

FALL 2025

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Watts Nursing Alumni Association **Newsletter**

Update from the President

As your President for the first year, I am excited about the opportunity to work alongside both the Alumni and the student body to uphold and continue the values and traditions of Watts College of Nursing. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas or questions you may have.

Betty Harmon, MSN, RN, CAPA, NE-BC (elizabeth.harmon@duke.edu)

Upcoming Events and Information

• Annual Winter Alumni Gathering

Where? Bennett Pointe Grill

When? December 3, 2025 @ 12p

RSVP- Susan Avent @fsavent@centurylink.net or 919-732-3210

Leave your name and number with the RSVP

RSVP by 11/26/2025

• Dues are DUE!

\$35 are due each November

Our address has changed!

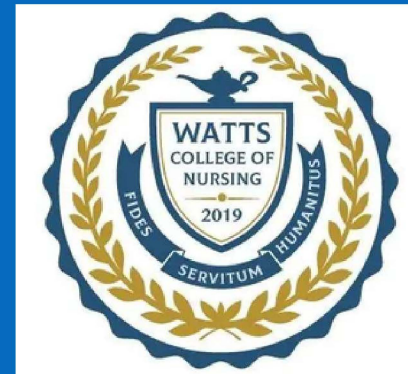
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3643 North Roxboro Road Durham, NC 27704

Include year of and name at graduation, current name, address, email

THANK YOU to all who have donated! Your donations are tax deductible and help to support alumni and student activities
See right below for electronic payment information!

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Trent Drive, Durham, NC 27710



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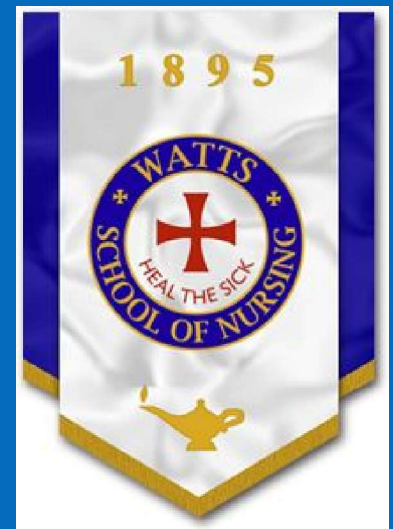
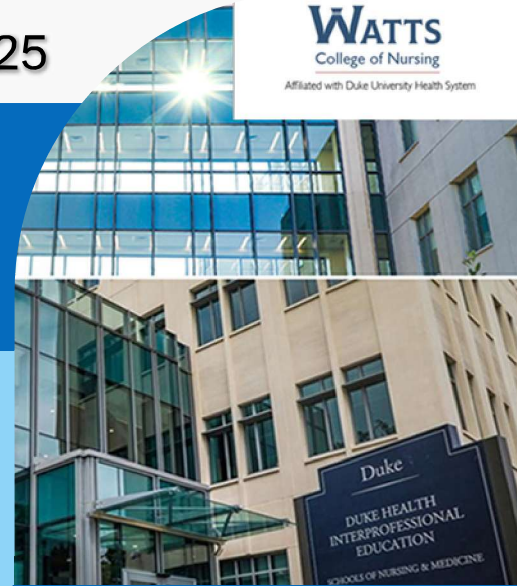
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Dues and donations help cover key expenses, including the Spring Banquet (cost for non-sponsored students, partial cost for Golden Agers, room rental, decorations, etc.), postage, student gifts, welcome events for new students, and end of semester exam snacks.

Members voted at the Spring 2025 meeting to distribute newsletters via email, the website, and the group Facebook page. Printed copies will be mailed only upon request with a valid address.

Current Financials 2025

Checking Account	\$7390.42
Savings Account	\$26
ECP Scholarship	\$222,277
Reba Beavers Award	\$6626



Scholarship Honorees

February 2025

Ethel Clay Price-Didi McFatter
 Madison Finizio, Jennifer Silva, and
 Sarah Ashby

May 2025

Beulah Owens- Chris Harbold
 Burke Matthews-Didi McFatter
 Reba Beavers-Trinity Debusk

September 2025

Ethel Clay Price -La Teesha Aroya
 Thompson



Remembering the Past and looking
 Forward to the Future Click the link
 below:
[Watts Nursing Overview Video](#)

Mark Your Calendars

December 3, 2025- Watts Alumni Gathering
 December 12, 2025- Black Banding/Graduation
 May, 2026- Alumni Banquet; information forthcoming



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Watts History Project (WHP) Update

The WHP was started by two very industrious Watts faculty, Donna Rogers and Betty Jean Faulkner. They did incredible work and amassed a huge collection of items from metal bedpans and urinals, to dolls dressed in the first uniform with a shawl and leg-o-mutton sleeves, to china and silver used for teas, to Black Banding program in 1957, capping exercise program in 1937 and graduation program in 1929. There are newspaper articles and pictures of graduates beginning in the late 1890s.

Many scrapbooks, starting in 1936 are included. This is just a very small amount of what we have. You can imagine the fragility of some of the holdings. For this reason, we plan to digitize as much as possible to preserve the materials and to make them available to you online, as we did with all the annuals several years ago. UNC helps with digitizing which could be very costly. Unfortunately, the WCON did not have room to store the collection when they moved. We have gotten a storage bin and moved all holdings in early October. What an undertaking!!! Thanks to the WCON to help pay the monthly storage cost. Consider donating to the WHP to help cover these costs.



At the banquet, we celebrate the graduates and the new Golden Agers. This year we celebrated the class of 1975.



We also celebrated our Honorary Members: Betsy Hunt, Marie Robeson, Donna Rogers, Peggy Walters and Jennifer Hawkins.



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