

Agenda

35th ANNUAL NATIONAL BLACK NURSES DAY on CAPITOL HILL

**Health Equity, Reckoning & Wellness:
NBNA's Renewed Call to Action**

Thursday, February 2, 2023

7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. Registration and Breakfast
Hilton Washington DC Capitol Hill Hotel
Grand Ballroom, Lobby Level

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Welcome and Acknowledgements

Sheldon D. Fields, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, AACRN, FAANP, FNAP, FAAN
1st Vice President and Health Policy Committee Chair
National Black Nurses Association
Associate Dean for Equity and Inclusion
The Pennsylvania State University College of Nursing
University Park, PA
Founder & CEO, The S.D.F. Group, LLC

Introductions

Eric J. Williams, DNP, RN, CNE, ANEF, FAAN
Immediate Past President
Interim Dean, San Monica College of Nursing
Santa Monica, CA

Introduction of:

- NBNA Board of Directors
- Past Presidents
- NBNA Chapter Presidents
- NBNA Corporate Roundtable Members
- NBNA Day Sponsors
- Schools of Nursing and Guests
- Acknowledgement of Staff

Introduction of NBNA President

President Remarks

Martha A. Dawson, DNP, RN, FACHE, FAAN
President and CEO, National Black Nurses Association
Associate Professor and Sparkman Global Health Fellow
Department of Family, Community and Health Systems
University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing
Birmingham, AL

8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Breakfast Keynote Speaker

C. Alicia Georges, EdD, RN, FAAN

President, National Black Nurses Foundation

5th President, National Black Nurses Association

Founding President of the NBNA National Black Nurse Day on Capitol Hill

8:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Sheldon D. Fields, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, AACRN, FAANP, FNAP, FAAN

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“RWJ Health Policy Fellows Program”

Gregg Margolis, PhD

Director of Health Policy Fellowships and Leadership Programs

National Academy of Medicine

Washington, DC

“Health Equity in Action: Optimal Interventions to Systematic Drivers of Racial Health Inequities-A Review of Summit and Policy Implications for Advancing Solutions”

Melissa Bishop-Murphy, JD

Senior Director, National Government and Multicultural Affairs

Pfizer, Inc.

New York, NY

“Congress Can Act to Improve Infant Health and Safety by Modernizing Donor Human Milk Standards”

Aly Fuller, JD, PhD

Vice President

Government Affairs & Intellectual Property

Prolacta Bioscience

Duarte, CA

“Older Adults and Nutrition: The Outlook for 2023”

Robert Blancato, President

Matz, Blancato and Associates National Coordinator

Defeat Malnutrition Today Coalition

Washington, DC

“Eliminating Tobacco Health Disparities”

Caroline Goncalves Jones,

Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids

Washington, DC

VITAS Healthcare

“Ensuring Health Equity: The Palliative Care and Hospice Education Training Act S.4260 – NBNA’s Impact!

Marcia Lowe, PhD, MSN, BSN, RN-GERO-BC
2nd Vice President and Chair End of Life Care Ad Hoc Committee
National Black Nurses Association
Nurse Educator
Department of Staff Development
Birmingham VA Medical Center
Birmingham, Alabama

Mark Slobodien
Vice President of Government Affairs
VITAS Healthcare

Diane Deese, MCLSS-GB, CDEI-HC, CACPFI, CDEI-PM, EMT
Vice President of Community Affairs
VITAS Healthcare

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

“NBNA Legislative Toolkit Briefing for Capitol Hill Visits”

Sheldon D. Fields, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, AACRN, FAANP, FNAP, FAAN
1st Vice President and Health Policy Chair Committee
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Loretta T. Lee, PhD, CRNP, FNP, BC, CNE
Co-Chair, NBNA Health Policy Committee
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1. [Ensuring Health Equity: Supporting the Nursing Workforce](#)
2. [Gun Violence: America's Continued Crisis](#)
3. [Obesity: America's Health Calamity](#)
4. [Suicide: A Mental Health Catastrophe](#)
5. [Equity and Wellness: Climate and Environmental Justice](#)
6. [Criminal Justice Reform and Health Inequities](#)
7. [Time to Reckon with Black Maternal Health](#)

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Capitol Hill Visits

Capitol Hill Visits, Appointments with your Senators and Representatives, (Live and Virtual)

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Luncheon

Introduction of Keynote Speaker By: Dr. Martha A. Dawson, NBNA President/CEO
Reed Tuckson, MD, FACP
Co-Founder of the Black Coalition Against COVID
Atlanta, GA
Sponsored by: Novavax Pharmaceuticals

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

NBNA Day Debriefing on Capitol Hill Visits

Members of Congress videos and in person visits

Evaluation/Thank you Letters/Break (Using Whova)

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Networking, Social Media, and Photo Opportunities

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Grand Ballroom, Lobby Level

Reception and Partners Recognition

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President and CEO, National Black Nurses Association

Sheldon D. Fields, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, AACRN, FAANP, FNAP, FAAN

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Moderator: Loretta T. Lee, PhD, CRNP, FNP, BC, CNE

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