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**Texas Nurses Association District 9 Foundation
31st ANNUAL NURSING CELEBRATION**

HOUSTON, Texas (November 4, 2023) – The Board and Committee of “Nursing Celebration” look forward to the 31st Anniversary of Texas Nurses Association District 9 Foundation’s Nursing Celebration Gala.

This event benefits Texas Nurses District 9 Foundation ensuring the future of healthcare and the highest level of performance from those in the nursing profession by fulfilling the following purpose: providing scholarships to nursing students and awarding grants to registered nurses in District 9. On **Friday, November 10, 2023**, the room will be filled with Sponsors, Honorees, Scholarship and Grant Awardees, and Supporters. The reception and silent auction begin at 6:00 p.m., with dinner and award ceremony at 7:00 p.m.

“Nurses are strong, resilient, and innovative in dealing with multiple issues, including staffing shortages, moral distress, and workplace violence, but they persevere and provide compassionate care. This celebration is a great time to celebrate all nurses and to recognize Outstanding Nurses who exemplify nursing’s contributions to the health of our community,” says Dr. Nancy Yuill, R.N., who serves as the Chair of the Nursing Celebration committee.

For 31 years, Texas Nurses Association, District 9 has organized a Nursing Celebration, an elegant evening Gala event with the mission to recognize outstanding nurses, present scholarships to nursing students, and award grants in nursing research. These nurses and nursing students live and/or work in District 9, including Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, San Jacinto, Trinity, Walker, and Waller counties. District 9 (Greater Houston area) is the largest in Texas and boasts nearly 4,400 members. This year we are delighted to include an inaugural award, the Mike Calvert Noble Nurse of the Year Award.

“November 10, 2023, will be an exciting evening at the Bayou City Event Center as TNA D9 hosts our 31st Annual Nursing Celebration and celebrates our life’s Blessings, including Outstanding Nurses and our sponsors. This Nursing Celebration is a charitable event to align your business for a strong impact on the health and wellness of the community. Sponsoring options give you choices for positive exposure to your business and its services. The impact you will make on our community is immeasurable. We appreciate opportunities to share and discuss the event, those it supports, and sponsorship options with you. Let’s partner together for healthy nurses and community,” continues Dr. Yuill.

20 Outstanding Nurses of 2023

Rizalina (Nena) Bonuel, Harris Health System
Cheryl Brohard, University of Houston
Joaquin Buitrago, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center
Dave Calubaquib, Houston Methodist The Woodlands / MD Anderson The Woodlands
Grace Campos, Michael E DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center
Claudia Chavana, Memorial Hermann Greater Heights Hospital
Tonya Edwards, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center
Alicia Hernandez, Harris Health System
Mischelle Hopper, Lone Star College Montgomery
Kristin Johnson, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center
Allegra Jones, UT Medical Branch
Jeff Mills, HCA Houston Healthcare Northwest
Roselyn Ogunkunle, Lone Star Oncology
Angelina (Angie) Rangel, Texas Children's Hospital
Linda Sheen, UTHealth Cizik School of Nursing
Elyse Sporkin, Retired
Faith Strunk, UTHealth Cizik School of Nursing
Serena Tobar, Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center
Reenu Varghese, UT Medical Branch
Fallon Wiley, Harris Health System



Award Nominees (Winner will be announced at the gala)

Rosalyn Jones-Waters, Ben Taub Hospital
Jessica Peck, Unbound Houston and Baylor University
Huey-Ming Tzeng, UT Medical Branch
Linda Venzke, UT Medical Branch

Dorothy Otto Lifetime Achievement Award

Carol Coats, Posthumously

President's Awardees

Shawn Vaughan
Nancy Yuill

Donna Wooten Scholarship Recipient

Jennifer Vaiani, Galveston College

D9 Sabina Fritsch Scholarship Recipient

Rachel Clark, University of Texas Health Science Center

D9 Carol Coats Scholarship Recipient

(A portion of the funds were raised through a Pampered Chef fundraiser)
Sydney Ramos, Texas Woman's University

D9 Grant Recipients

John Leger, UTMB School of Nursing
Harriet Omondi, Texas Woman's University
Serena Tobar, Texas Woman's University

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Program Sponsor – Memorial Hermann Health System

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Award Sponsor – Post Oak Trophies

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Venue Sponsor - Bayou City Event Center

Individual seats to Nursing Celebration are \$125. Table Sponsorships start at \$1,800.

Your support is greatly appreciated and will benefit nursing scholarships and grant funding. For more information or to donate, visit: <https://tnadistrict9.com/nominations-for-nursing-celebration-main/> or contact Melanie Truong at the TNA District 9 office, 713-523-3619 or email at tna9@tnadistrict9.com.



6pm Opening Reception, Silent Auction, Blessing of the Hands, and Gift Card Wreath
7pm Dinner/Program