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**NBNA Announces the 2023 Under 40 Awardees for
51st Annual Institute and Conference to be held on August 1 – 6, 2023
#NBNA51stConference**

SILVER SPRING, MD, (July 27, 2023) - The National Black Nurses Association (**NBNA**) is pleased to announce the 2023 Under 40 Awardees. The reception to honor the awardees will be held during the 51st Annual Institute and Conference NBNA Awards Ceremony in Atlanta on Saturday, August 5, starting at 1:30 P.M. EST.

The theme of this year's conference is ***"NBNA Fifty Years and Beyond: Leading the Way in Innovation, Built Environments, Advocacy, Mentorship and Community Engagement."***

Expecting more than 1100 nurses and nursing students to attend, more information about the conference and a detailed agenda is located at <https://www.nbna.org/conf>.

"These nurses are our present and our future. They are the next generation of nurse leaders," stated Dr. Martha A. Dawson, NBNA President. "We look forward to honoring these NBNA young notables under the age of 40 who are rocking the nursing world through professional and educational achievement, leadership, and civic involvement in their NBNA chapters and in the communities they serve. Congratulations to all 12 awardees for 2023!"

NBNA is comprised of nurses at all levels, from LPNs to nurses prepared at the doctoral level, bedside clinicians, chief nursing officers, deans of schools of nursing, researchers, academicians, policy advocates and entrepreneurs.

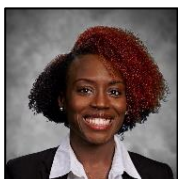
2023 NBNA Under 40 Award Winners



Josephine A. Agyei, BSN, RN
Mount Sinai Hospital
New York, NY
Greater New York City Black Nurses Association



Sheree Criner, MS, RN-BC
Kaiser Permanente
Sacramento, CA
Capitol City Black Nurses Association



Charmaine L. Duckie, DNP, MSN, RN, MSRN-BC, NEA-BC
Duke Primary Care Riverview
Durham, NC
Central Carolina Black Nurses Association



Ashley Graham-Perel, EdD, RN, NPD-BC, MEDSURG-BC, CNE
Columbia University School of Nursing
New York, NY
New York Black Nurses Association



J'Adore Larosa-Mattis, MSN, RN, APRN, FNP-BC
Mount Sinai Health System
New York, NY
Greater New York City Black Nurses Association



Irene Ondieki, DNP, NEA-BC, RN-BC
Montefiore Medical Center
Piscataway, NJ
Greater New York City Black Nurses Association



Adenike Okeowo, DNP, RN, CHPN, FNP-C, CHFN
Mount Sinai Health System
New York, NY
Greater New York City Black Nurses Association



Retonya Pierre, MSN, BSN, RN
Baptist Health of South Florida
Homestead Hospital
Homestead, FL
Miami Chapter – Black Nurses Association



Lonnitria Rena Kennan, BSN, RN
Ascension St. Vincent's Birmingham
Birmingham, AL
Birmingham Black Nurses Association



Eboné M. Shelbia-Jones, BSN, RN, RN-BC
Houston Methodist Sugarland
Richmond, TX
Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association



Anniece Spencer, DNP, APRN, FNPC, BC-ADM
Abbott
St. Louis, MO
Black Nurses Association of Greater St. Louis



Ashley Weaver, MSN, RN, MEDSURG-BC, CNL
Department of Veterans Affairs
Birmingham, AL
Birmingham Black Nurses Association

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About the National Black Nurses Association

Founded in 1971, the National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) is a professional organization representing 308,000 African American registered nurses, licensed vocational/practical nurses, and nursing students in 108 chapters and 34 states. 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.” NBNA chapters offer voluntary hours providing health education and screenings to community residents in collaboration with community-based partners, including faith-based organizations, civic, fraternal, hospitals, and schools of nursing. For more information, visit nbna.org. Follow us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#)! #NBNA51stConference