Marr, MSN-Ed, RN, CCRN
Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital

Kate Marr is a registered nurse at Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital. She holds a Master’s Degree in Nursing with an education focus. At Memorial Hermann Katy, she acts as an Education Resource Specialist III. As a critical care nurse educator, Ms. Marr has her Critical Care Certification (CCRN). Ms. Marr affects policy change in her institution by championing both the nurses and patients. She trains employees for the Safe Patient Handling Program and oversees the clinical orientation for all nursing areas, while also supporting the Magnet Director. She is active in her community by developing a neighborhood emergency contact network for healthcare providers. Ms. Marr coordinates the ACLS program and supports BLS training as an instructor at Memorial Hermann Katy. She is truly an asset to the hospital, her colleagues and her community.

Ebony Mitchell, MSN, RN, BSH
Memorial Hermann Hospital –Texas Medical Center

Ebony Mitchell is employed at both Memorial Hermann and Houston Methodist Hospitals where she is a Perioperative Specialist filling multiple roles: Charge Nurse and Surgery Scheduler. Ebony holds a Master’s of Science in Nursing and is a Doctor of Nursing Practice candidate in Leadership and Management. Recently named as one of Forty Under Forty leaders by the Association of PeriOperative Registered Nurses, she has been productive and active on many hospital wide committees during her 17 year tenure at Houston Methodist Hospital. In addition, Ebony served as the unit-based lead for several hospital initiatives including unit Magnet Coordinator. Ebony is viewed as a mentor and advocate for nurses by her peers and others. She has presented and published locally and nationally. Ebony is a strong supporter of nursing and represents nursing well wherever she goes!
Edtrina Moss, PhD, RN-BC, NE-BC, LSSGB  
*University of Houston Sugar Land College of Nursing*

Edtrina Moss is the Utilization Management RN III in the Quality, Safety & Value Service at Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center. She is Adjunct Faculty for the College of Nursing at the University of Houston – Sugar Land. Dr. Moss holds many certifications. Last year, she was the recipient of the Graduate Council Award for Exceptional, Original Scholarship. Dr. Moss entered nursing as an LVN, completed her Associate Nursing Degree, and then continued to an MSN in Leadership. Her doctoral dissertation considered competency and caring efficacy of nurses. At the VA, she champions patient safety and quality. She is a leader in best practice and a role model for other nurses. She is an active member of many organizations at the local, state, and national level. Dr. Moss epitomizes the ideal of a nurse mentor and collaborator as she shares her expertise with clinical nurses.

LanAnh Nguyen, BSN, RN, OCN  
*UT MD Anderson Physicians Network*

LanAnh Nguyen is a Quality Management Coordinator at UT MD Anderson Physicians Network. She began her career as a hospital aide later acquiring her BSN. She is certified as an Oncology Nurse. LanAnh routinely acts as a leader and educator for hospital initiatives and has implemented research. She has continuously worked on multidisciplinary teams to enhance patient care. LanAnh is an active member of ONS and HCONS and has served on the board of HCONS as Treasurer for the past four years. She will finish her tenure on the board as President next year. She is a dedicated professional role model demonstrate through her attendance at every local chapter board meeting and assisting at every event. She has recruited numerous colleagues to membership and mentors other board members.

Marco Ollervides, MSN, RN  
*Memorial Hermann Northeast Hospital*

Marco Ollervides is the Director of Patient Care: Critical Care and Dialysis Services at Memorial Hermann Hospital-Northeast. He began his career with an ADN and completed a BSN and MSN. He has served as a Clinical Nurse, Manager, and Director of Nursing. He has been recognized for excellence in management with multiple awards including CEO Certificate of Excellence-Professional Support Excellence 2018, Preeminence in Nursing - Nurse Resiliency Retreat 2018, Excellence in Nursing Award, Good Samaritan Foundation, Finalist Nurse Excellence Pillar Awards - Nurse as Leader, Perfecting Practice to Achieve Excellence for Best Quality, and the Salute to Nurses Award. He is active in multiple community organizations and professional associations. He is a role model for excellence in patient care and professional practice.

Omobola Oyeleye, EdD, JD, MSN, MEd, RN-BC, CNE, CHSE  
*Cizik School of Nursing at UTHealth*

Omobola (Bola) Oyeleye is an Assistant Professor (Clinical) at the UT Cizik School of Nursing, Houston. An attorney-mediator and TeamSTEPPs trainer with a background in medical/surgical nursing and nephrology, she is board-certified in gerontology, nursing education, simulation, and healthcare quality. She teaches at the pre and post-licensure levels, actively utilizing student feedback and evidence-based strategies to update her instruction. Dr. Oyeleye is on the faculty of LoneStar LEND, Co-Chair of the Education Section of The American Association of Nurse Attorneys, a board member of Disability Rights, Texas, and a TNA District 9 Alternate Delegate (2018). Her scholarship interests include disability rights, special populations, and legal/ethical nursing. She is driven by personal excellence and a passion for student success.
Pamela Rhodes Russell, MHA, BSN, RN, NEA-BC  
Harris Health System  

Pamela Rhodes Russell is a Nurse Executive Advance Certified Nurse for Harris Health System. Ms. Russell began her career at Ben Taub Hospital as a staff nurse, progressed to head nurse, manager, director, interim CNO and Associate Administrator of Nursing Operations. In these roles she focused on budgets, staffing, quality measures, retention, planning and much more. After Ms. Russell received her MHA, she engaged in many educational endeavors to support nursing and nursing administrators. She is a member of numerous institutional committees and is a true mentor to staff, patients, students, and families. Her innovative ideas lead to using a Virtual Patient Observation for Ben Taub and LBJ hospitals. Ms. Russell is admired by all at Harris Health because she is a dedicated servant leader.

Juan Sanchez, Jr., MBA, BSN, RN, NEA-BC  
Memorial Hermann Greater Heights Hospital  

Juan Sanchez Jr. is the Assistant Vice President of Nursing at Memorial Hermann Greater Heights Hospital. A registered nurse for 18 years, Juan completed his BSN at the University of Texas Health Science Center and earned an MBA in 2009. He has successfully led units to achieve specialty center accreditations and ANCC's 2018 Silver Beacon Nursing Excellence Award. Under Juan’s leadership, patient outcomes often reach exemplary milestones: one unit was “CLABS1 free” for 6.5 consecutive years and “CAUTI free” for 5 years. Juan has implemented best practices affecting the emergency department wait times, improved appropriate use of telemetry, and promoted superior antibiotic stewardship. He is seen as a mentor at his institution and in the community through his volunteer service.

Lisa Thomas, DNP, APRN, ACNS-BC, CRRN, NEA-BC  
Cizik School of Nursing at UT Health  

Lisa Thomas is an Assistant Professor at the Cizik School of Nursing at UTHealth. Dr. Thomas has numerous certifications including as a Certified Rehabilitation Registered Nurse, inspiring others at her facility to receive this certification. Dr. Thomas' special interests are in physical medicine and rehabilitation where she is active in education regarding disability and self-image work for persons facing limb loss. As an Education Director, she led the establishment of an Education Academy for transdisciplinary learning. She is an active researcher and presents locally and nationally on rehabilitation innovations. She consulted with the Texas DNP program directors on best practices for education delivery. Dr. Thomas contributes greatly to the science of nursing by mentoring future nurse leaders.

Jacqueline Ward, DNP, RN, NE-BC  
Texas Children's Hospital  

Jacqueline Ward is the Associate Chief Nursing Officer and Vice President for Texas Children's Hospital. Her expertise is in leadership, innovation, and quality care. This is reflected by the many awards she has received including a special award from the Vannie Cook Children’s Cancer Center in McAllen, Texas at the Celebration of Heroes for the trailblazing work she did implementing this clinic in the Valley to treat under-served children diagnosed with hematology/oncology diseases. Dr. Ward’s leadership has also placed her on the forefront internationally in helping to develop the Cancer and Hematology Centers’ global efforts in capacity building in sub-Saharan Africa. These initiatives have already touched the lives of many. Dr. Ward’s leadership has made a significant impact on clinical practice and patient outcomes at Texas Children’s through her vision and leadership contributions.

For A Listing Of All Honorees From 1991-2019, Please Go To https://tnadistrict9.com/nominations-for-nursing-celebration/
SANDRA CHAVELEH

Sandra Chaveleh, MBA, RN, earned her master’s degree from Texas Woman's University, Houston. Following graduation, she was a nursing administrator at Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center. Presently, Sandra is a student in the Advanced Practice RN Program at Texas Woman's University, Houston. She is an employee of Elsevier HESI.

Sandra is an active leader in the Texas Nurses Association and TNA District 9. She has served as a member of the TNA Regulatory and TNA Educational Committees. As a member of TNA D9, Sandra has facilitated the Nurse Talk Empowerment, served as a member of the Nurse Celebration Silent Auction Committee and the Selection Committee.

She is involved in Oncology Nurses Society (ONS) and represented her chapter in Washington, DC on Capitol Hill while advocating for patients. Additionally, Sandra is an active volunteer in Free to Smile Foundation; received a $7500 grant from ELSEVIER to support the cleft lip and cleft palate repair surgeries in Guatemala and has volunteered for many mission trips for the foundation. Sandra co-chairs the Care and Compassion Team at HESI and has organized toiletry fundraisers for the Star of Hope.

Donna Wooten Scholarship Recipient
Joy Risinger
Associate Degree in Nursing
Alvin Community College

D9 Scholarship Recipient
Candice Polanco
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
University of Houston at Sugar Land

D9 Sabina Fritsch Scholarship Recipient
Farah Buck
Doctor of Nursing Practice
University of St. Thomas

D9 Research Grant Recipient
Brandi Showalter
Texas Woman’s University
Title of Project: Moral Distress in Clinical Research Nurses

History of the Donna Wooten Scholarship
The family of Donna Wooten, RN, established the Donna Wooten Nursing Education Scholarship in 2008. Friends and family donate funds annually. Donna was a stay at home mom to seven children for twenty-seven years. She became an LVN at the age of forty-five, taking her State Board Exam on her forty-fifth birthday. One of her proudest moments was graduating from RN school at the age of fifty, surrounded by her seven children and her second-blessing husband. It was on her seventieth birthday that the Donna Wooten Scholarship was born. Donna turned 81 this year.

History of the Sabina Fritsch Scholarship:
In 1972, the estate of Sabina Fritsch donated $800 to TNA District 9 to be designated as a Sabina Fritsch Scholarship. In the following decade, according to District 9 Board meeting records, the money was combined with existing scholarship funds. Ms. Fritsch was very active in TNA District 9. She joined the Houston Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) in 1917, serving for 36 years including leading the organization as executive director, when she retired in 1953. In the depression years of the 1930’s, Ms. Fritsch fought to keep the VNA “on its feet” after a budget cut by one third by the city of Houston. She worked and succeeded in making the VNA an independent, United Fund agency. At the time of her retirement Ms. Fritsch was recognized by Houston medical leaders as being responsible for shifting the change in medical care to prevention, as a significant contribution by registered nurses who were employed in providing health care in patient’s homes. Harris, Mary Ann. (November 11, 1953). “Miss Fritsch honored for 36 years’ service”. The Houston Post.
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Congratulations to Jackie Ward, DNP, RN, NE-BC, Associate Chief Nursing Officer, Vice President (top) and Amanda Garey, MSN, RN-BC, C-OB, C-EFM, Lead Nurse Planner, Nursing Professional Development Specialist (bottom), our 2019 TNA outstanding nurse honorees.

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