

Watts School of Nursing Alumni Association - Fall 2019

UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Watts Alumni,

Another year has passed and the holidays are right around the corner. Exciting things are happening at the school. Watts School of Nursing has officially transitioned to the Watts College of Nursing. I am proud that the traditions will continue during the transition.

Mark your calendars for the Winter Gathering in December. It's a great time to reconnect and catch up with other alumni members. We are hoping that the time change will be beneficial to many.

It's time for annual dues. Your dues help to fund the many activities to support students throughout the school year. Some of those activities include scholarships, awards, and gifts given to the student body.

The Watts Alumni Association is looking forward to a busy year and we welcome your participation. Please contact me with any questions. I look forward to seeing you soon at upcoming events.

Visit our alumni website and update contact info to keep in touch:

<http://wattsschoolofnursing.org/alumni>

If you are receiving this by postal mail, then the alumni association does not have a current email address for you. Sending information via email is more cost effective for the Alumni.

Melissa Murray, Class of 2000

President

wattsalumniassociation@gmail.com

Annual Winter Alumni Gathering

Who: YOU

When: December 10, 2019

Where: Bennett Point Grill
4625 Hillsborough Rd, Durham, NC

Time: 12:00 PM

What: Bring a small cash donation for a community charity

To Attend notify:

Reba Beavers – rebabeavers@nc.rr.com
or text/call (919) 815-9510

Susan Avent – fsavent@centurylink.net
or text/call (919) 632-2011

RSVP by: Sunday December 1, 2019 by **5p**
to reserve your seat. Seating is limited.

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, Email Address
Year of Graduation.

****NOTE**:** You can print a renewal form by going to the alumni website.

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 at the new student “Meet & Greet” each semester
- Snacks for students during exams.

We would also like to thank those who assisted with the “Freshman Meet and Greet” at the school in January and August this year.

We greatly appreciate all the members who have already sent in dues for 2019.

Current Finances as of 09/08/2019

Checking Account	\$7,903.19
Savings Account	\$26.23
Ethel Clay Price Scholarship	\$205,299.02

Announcements

Ethel Clay Price Scholarships

Four scholarship awards of **\$500 were** offered twice a year.

- Two scholarships awarded in **February 2019**: Anna Delaria & Molly Jarvis

Four scholarship awards of **\$1,000 are** offered twice a year.

- Four scholarships awarded in **October 2019**: Suzanne Beckwith, Kate Marks, Stephanie Parsons, & Jordan Simpson

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

May 2019 Graduation Awards

- *Beulah Owens Award*: **Anais Perez**
- *Burke Matthews Award*: **Samantha Mackey**

We Need You

Duke Regional Hospital is actively recruiting volunteers and would love to have retired nurses on our team. We are in need of people to serve at the various information/welcome desks, patient experience volunteers on the nursing units and the Giftique. Please call Volunteer Services at 470-4150 for information or email at DRHVolunteerServices@dm.duke.edu.

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

Melissa Murray '00, President
Chester Farley '12, Secretary
Reba Beavers '68, Treasurer

Audrey Neal '81, President Elect
Gina Edwards '93, Database Manager

Board of Directors

Susan Avent '76, Past-President
Breanne Payne '03, At-Large

Becky Dodson '61, At-Large
Jasetta Perkins '18, At-Large

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 6, 2020; 125th Anniversary Tea, Banquet & Celebration

Look for details on the Tea and Spring Banquet in the Spring newsletter.