

Watts Nursing Alumni Association - Fall 2023

UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Alumni,

I appreciate the opportunity to share with you all the wonderful things that the Watts College is doing. As your new President and a board member for the last 5 years, I feel honored to work alongside the Alumni and the student body to continue the traditions and values of the Watts Nurse.

The Watts College of Nursing has 136 students currently enrolled; and we acknowledge that the most recent graduating class had a 100% pass rate on the NCLEX exam. Congratulations to the students who are now formally Alumni.

Please consider joining us for the December gathering that will be held on 12/5/2023 at 12 noon at Durham's Bennett Pointe Grill. In addition to participating in our winter and spring events, we invite you to become a member of the Watts Nursing Alumni Association. This newsletter will provide more detailed information about joining. The money from your dues will allow the Alumni to continue to support student and faculty activities such as scholarships, awards, luncheons, exam snacks, and annual gifts to meet student needs requests.

I welcome your thoughts and participation as we move forward. Please contact me with any questions or ideas you have.

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Class of 2003
President
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Annual Winter Alumni Gathering

Bennett Pointe Grill Dec. 5th at 12:00 p.m.
4625 Hillsborough Rd Durham NC

RSVP to Susan Avent by Dec. 1st @
fsavent@centurylink.net or 919-732-3210

Please leave your name and a phone number with your RSVP.

DUES ARE DUE : \$35.00 each November

Send to: Watts Nursing Alumni Association
2828 Croasdaile Drive, Suite 200
Durham, NC 27705-2505
Attn: Treasurer

Include: Name at Graduation, Current Name, Address, Phone Number, Personal Email Address and **Year of Graduation**
(you can print a renewal form by going to the alumni website)

Visit our alumni website for news and events
wattscollegeofnursing.edu/alumni/

Please stay in contact with us by email or on our Facebook page.

If you are receiving this by postal mail, then the alumni association does not have a current email address for you. Be sure to add our address to your email address book ...
wattsalumniassociation@gmail.com

Thank You...

On behalf of the Alumni Association Officers and Board of Directors we would like to thank alumni who have given donations this past year. Since we are a non-profit organization, your donations are tax deductible.

Dues and donations received help defray the costs of the following:

- Spring Banquet – the cost for the students (not sponsored) and a portion of the cost for all Golden Agers
- Mailing/printing expenses
- A gift to the student body twice a year
- Lunch and/or gift bags welcoming new students each semester
- Snacks for students during exams.

We greatly appreciate all the members who have already sent in dues for this year.

Current Finances as of August 2023

Checking Account	\$5,573
Savings Account	\$26
ECP Scholarship	\$202,911
Reba Beavers Award	\$6,355

Announcements

Ethel Clay Price Scholarships

Scholarships totaling \$4000.00 are awarded twice a year.

- Three scholarships awarded in **February 2023**:
Leanna Parker (BSN Student)
Megan Stocking (BSN Student)
Caitlin Brady (BSN Student)
- Two scholarships awarded in **September 2023**:
Sasha Perez (BSN student)
Helana Heath (BSN student)

The **Ethel Clay Price Scholarships** are awarded to current Watts students and alumni who are working on advancing their education. Please be sure to visit our website to learn more on how you can apply and/or qualify for a scholarship.

wattscollegeofnursing.edu/alumni/scholarship

May 2023 Graduation/Black Banding Awards

- Beulah Owens Award: Leilani Copollabock
- Burke Matthews Award: Shea Evans
- Reba Beavers Award: Maia Womble

Celebrate Alumni Accomplishments!

We need to celebrate our accomplishments. Have you recently finished an advanced degree? Published a paper or article? Completed your nursing certification? Received a local, state or national award? Please send us your accomplishments so we can share across our organization. Email us at wattsalumniassociation@gmail.com and we will showcase our alumni in the Spring Newsletter.

CURRENT OFFICERS

Breanne Payne '03, President
Betty Harmon '03, President Elect
Melissa Murray '00, Secretary
Gina Edwards '93, Database Manager
Heather Mitchell '03, Treasurer

Board of Directors

Audrey Neal '81, Director
Breean Falcon '04, Director
Linda Briggs, '72, Director
Bianca Browning '18, Director
Breean Falcon '06, Director

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Black Banding – December 15, 2023
Graduation – December 15, 2023
Spring Banquet – May 15, 2024