

# Watts Nursing Alumni Association - Fall 2022

## **UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Hello Alumni, as Watts School of Nursing has transformed into Watts College of Nursing I stand firm in my beliefs that the tradition of Watts Nursing will continue to produce outstanding nurses of which Watts is known. As Alumni, the best way to support our continued love of Watts is to become an active and dues paying member of Watts Nursing Alumni Association. It is never too late to join! You can send a check. This newsletter will provide more detail information about joining. There will be Board positions available for next year. These positions will be listed in the newsletter. I welcome your thoughts and participation as we move forward. Please contact me for any questions or ideas you may have.

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Class of 1981  
President  
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Save the Date for the Spring 2023 Banquet  
May 17, 2023

## **Annual Winter Alumni Gathering**

**Bennett Pointe Grill Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.**

RSVP to Susan Avent by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> at  
[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 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 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.

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## 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.

## **Current Finances as of August 2022**

Checking Account	\$6, 682.11
Savings Account	\$26.80
ECP Scholarship	\$205,272.56
Reba Beavers Award	\$6,214.95

## Announcements

### **Ethel Clay Price Scholarships**

Scholarships totaling \$4000.00 are awarded twice a year.

- Four scholarships awarded in **February 2022**:  
Jerrie Bolinger (BSN student)  
Candice Horrell (BSN student)  
Carly Redlawsk (BSN student)  
Breanne Payne (DNP student)
- Three scholarships awarded in **September 2022**:  
Fatima Muhammed (BSN student)  
Leanna Parker (BSN student)  
Casey Solana (BSN student)

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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 2022 Graduation/Black Banding Awards

- Beulah Owens Award: Kara Hogan
- Burke Matthews Award: Alyssa Robinson
- Reba Beavers Award: Shea Evans

## 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

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 – December 16, 2022

Graduation – December 16, 2022

Annual Spring Dinner – May 17, 2023