

# Watts Nursing Alumni Association - Fall 2024

## **UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Hello Alumni,

I appreciate the opportunity to share with you all the wonderful things that the Watts College is doing. As your returning President and a board member for the last 6 years, I feel honored to work alongside the Alumni and the student body to continue the traditions and values of the Watts Nurse.

The Watts College of Nursing has 124 students currently enrolled; The most recent graduating class had a 91.5% pass rate on the NCLEX exam. Congratulations to the students who are now formally Alumni.

Please consider joining us for the December gathering that will be held on 12/4/2024 at 12:00 at Bennett Pointe Grill. In addition to participating in our winter and spring events, we invite you to become a member of the Watts Nursing Alumni Association. The money from your dues will allow the Alumni to continue to support student and faculty activities such as scholarships, awards, luncheons, exam snacks, and annual gifts to meet student needs.

I welcome your thoughts and participation as we move forward. Please contact me with any questions or ideas you have.

Breanne Payne DNP, RN, CNML  
Class of 2003  
President

Visit our alumni website and update contact info to keep in touch: [wattscollegeofnursing.edu/alumni/](http://wattscollegeofnursing.edu/alumni/)

## **Annual Winter Alumni Gathering**

**Bennett Pointe Grill December 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m**

RSVP to Susan Avent by November 29<sup>th</sup> @ [fsavent@centurylink.net](mailto:fsavent@centurylink.net) or 919-732-3210  
Leave your name and a phone number with your RSVP.

## **DUES ARE DUE : \$35.00 each November**

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

**Please 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.

We now have an electronic payment option through Zelle.

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at heather.daniel@duke.edu



**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 this year. The cost of last year's banquet exceeded the money that came in. Please consider donating if you are willing and able.

**Current Finances as of August 2024**

Checking Account	\$5,772
Savings Account	\$26
ECP Scholarship	\$217,878
Reba Beavers Award	\$6,465

- *Please note that the cost per individual will increase for our Spring 2025 Banquet due to an increase in the fees to use the Croasdaile CC venue.*

**Announcements**

**Ethel Clay Price Scholarships**

Scholarships totaling \$4000.00 are awarded twice a year.

- Four scholarships awarded in **February 2024**:  
Kaitlyn Moser  
Erica Hilliker  
Jerrell Williams  
Angelica Knight
- Four scholarships awarded in **September 2024**:  
Spencer Dalton  
Mariah Maywin  
Runae Moore  
Chris Harbold

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.

[wattscollegeofnursing.edu/alumni/](http://wattscollegeofnursing.edu/alumni/)

### **May 2024 Graduation/Black Banding Awards**

- Beulah Owens Award: Rachel Kiser
- Burke Matthews Award: Abby Cunningham
- Reba Beavers Award: Sierra Bush

### **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](mailto:wattsalumniassociation@gmail.com) so we can showcase our alumni in the Spring Newsletter.

### **CURRENT OFFICERS**

Breanne Payne '03, President  
Melissa Murray '00, Secretary  
Gina Edwards '93, Database Manager  
Heather Mitchell '03, Treasurer

### **Board of Directors**

Audrey Neal '81, Director  
Betty Harmon '03, President Elect  
Linda Briggs '72, Director  
Paula Cates '84, Director  
Breean Falcon '06, Director

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Black Banding – December 13, 2024

Graduation – December 13, 2024

Spring Banquet – May 14, 2025