

Watts Nursing Alumni Association - Fall 2021

UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Watts Alumni,

I am excited to serve as the President of Watts Nursing Alumni Association. In these uncertain times, it is reassuring to know that Watts College of Nursing continues to be strong and provide the excellent education that allows us to be proud practitioners and that prepares our current students to be well prepared for their nursing careers. As graduates of Watts, you are our best ambassadors. Your actions demonstrate our pride in Watts. As alumni, your voice is important and we want to hear from you. Please let us know your accomplishments so we can acknowledge them in our newsletter. Your Alumni Association Board is actively supporting the Watts students through scholarships, awards, proctoring exams, providing luncheons, providing snacks during exams and plans to hold the Spring Banquet in person in 2022. In addition, two picnic tables were purchased to assist with outdoor social distancing. However, we need your support to continue to fund these activities. If you have not already, it is time to pay your dues! In the future, as we realize that times are changing we may need a different way to pay other than a check. We welcome your thoughts and participation as we move forward. Please contact me for any questions or ideas that you may have.

Audrey Neal, BSN, RN, NE-BC, LNC

Class of 1981 President wattsalumniassociation@gmail.com

Annual Winter Alumni Gathering

Bennett Pointe Grill Dec. 15th at 12:00 p.m.

RSVP to Susan Avent by **Dec. 8th** @ fsavent@centurylink.net or 919-732-3210

Leave your Name and a Phone number with your RSVP (Seating is limited).

*The Alumni Board are hopeful that we will be able to see everyone at the

Spring Banquet Wednesday May 18th 2022

DUES ARE DUE : \$30.00 each November

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

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 <http://wattsschoolofnursing.org/alumni>

Keep in touch by emailing us with you current contact information:

wattsalumniassociation@gmail.com

If you are received your newsletter by postal mail, then the alumni association does not have a current email address for you.

Thank You...

On behalf of the Alumni Association Officers and Board of Directors, we would like to thank alumni who have given donations this 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 2021.

Current Finances as of September 2021

Checking Account	\$3,719.24
Savings Account	\$26.40
ECP Scholarship	\$235,472.31
Reba Beavers Award	\$5,325.00
Dues for 2019-20 FY	\$1,410.00
Donations (ECPS)	0.00
Donations (Undesignated)	2205.00

Announcements

Ethel Clay Price Scholarships

Scholarships totaling \$4000.00 are awarded twice a year.

- Two scholarships awarded in **February 2021**:
Lakeicha Decker (Diploma student)
Melissa Murray (MSN Student)
- Four scholarships awarded in **September 2021**:
Kara Hogan (BSN student)
Faith Dunbar (BSN student)
Kayla Brumbaum (BSN student)
Rachel Robinson (BSN student)

The **Ethel Clay Price Scholarships** are awarded to current Watts's 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.

<https://wattsschoolofnursing.org/alumni/>

May 2021 Graduation Awards

Beulah Owens Award: Hayley Sorenson
Burke Matthews Award: Sydney Hampton

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 so we can showcase our alumni in the Spring Newsletter.

CURRENT OFFICERS

Audrey Neal '81, President

Breanne Payne '03, President Elect

Melissa Murray '00, Secretary

Gina Edwards '93, Database Manager

Heather Mitchell '03, Treasurer

Board of Directors

Susan Avent '76, Director

Chester Farley '12, Director

Mary Justesen '72, Director

Brittany Grant '18, Director

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Black Banding – 12/17/2021

- We will be presenting our first
Reba H. Beavers Alumni Memorial Award

Graduation – 12/17/2021

-Last Diploma Class & First BSN Class