

Watts School of Nursing Alumni Association - Fall 2020

UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Watts Alumni,

Watts has always been known *Tradition of Excellence* and produces some of the best prepared and professional graduates into the field of nursing. COVID 19 has really thrown a curveball for all of us. The alumni board is being creative in the ways we are serving students now more than ever. Watts has a long-standing reputation for, and I know that they will continue to maintain it, even with things being different.

We have had to change the way we are serving at the school, but the alumni are committed to continuing to support the school through scholarships, student and school of nursing support, and our school of nursing history project. We are honored to be part of this process and will continue to support the students and faculty as we continue to navigate the “new normal”. With all that being said, it’s time to pay your dues! We are doing our work differently and we need your support to continue to do this valuable work. We welcome your participation as we move forward. Please contact me for any questions or ideas that you may have.

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Class of 2000
President
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Annual Winter Alumni Gathering

*****CANCELLED*** due to COVID-19 pandemic**

*The Alumni Board is hopeful that we will be able to see everyone at the **Spring Banquet on May 5, 2021.**

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.**

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

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.

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

We greatly appreciate all the members who have already sent in dues for 2020.

Current Finances as of 08/17/2020

Checking Account	\$2557.00
Savings Account	\$26.23
Ethel Clay Price Scholarship	\$219,487.00
Dues for 2019-20 FY	\$810.00
Donations (ECPS)	\$845.00
Donations (Undesignated)	\$1000.00

Announcements

Ethel Clay Price Scholarships

Scholarships totaling \$4000.00 are awarded twice a year.

- Two scholarships awarded in **February 2020**: Lillie Kimble (Diploma Student); Chester Farley '12 (MSN Student)
- Two scholarships awarded in **October 2020**: Tori Matthews (Current Student); Karen Hicks '13 (MSN 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. <https://wattsschoolofnursing.org/alumni/>

May 2020 Graduation Awards

- Beulah Owens Award: **Rema Atwood**
- Burke Matthews Award: **Holly Sessoms**

CALL FOR BOARD MEMBERS

If you are interested in becoming a Watts School of Nursing Alumni Association Board member, please let one of the current officers know so your name can be added to the slate of candidates at our next Board meeting in February 2021.

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
Audrey Neal '81, President Elect
Chester Farley '12, Secretary
Gina Edwards '93, Database Manager
Reba Beavers '68, Treasurer

Board of Directors

Susan Avent '76, Past-President
Becky Dodson '61, At-Large
Breanne Payne '03, At-Large
Jasetta Perkins '18, At-Large

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Black Banding – 12/18/2020

**This will be the last Black Banding ceremony for the diploma program and the first for our BSN students.*

Graduation – 12/18/2020