



Watts Nursing Alumni Association



President's Message

Hello Alumni,

I hope you are having a happy and joyful start to 2024. The Watts Alumni Board had a busy yet productive end to 2023. The fall gift and scholarships were presented to the selected students at the WCON Student Body and Team Meeting. The students requested and received a one-time donation to fund a team building event. The Alumni Board welcomed 18 Alumni to the Winter Gathering in December at Bennett Pointe Grill and a \$175 Love Offering was collected and donated to the Adult Diaper Bank. In early 2024, the alumni welcomed 21 new students, provided lunch, and shared information about the alumni and the available scholarships and resources.

As a friendly reminder, we continue to request that you support the Alumni by paying your yearly dues. The money from your dues allows the Alumni to continue to support student and faculty activities including scholarships, awards, luncheons, exam snacks, and annual gifts to meet student needs requests.

The Spring Banquet will be held on May 15, 2024 at Croasdaile Country Club. Registration information is included below. I look forward to supporting the Alumni as your President through May 2025. I welcome your thoughts and encourage your participation as we move forward. Please contact me with any questions or ideas.

Breanne Payne DNP, RN, CNML, Class of 2003
President
Breanne.Payne@duke.edu

Current 2023-2025 Board Members

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Breanne Payne, '03, President
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Susan Avent, '76, History Project
Becky Dodson, '61, Golden Agers
Elizabeth Cantor, '08, Watts College

Financial Update from the Treasurer's Desk

Financial Update: Data Trends		
	Total Dues	Total Donations
2017	\$1,140	\$2,385
2018	\$1,410	\$6,195
2019	\$1,710	\$3,545
2020	\$1,480	\$1,895
2021	\$1,620	\$8,430
2022	\$1,820	\$4,005
2023	\$1,820	\$4,134

Account Balance as of February 1, 2024

Checking: \$6539.91
Savings: \$26.51
Reba Beavers Scholarship: \$6,441.73
Ethel Clay Price (ECP): \$206,962.36

Update from the School

Greetings Watts Alumni,

As we usher in a new season, many exciting opportunities are blooming at Watts. Students are actively engaged in learning, community service and professional growth. Students have volunteered with community partners such as the Diaper Bank, Head for a Cure Race, Angels Among Us 5k Race, American Red Cross Blood Drives, Durham Rescue Mission and Ronald McDonald House.

We are working with the Duke approved vendor for merchandise. We have selected Watts College of Nursing items ranging from sweatshirts to water bottles. We plan to have the online ordering store open twice a year, in April and November. More details to come.

We appreciate the Alumni assistance with proctoring and the Health History Assignment “clients”. Thank you for your continued support of the College!

Yolanda S. Neal, DNP, RN, NEA-BC
President
Watts College of Nursing

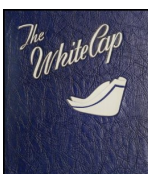
Watts History Project Update

There is very little to report at this time. A cape was left at the school at the end of 2023. We currently have many capes. Please consider donating items i.e., pictures, Black Banding and Graduation Programs, newspaper articles, and other memorabilia. There are many of these in the collection; however, there are missing items from many classes.

Work on the recommendations of the Historical Consultant has halted until the new School of Nursing site has been selected. Several of the recommendations centered around consolidation of holdings into 1-2 rooms versus the current 3 locations. Much has been moved but remaining will not be done until we know more about location and actual space available to the Watts History Project. The creation of several new policies was also recommended; however, we must wait to see space and determine specifics. In an effort to consolidate and preserve very old holdings, especially newspaper articles, we will be working with UNC to digitalize additional holdings. If you recall, all annual yearbooks were digitalized several years ago and are available on-line to all. UNC has offered to do additional materials. The most ‘at risk’ materials will be selected first.

Thank you for your support of the Watts History Project and special thanks again to Donna Rogers and Betty Faulkner for their vision and the incredible time and effort that went into the creation of the massive holdings.

Susan Avent, MSN, RN, MBA, MHA
Class of 1976
History Project Liaison
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Our Yearbooks are digital....

[North Carolina Yearbooks · DigitalNC](https://lib.digitalnc.org/)
(<https://lib.digitalnc.org/>)

Connecting with other Alumni

1. At future Events
2. Alumni Website: wattscollegeofnursing.edu/alumni
3. [Watts School Of Nursing Facebook page](#)
4. [Watts College of Nursing \(@wattsconofficial\) - Instagram](#)
5. Email us with Alumni Gatherings & Accomplishments to share at wattsalumniassociation@gmail.com

Announcements & Upcoming Events

ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET

Date: May 15, 2024

Time: Registration 5:15 pm Dinner 6:00 pm

Place: Croasdaile Country Club, 3800 Farm Gate Avenue, Durham, NC (off Cole Mill Road)

Cost: Alumni \$40 / Golden Agers (1940-1973) \$30 / Non-Alumni/Guests \$45

Graduates from Classes of December 2023 and May 2024 **No Cost**

RSVP Deadline: All payments must be received by May 9, 2024

**** No Reservation will be accepted after this date.****

If you as an alumni member would like to support a December 2023 or May 2024 graduate for the banquet, please indicate the amount of your donation with your check and RSVP response.

Please make checks payable to: Watts Nursing Alumni Association

Mailing Address: Watts Nursing Alumni Association , Attn: Treasurer

2828 Croasdaile Drive, Suite 200, Durham, NC 27705-2505

December 2023 and May 2024 Graduates

Please RSVP via email by **May 8, 2024** to Elizabeth Cantor at elizabeth.cantor@duke.edu

For Questions you may contact:

Susan Avent 919-732-3210 / fsavent@centurylink.net

- ◆ We **invite** alumni members to either bring a "door prize" for the traditional door prize drawing event (1 gift per person is appropriate)
- ◆ Consider a monetary donation, which will support our current graduates, students, and/or scholarship fund.

Dues for 2023-2024 are now past due. Dues are \$35, and the dues year is from December 1 to November 30.

Please complete and mail-in the form included in this newsletter.

Future Events...

Black Banding: May 17, 2024 10:00 a.m.; Graduation: May 17, 2024 1:00 p.m., both will be held at the at the Duke University Page Auditorium

Celebrating New Golden Agers Class of 1974



Awards & Scholarships

Ethel Clay Price Scholarships Spring 2024

Up to four scholarships are awarded two times a year with \$4,000 being divided between the recipients. Recipients: Erica Hilliker, Jerrell Williams, Angelica Knight, and Kaitlyn Moser

December 2023 Graduation Awards

Beulah Owens Award: Fatima Muhammad

Burke Matthews Award: Mollie Agboola

December 2023 Black Banding Award

Reba Beavers Memorial Award: Alexis Lamoreaux

Dr. Ruth Cox Scholarship

In 2023, the Dr. Ruth Cox Scholarship was established. Dr. Cox, class of 1968, contacted the alumni board to discuss the creation of a scholarship for Watts graduates pursuing an advanced degree in psychiatric nursing. After much discussion, scholarship guidelines and an application form were created by the board and approved by Dr. Cox. These are available for review and use on the Watts College of Nursing. This is a \$500 scholarship to be given each semester by Dr. Cox. The alumni would like to thank Dr. Cox for her generosity and desire to provide financial assistance to Watts nurses furthering their education.

Susan Avent '76 RN MSN MBA MHA

History Project Liaison

Please check out the new Dr. Ruth Cox Scholarship on the website (2 scholarships/year; applications due in June and December): wattscollegeofnursing.edu/alumni/scholarship



In Memoriam

Name	Date of Death	Class Year
Carolyn Perritt Tebow	7/5/2022 <i>(New Notification)</i>	1943
Kathleen Woody Nash	7/17/2017 <i>(New Notification)</i>	1945
Doris Mustard Laws	1/14/2019 <i>(New Notification)</i>	1946
Joan Jordan Ramsey	8/13/2023	1950
Delores Lord Finch	6/30/2021 <i>(New Notification)</i>	1951
Sarah Allen Lea	5/17/2019 <i>(New Notification)</i>	1951
Martha Harmon Evans	7/16/2001 <i>(New Notification)</i>	1953
Shirley Craig Mutter	7/29/2023	1955
Margaret Blalock Rimer	5/22/2018 <i>(New Notification)</i>	1955
Jeanette Hall Vaughan	3/16/2023	1955
Shelby Daniel Eubanks	2/9/2024	1958
Judy Laughter King	4/5/2019 <i>(New Notification)</i>	1961
Prentiss Anne Allen	4/30/2006 <i>(New Notification)</i>	1962
Catherine Fisher Tharrington	5/3/2023	1965
Deborah Lou Holder Wilson Hunt	10/29/2023	1982
Cathryn Deane Blackmon	8/11/2020 <i>(New Notification)</i>	1983
Rhonda L Easton Normandin	10/12/2023	1987

Please notify us of any alumni deaths that you are aware of at wattsalumniassociation@gmail.com Or call Susan Avent, History Project Liaison at 919-732-3210 or at fsavent@centurylink.net

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Please complete this form and mail to address below with your annual dues.

Last Name: _____ **First:** _____

Maiden Name: _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____ - _____ **Email:** _____

Year Graduated: _____

NEW News to Share:

Amount Submitted for Dues: _____

(Note: Yearly dues are \$35.00 which covers December 1-November 30)

Donation: _____

Mail to: Watts Nursing Alumni Association, Attn: Treasurer
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Note: Dues and donations are tax deductible as designated by law. Your cancelled check is your receipt.
