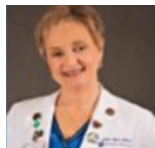




Watts Nursing Alumni Association



President's Message

Hello everyone. I hope 2023 finds you safe and well!

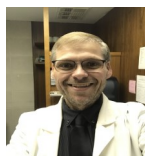
The Alumni Board Members have been busy over the winter months providing activities for the students and Alumni. December 7th, the annual Winter Gathering Meeting was held at Bennett Point Grill with fifteen attendees, our largest attendance from previous years. Money was collected and the group decided to offer this money to a WCON student in need. Dr. Neal provided a student's name, and I presented her with the gift. In December, the Burke Matthews Awards and the Beulah Owens Awards were presented at the Senior Luncheon by me to two graduating seniors. Susan Avent presented the Reba Beavers' Award at Blackbanding. In January, The Alumni Board provided a luncheon and gift for the 28 new freshman. The Spring Banquet will be held at Croasdaile Country Club on May 17th . Please see the information in the newsletter for registration. As always, I continue to urge you to stay current with your dues. These monies allow us to continue to support the students and faculty. I have had the pleasure of serving as your President for the past two years. However, in May my term will end and Breanne Payne will assume the role as President.

Audrey T. Neal, BSN, RN, NE-BC, LNC
Class of 1981

Current Board Members



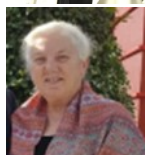
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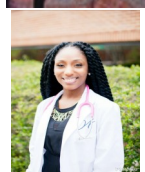
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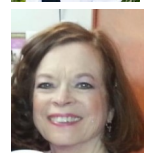
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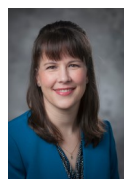
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Connecting with other Alumni

1. At future Events
2. Alumni Website: wattscollegeofnursing.edu/alumni
3. [Watts School Of Nursing Facebook page](#)

Update from the School

Happy New Year!

The Spring 2023 semester is off to a great start! We welcomed several new faculty this semester and are excited about changes coming this Spring. Effective January 2023, students working in the Duke system can use the employee tuition assistance program (ETAP) as Watts is now a covered entity. Also, beginning July 2023, students working in the DUHS system, have to be employed six months to qualify for the ETAP program. The NCLEX is changing!! Effective April 2023, the New NCLEX (NextGen) test plan that comes out. NextGen will consist of more case studies like you would see in the real world to reflect the kinds of critical decisions nurses have to make in a variety of healthcare settings. It focuses on interactions between nurse and client, the client's needs and expected outcomes. There will also be an increased number of alternative format questions. We are working hard to ensure that our students are ready to take on the challenges that this change will bring.

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

December 2022 Winter Gathering



Watts History Project Update

I continue to be amazed at the groundwork laid by Donna Rogers and Betty Faulkner when creating the WSON/WCON History Project. Holdings are incredibly organized and labeled carefully. I am just in the beginning stages of understanding what is in ALL those boxes and bins! What a valuable product we have in our holdings. I have Donna on speed dial when I have questions or need a quick consult. She is a wonderful reference and I appreciate her willingness to continue to provide guidance.

The consultant, made possible by the grant we received, has been at the school twice to review holdings. She is looking to see where we need to go from here to protect holdings and preserve further. After we receive her report, the board will review and work in collaboration with the WCON to determine next steps. We anticipate that some needs may be very costly. We will share more as the report becomes available. Please consider donating to the history project, if interested in supporting further preservation.

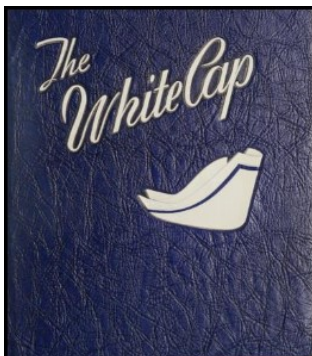
Efforts are being made to consolidate most holdings into 2 rooms. This will free up storage space for the WCON in their large storage room. This is partially complete. I have also started a WCON collection to insure we maintain that history as the school moves forward.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or if you have items for donation to the collection.

Susan Avent
Class of 1976
Board, At-Large member
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Watts Nursing History



Our Yearbooks are now digital....

[North Carolina Yearbooks · DigitalNC](#)



Announcements & Upcoming Events

ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET

Date: May 17, 2023

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 (1940-1972) \$30 / Non-Alumni/Guests \$45
Graduates from Classes of December 2022 and May 2023 **No Cost**

RSVP Deadline: All checks must be received by **May 11, 2023**

No Reservation will be accepted after this date.

If you as an alumni member would like to support a December 2022 or May 2023 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

Email Registration for Graduates between December 2022 and May 2023

RSVP via email by **April 29, 2023** to Elizabeth Cantor at elizabeth.cantor@duke.edu

For Questions you may contact:

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

◆ **Watts School of Nursing memorabilia available** (limited selection)

◆ **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 2022-2023 are now past due. Dues are \$35, and the dues year is from December 1 to November 30. **Complete and mail-in the form included in this newsletter.**

Black Banding: May 19, 2023 at the NC School of Science and Math

Graduation: May 19, 2023 at the NC School of Science and Math

Annual Winter Gathering: We hope to see many of you **December 5, 2023**

Bennett Pointe Grill, Durham, NC. Mark your calendar now. Look for more details in the Fall News Update.

Bylaw Changes

At the banquet we will need to vote on the following changes to the Alumni Association Bylaws for conducting alumni business:

- On page 1, the language needs to be changed to state that these by laws were revised and approved on the 15th day of June 2022.
- Under 3a: Graduates of the Watts School of Nursing and Watts College of Nursing are eligible for class "A" membership in this association
- Change revision date at bottom of document to May 11, 2023 (banquet date)

Watts Happening...

- ◆ Lorraine Jessee Sinnigen (Class of 79) I am officially retired from nursing as of December 1 2021.
- ◆ Vickie Watkins Davis (Class of 79) In 2022, I retired from Duke after 36 years. Graduating from Watts 44 years ago, the best education and career I could ever wished for.
- ◆ Dale Adams Flowers (Class of 94) I am so proud of my daughter, Sarah Flowers who graduated from WCON May 2022

Alumni Gatherings & Accomplishments

We should share class events and celebrate our accomplishments. Has your class recently shared a milestone or other group events? 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 group pictures and/or accomplishments so we can share them across our organization. Email us at: wattsalumniassociation@gmail.com

Awards & Scholarships

Ethel Clay Price Scholarships Spring 2023:

Up to four scholarships are awarded two times a year with \$4,000 being divided between the recipients. The recipients are Caitlin Brady and Megan Stocking.

December 2022 Graduation Awards

Beulah Owens Award: Brittany Langston

This award was established on September 13, 1969 in honor of Miss Beulah Owens. Miss Owens graduated from the Watts Hospital School of Nursing in the Class of 1905. The recipient of the award shall be a student selected by faculty who has given distinguished service to his/her patients and gone beyond the call of duty as exemplified by Miss Owens during more than fifty years of service.

Burke Matthews Award: Jordan Keeney

This award shall be given at each graduation ceremony to a senior student who shall be selected by the faculty of the Watts School of Nursing. The recipient of the award shall be an outstanding student who displays a genuine dedication to nursing, in addition to devotion and loyalty to the school of nursing through his/her education performance and participation in student activities. The student displays a focus on the school, organization, and extracurricular activities.

December 2022 Black Banding Award

Reba Beavers Memorial Award: Raven Smith

This award to a rising junior who has demonstrated leadership qualities in their clinical or school performance. This is the student who volunteers without hesitation and gets the job done. This student must exhibit compassion, patience, mentoring, and sacrifice. This student must show strength in leadership, communication, and advocacy as they continue to advance the profession Reba so passionately led and loved.

Golden Agers - Class of 1973



Financial Update from the Treasurer's Desk

Financial Update: Data Trends		
	Total Dues	Total Donations
2016	\$2,530	\$8,940
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

Treasurer's report: Current Balances

Checking: \$3,555.26
 Savings: \$26.40
 Reba Beavers Scholarship: \$6,234.13
 Ethel Clay Price (ECP): \$200,271.50



In Memoriam

Name	Date of Death	Class Year
Jacqueline Earnhardt Andes	10/18/2018 (new notification)	Class of 1946
Jimmie Weathers Hall	2/16/2020 (new notification)	Class of 1953
Doris Cameron Harrington	8/30/2022	Class of 1954
Jewel Williamson Allen	4/11/2018 (new notification)	Class of 1955
Myrtle Rebecca Fetherston Ferguson	5/12/2022	Class of 1956
Betty Eggerton Pickett	9/2/2022	Class of 1956
Mary Lou Graves Coble	4/1/2022	Class of 1959
Sandra Hursey Bennett	3/13/2022	Class of 1961
Janice Hudson Morris	9/6/2022	Class of 1961
Sarah Davis Isaacs	7/27/2022	Class of 1962
Peggy Crawford Catlette	9/20/2022	Class of 1963
Muriel Cornell Gomez	2/25/2012 (new notification)	Class of 1965
Doris Elaine Jones Coleman	1/10/2023	Class of 1966
Kathy House Stephenson	10/20/2022	Class of 1969
Martha LaRue Blinson Daniel	12/11/2022	Class of 1973
Missy Dillehay Cotrell	7/25/2022	Class of 1983
Cheyra P. Burgess	10/31/21 (new notification)	Class of 1991
Leigh Ann Hamrick	5/17/2022	Class of 1993
Greta McEnany	12/2021 (new notification)	Class of 1996
Donna Harris Overby	2/11/2023	Class of 2007

Please notify us of any alumni deaths that you are aware of at
wattsalumniassociation@gmail.com

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

Note: Dues and donations are tax deductible as designated by law. Your cancelled check is your receipt.

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