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President's Message

Dear Members,

It is my pleasure to announce our latest election results. We are grateful for your participation in TNA D9. Congratulations to you all!

I would like to say thank you for a memorable year as president. Although the pandemic provided challenges for in person gatherings, we ended the year with several successful virtual education events, fundraisers, and well attended monthly meetings. I have been blessed to work beside the extraordinary D9 members that are your board of directors, nominating committee members, and delegates. It was an honor to serve and I look forward to seeing you in person when we can gather again.

Thank you for your patience as we adapted to the COVID-19 crisis and switched to the virtual world. While I was sad that our 30th annual Nursing Celebration gala had to be postponed, I am thrilled that we were able to shift our focus to plan and implement the virtual celebration of 151 Nursing Heroes who made a life-changing impact in the lives of their patients, co-workers, neighbors, and most of all, their families. I recognize that there are countless more D9 nurses that deserve this recognition, and I thank you all for making a difference.

With upmost confidence and positivity, I turn over the presidency to Dr. Renae Schumann to implement the incredible works of the Texas Nurses Association, District 9.

With much appreciation,

Kimberly Curtin, DNP, APRN

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Ballot Results

Congratulations to these District 9 members! They will begin their term on July 1, 2021.

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Nancy Yuill

SECRETARY

Rosemary Pine

NORTH REGION REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Aletha Savage

SOUTH REGION REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jacqueline Meyer

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Amanda Garey

Edtrina Moss

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Amanda Garey, Chair

Swapna Johncy

Leslie Morris

Pam Slagle

Lidiaty Wright

Thank you to our 2020-2021 nominating committee members for putting together an exceptional slate of officers!

Heidi Gilroy, Chair

Sarah Hibbs

Pam Slagle

Lisa Triche

Lidiaty Wright

DELEGATES

Carly Baker

Farah Buck

Davida Chatman

Kathleen Cintron

Terri Clarkson

Ernestine (Tina) Cuellar

Shermel Edwards-Maddox

Amanda Garey

Heidi Gilroy

Linda Green

Sarah Hibbs

Kimberly Hill

Arlita Jefferson

Swapna Johncy

Rosha Joshi

Nathana Morris-Avery

Melika Naghavi

Christian "Page" Owen

Christen Sadler

Tamara Williams

ALTERNATE DELEGATES

Funmilayo Ariyo

Kevin Harris

Rosalyn Jones-Waters

DK Lovick

Marco Ollervides

Denise Stage McNulty

Edtrina Moss

Muhammed Sallah

Seth Stephens

Terry Throckmorton

Jennifer Turner

Takeisha Turner

Lidiaty Wright



Nursing Heroes



Celebrating Nursing Heroes Campaign

Emerging from the challenge of a pandemic, persevering through uncharted territory, and making an impact along the way was ever present in the daily work of the Nurses in District 9. While most of Houston was in quarantine and working from the comfort of their homes, nurses showed up, leaned in, sacrificed, and worked overtime to get the job done.

As family members were not allowed to be with their loved ones, nurses became a patient's connection to the outside world; gloved hands embracing and comforting anxious patients; face timing family members so they could "see" their loved ones; quarantining from their own families, working beyond the limits of exhaustion and then going home to create PPE factories in living rooms to protect coworkers, neighbors, and friends...

These are just a few of the stories that were shared on April 22 at 7pm during the virtual Meaningful Recognition ceremony honoring District 9 Nurses. The video can be viewed on our website home page at www.tnadistrict9.com.

Jennifer Abernathy, Texas Children's Hospital
 Angelica Aja, Harris Health System: LBJ General Hospital
 Sheila Askeland, HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast
 Tara Barrick, Texas Children's Hospital
 Jason Baumgarten, Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital
 Reji Biju, Texas Children's Hospital
 Catherine Bilden, Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center
 Leah Blackwell, Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital
 Tamika Brown, Harris Health System: Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital
 Lani Cabral Pasao, Angels Over Us
 Christina Calderon, HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast
 Tammy Cameron, HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast
 Chelsea Campbell, Texas Children's Hospital
 Liliana Catalan, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital
 Sarah Charbonneau, HCA Houston Healthcare West
 Mona Clark, Texas Children's Hospital
 Pamela Clark, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
 Molly Conklin, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
 Sheritha Copeland, Texas Children's Hospital
 Maria D. Cruz, Texas Children's Hospital
 Lindsey Curry, Texas Children's Hospital
 Allison Damron, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
 Karin Davies, HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast
 Maria Del Rosario, Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital
 Michelle Delaney, Harris Health System
 Grace Diaz-Font, Memorial Hermann Hospital
 Anh Dinh, Minivasive Pain & Orthopedics
 Shela E. Ecobiza, Harris Health System
 Kellie Eleby, Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital
 Sarah Englehardt, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
 Dana Essary, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital
 Sheranda Fesler, Texas Children's Hospital
 Amelia Fleming, Texas Children's Hospital
 Emily Foreman, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
 Sheila Garcia, HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast
 Andy Garza, Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital
 Jeannie Ghelardini, Angel Staffing
 Teresa Gomez, Texas Children's Hospital
 Tyonia Gomez, Harris Health System
 Elizabeth "Betty" Gonzales, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
 Michael Gonzales, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
 Lindsey Gooding, Texas Children's Hospital
 Maria Gordon, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
 Douglas Grimes, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital
 Janis Hammond, Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center
 Danielle Hardin, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
 Susan Hardy-Croskey, Texas Children's Hospital
 Mary L. Harris, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
 Marylyn R. Harris, Harrland Healthcare Consulting, LLC
 Marissa Hergott, Texas Children's Hospital
 Christina Hernandez, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital

Nursing Heroes

Lorena Herrera, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital	Daphny Grace M. Peneza, Memorial Hermann Hospital Texas Medical Center
Myoshia Hollings, Texas Children's Hospital	Knezyk Pennington, Texas Children's Hospital
Chelsey Hood, Texas Children's Hospital	Fred Perry, Park Plaza HCA
Krystal Hopson, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital	Cheryl Pfennig, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
Stacey Hudspeth, Texas Children's Hospital	Rhoda Phillips, Texas Children's Hospital
LaDuska "Dusty" James, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital	Ashley Pollard, Texas Children's Hospital
Martha Jimenez, Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center	Carol Porter, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
Harvinder Kaur, Houston Methodist West Hospital	Jada Price, Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center
Mildred Kho, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital	Miriam Quiambao, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Usha Kizhakkedan, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital	Erika K. Quinlan, Texas Children's Hospital
Brittany Koon, Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center	Jonathan Rangel, Houston Methodist Hospital & Houston Methodist Continuing Care Hospital
Rima Kordie, Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital	Rita Richards, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Oksana Korotun, Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center	Cintia Rosenbaum, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Rebecca Kudlaty, Texas Children's Hospital	Pamela Russell, Harris Health System
Jackie Kuna, Texas Children's Hospital	Nicole Sanders, Texas Children's Hospital
Maureen Lall, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital	Clemente "Mario" Saravia, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Julie LaSalle, Texas Children's Hospital	Alex Sardual, Texas Children's Hospital
Susan Laws, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital	Aletha Savage, Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center
Janet Leatherwood, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital	Candace Scheresky, Memorial Hermann Hospital Texas Medical Center
Sang Lee, Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center	Nicole Schultz, Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center
Patricia S. Lewis, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital	Amy Sebastian-Deutsch, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Jennifer Lockett, Memorial Hermann Sugar Land Hospital	Tenu Shaji, HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast
Jason Lockwood, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital	Maregina Shankar, Harris Health System Ambulatory Specialty Clinics
Melissa Lopez, Texas Children's Hospital	Lisa Sheckler, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Donna "DK" Lovick, Texas Children's Hospital	L. Sally Shen, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
April Lyle, Texas Children's Hospital	Fiona Smith, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Cristina Martin, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital	Uniqua Smith, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
Marcia Mason, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital	Paul Spriggs, HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast
Kathy McCarthy, Texas Children's Hospital	Kenya Starks, Texas Children's Hospital
Morin McMillian, Texas Children's Hospital West Campus	Lori Stoddard, Texas Children's Hospital
Laura Medina, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital	Jennifer Sy, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Lillie Meng, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center	Jermaine Tan, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Pam Mengo, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital	Jenny Tcharmatchi, Texas Children's Hospital
Wendy Miller, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital	Dorothy Terry, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital
Amy Mitchell, Texas Children's Hospital	Thresiamma Thysheril, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
Alva Mixon, Texas Children's Hospital	Jennifer Turner, Aya Healthcare
Cristina Montalban-Dimafiles, Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital	Mayra Valdez, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital
Denine Moody, Texas Children's Hospital	Elizabeth Vargas, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Judy Moore, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center	Jennyfer Vargas, Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center
Katrina Moore, Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital	Jennifer Vera, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital
Deanna Nichols, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital	Dia Vinod, Harris Health System: Vallbona Health Center
Jennifer O'Brien, Houston Methodist Orthopedics and Sports Medicine	Jacqueline Ward, Texas Children's Hospital
Yvette Ochoa, Texas Children's Hospital	Kelly Ward, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Kevin Oosting, Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center	Karen Warford, HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast
Cindy Orellana, Texas Children's Hospital	Rachel Werley, Texas Children's Hospital
Millicent Owusu, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital	Jewelli Wetherell, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Paula Palla, City of Humble	Deandria Winchester, Harris Health System: Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital
Kaitlyn Pawelek, Texas Children's Hospital	Pamela Windle, Harris Health System
Jessica Peck, Baylor University	Carrie Winton, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Mary Joy Pedroso, Texas Children's Hospital	James Ziegenfuss, Texas Children's Hospital

Amazon Fundraising

Sign up for AmazonSmile and select Texas Nurses District 9 Foundation as your preferred charity at smile.amazon.com/ch/26-4369773. Remember to shop for deals at smile.amazon.com, or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon app, and AmazonSmile will donate to us at no cost to you.

DISTRICT 9 MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

*send us your accomplishments
to post on social media*

email to tna9@tnadistrict9.com

Online Giving Campaign

To thank a nurse and show your gratitude and support, 100% tax-deductible donations can be made online at: www.tnadistrict9.com or mailed via check to the District Office. \$1760 has been raised to date.

2021 Meetings

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021 VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING, 5:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING, 5:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021 VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING, 5:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021 VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING, 5:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021 VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING, 5:30 P.M.

Attendance at board meetings is limited to officers, D9 members, and nursing students. Pre-registration is necessary. Meeting registration link emailed to membership and posted on social media.

Above info subject to change – contact TNA D9 to verify and pre-register.

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Juliana Brixey, Past-President
Rena Schumann, President-Elect
Lisa Thomas, Secretary
Denise Neill, Treasurer

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Maribel Bhojani
Claudine Dufrene
Anita Harris
J. Michael Leger, South Region Representative
Marco Ollervides
Aletha Savage, North Region Representative
Pamela Windle

Mission

Texas Nurses Association, District 9 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.

Vision

Texas
Nurses
Advancing
eD9ucation and
Advocacy through
Collaboration and
Teamwork

Goal

Our primary goal is to: Ensure that professional registered nurses have opportunities to collaborate, learn about and impact the professional nursing environment.



SAVE THE DATE

*20th Annual
Nursing Celebration*

Friday, March 4, 2022
Westin Houston Medical Center