



Texas Nurses Association District 9 Foundation Invites You

31st ANNUAL NURSING CELEBRATION

NOVEMBER 10, 2023

6:00-12:00 p.m.

Bayou City Event Center

9401 Knight Road, Houston, Texas 77045

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 of over 4,400 members. This year we are delighted to include an inaugural award, the Mike Calvert Noble Nurse of the Year Award.

You are cordially invited to the 31st Anniversary of Texas Nurses Association District 9 Foundation's Nursing Celebration Gala. On **Friday, November 10, 2023**, TNA D9 will host an exciting evening at the Bayou City Event Center to celebrate our life's Blessings, including Outstanding Nurses and our sponsors. This Nursing Celebration is a charitable event. The reception and silent auction begin at 6:00 p.m., with dinner and the awards ceremony at 7:00 p.m.

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. To register for this event or additional information or to donate, visit: <https://tnadistrict9.com/nominations-for-nursing-celebration-main/>. Select Nursing Celebration at the top of the page and go to "Sponsorships, Tables, and Tickets" on the lower left portion of the page.

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.

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

The 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

Dorothy Otto Lifetime Achievement Award

Carol Coats, RN, Posthumously



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

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