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HAITIAN AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION OF HUDSON VALLEY, NEW YORK, INC.

— *Annual* —

NURSING SYMPOSIUM & 13TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING AWARDS GALA

COMING TOGETHER
TO CELEBRATE
BRAVERY,
RESILIENCE,
& EXCELLENCE

FRIDAY, SEPT. 24, 2021

CROWNE PLAZA
SUFFERN, NY

13TH ANNUAL

HAITIAN AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION OF HUDSON VALLEY, NEW YORK, INC

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING & AWARDS GALA PROGRAM



COCKTAIL HOUR

8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

WELCOME

Florence Pierre-Pierre, BBA, BSN, RN
Chair of Gala & Fundraising

Master of Ceremony
DJ Eli

INVOCATION

Olga Licin-Lescat, Chaplain Captain & Minister

AMERICAN & HAITIAN ANTHEM

Pierre R. Rene, HHA, CNA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Christel-Ann Augustin, BA, BSN, RN, FNP(s)

KEY NOTE SPEAKER

Nancy Hagans, RN, CCRN

HANA 2021 HONOREES PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Humanitarian Award - Radio Generation 2000

Community Award - Richard Nertilus

Advisor of the Year Award - Margaret Alexandre, PhD, RN, FNYAM, ACUE

Advocate Nurse Award - Aney Paul, PhD, MSN, RN, PNP, MPH, CMNN

Global Benevolence Award - Schulke Inn Family Foundation

SPECIAL TRIBUTE

HANA Heroes

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Christel-Ann Augustin, BA, BSN, RN, FNP(s)

President's Choice Award

Nurse of the Year Award

DOOR PRIZES/GIVEAWAY/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CLOSING REMARKS

ENTERTAINMENT

DJ Don Juan



FOUNDER'S MESSAGE



As we continue to navigate the disruptions and challenges during this time of unprecedented uncertainties, I would like to express my gratitude to all of our members, leaders, supporters, partners, and communities for their demonstrated resilience. I also would like to reflect on our many accomplishments in spite of the many devastations we have faced in recent memory.

Our world today is very interconnected and what happens abroad influences our lives here at home. This year Haiti was struck by two natural disasters within a three-day span. A magnitude-7.2 earthquake, first hit the island, killing more than 2,200, leaving hundreds still missing, and thousands injured and displaced from their homes. Then severe storm, Grace, drenched the island in heavy rain resulting in extreme flooding. Yet, before the quake, the country was grappling with unbearable living conditions. The pandemic added to severe poverty, gang violence added insecurities, and political trauma resulted in the assassination of the nation's president which is still unsolved.

Closer to home in our day-to-day lives, COVID-19 and its many variants have been fluid, difficult to manage, indiscriminating, unfair, and very demanding of us. Still, the Haitian American Nurses Association of Hudson Valley, NY (HANA) has embraced a hybrid world to offer its services both virtual and in person. We continue to collaborate with our partners to bring health awareness to our communities using our radio show, Zoom, Facebook, and other social media platforms. We responded to the needs in Haiti by sending medical and humanitarian supplies, engaging in medical missions to provide medical care relief, while maintaining our commitments to our scholarships program and community projects.

Many thanks to our Executive Board and committees, who have looked to our shared values—value of community, of inclusion, of social responsibility, collaboration and accountability to each other—to guide our responses. Although this has been a difficult year for many if not all of us, I firmly believe that our association and members have embodied community service, advocacy and activism through our actions both home and abroad.

It remains my personal honor and privilege to be a part of this prestigious organization and to watch our legacy grow. Our long-standing commitment to servicing our communities, whether virtually or in person, has been something we cherish and remain dedicated to. We ask for your continued support and thank you for trusting us with the responsibility of caring for you.

Dr. Berthilde Dufrene

HANA of Hudson Valley NY
Founder and Past President



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



CHRISTEL-ANN
AUGUSTIN

BA, BSN, RN, FNP(s)

Good evening Colleagues, Distinguished Guests and Elected Officials,

As President of the Haitian American Nurses Association (HANA) of Hudson Valley Inc., I warmly welcome you to our 13th Annual Scholarships Fundraising & Awards Gala. On behalf of our executive board, I thank our members, community leaders and partners for their continued support and involvement with the association. It is a true honor and privilege to lead such a prestigious association. One that has been dedicated to serving both local and global communities for the past 13 years.

I joined HANA as a student in 2017 not knowing where it will take me. Today I have the utmost honor and distinction not only to serve as the 6th president of HANA of Hudson Valley but also as the youngest person to ever hold this office from the 11 chapters that makeup HANA-International. It has been quite a journey and a learning experience, one that I am truly grateful for. I also have to reiterate that it takes a communal effort to push the growth and success of an association like ours,

so I am indebted to my executive board members, committee chairs, past presidents, advisors, and community members. Your joint efforts, dedication and teamwork, have made all this possible.

As the newly elected president, my goals are to elevate this association by increasing our membership and sponsorship. I am pleased to report that within a relatively short period of time, I have established numerous activities, one of which is "Saturday Fitness Bootcamps". "Saturday Fitness Bootcamps" encourages members and others within the community to practice proper health habits through regular exercises and adequate nutrition. We have increased our membership with the addition of many new nurses. We have partnered with neighboring organizations and maintained old initiatives such as the curation of our radio show. This year, we have also increased our scholarship funds, but most importantly, we have continued our long-time endeavor of providing health education, therefore empowering the community.

In the midst of it all, we are battling Covid-19. A period of time where healthcare professionals have demonstrated bravery and resilience. Recently an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.2 on the Richter scale struck the south peninsula of Haiti, leaving thousands dead and many homeless. Once again, nurses responded to the call of duty. Many of our own members offered their assistance to the earthquake victims by taking part in mission trips to Haiti. I continue to applaud nurses and all healthcare workers for their unwavering dedication to providing the best patient care during times of difficulty. Lastly, I thank all of those who have donated to the earthquake relief efforts. You are all true heroes.

Today, you sit amongst us all, either in person or via zoom, supporting HANA and contributing to nursing scholarships both locally and abroad. These scholarships allow student nurses the ability to pursue their nursing career. As a result, this past spring we were able to provide scholarships to college students at Rockland Community College in addition to our adopted National Nursing School in Jeremie, Haiti. My goal as President is to multiply the number of scholarships, we are able to distribute, therefore providing various scholarships to students in Rockland, Westchester, and Orange County. I implore you to continue to support these students through HANA, as you are the reason, they are capable of overcoming barriers and excelling in their careers.

They say it takes a village to raise a child. In this case HANA is my child, and you are all part of that village. I invite you to continue to help us advance our mission and vision for the future. Your ideas, participation, and involvement are vital to the continued success of this association. I foresee bigger and better things for HANA. Let's continue to come together as one and work together to help our communities.

Once again, I welcome you with honor and grace to our 13th Annual fundraising and Scholarship Gala. Let's toast to a great night and an even better future for HANA!



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GALA AND FUNDRAISING



FLORENCE
PIERRE PIERRE
RN, BSN, BBA

Good Evening HANA Members, Elected Officials and Distinguished Guests,

It is that time of year again when HANA gets to reconnect with each one of you and thank you wholeheartedly for your support. As the Chair of HANA's 13th Annual Scholarship Fundraising & Awards Gala, I am excited to have you all here celebrating with us despite being amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Who knew that in the 21st century we would be facing a worldwide pandemic? That is why it makes it that much more special having you all here tonight. Last year we were unable to be here physically but this year with the grace of God we are all coming together to celebrate Bravery, Resilience, and Excellence. Hence, the theme of tonight's event.

This year we are starting fresh with a new Board and President. Besides being the Chair of this year's Gala, I am also the current Treasurer of this organization. As a nonprofit organization, every year HANA hosts an annual fundraising gala. Donations received from the gala is used to help provide nursing education to the students in the US as well as abroad. Every year HANA of Hudson Valley NY sponsors 10 nursing students in the school of Jeremie. In addition, these funds are also used for health fairs, medical missions, and more.

Once again, Haiti was faced with another devastating earthquake in the south on August 7, 2021. As a result, funds raised tonight will be used for relief efforts. HANA has partnered with Konbit Neg Lacay (KNL) in efforts to collect and ship donated items and establish relief missions. In collaboration with other organizations, HANA of Hudson Valley organized their first mission that left for Haiti on September 16, 2021 and anticipate another mission scheduled to leave at the end of this month with the Haitian Alliance Nurses Association International.

I would like to thank all the members on the Gala Fundraising Committee who helped to make this night a success. Thank you for your time, the never-ending texts, phone conferences, meetings, and sleepless nights. It was all worth it!!!

It has been my pleasure to be the Chair of the Gala Committee. We are looking forward to creating even more positive and productive fundraising activities that the community can participate in the upcoming year. Enjoy the night and see you all next year!!!

God Bless!

Florence Pierre Pierre RN, BSN, BBA
Chair of Gala



CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE



MICHELE
PARAISON
RN

Dear Friends,

It is with a joyful and grateful heart that I am renewing my love and appreciation for you this evening and always! I am blessed to feast with you each September. This year will mark my 48th wedding anniversary and my 71st birthday! I must tell you, how you all have greatly contributed to this longevity by accepting me as one of your advisors since our foundation and trusting me as your Chaplain! You extended my longevity, whenever I was asked to make a reflection or a prayer at our meetings or individually! I witnessed the growth that took place in our midst with God's presence! While keeping my focus on our legacy trails, I could see it bloom beautifully as we embraced the youth who are flourishing beautifully while keeping the not so young steady!

I am proud of you HANA for caring, your dedication, and compassion. Go Team HANA!

Happy Anniversary! Happy Nurse & Midwife Year! Let's beat COVID-19!

With all my Love,
Your Chaplain Michele Paraison



KEYNOTE SPEAKER



NANCY HAGANS

RN, CCRN

President, New York State
Nurses Association

Nancy Hagans, RN, CCRN, is president of the oldest nurses' union and association in the nation, representing more than 42,000 registered nurses across the state. Ms. Hagans is a nurse and critical care expert who was first elected to NYSNA's Board in 2015. She was elected by the Board to the position of Treasurer in 2019 and is an active member of the union's Social Justice Committee.

Hagans is a native of Haiti and started her career as a surgical intensive care nurse at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn in 1990. She became NYSNA's local bargaining unit president at the hospital in 1993. Currently, Hagans is the NYSNA Resource Nurse providing direct representation to NYSNA members at Maimonides. Hagans is also a trustee of the NYSNA Benefits Plan overseeing NYSNA health plan operations, Executive Council President of the 1,000 member bargaining unit, as well as a member of the Maimonides Staffing and Staff Development Committee.

With broad experience at Maimonides and in oversight of the union, Hagans is a strong and knowledgeable leader of RNs. Her election comes on the heels of the enactment of a safe staffing law that was passed during the 2021 legislative session, a major development for hospital nurses and the patients for whom they care.

"We are a very powerful force for patients and their communities. Our voice is respected, our skills professional, our role central to society's healthcare. As I take on the responsibilities of the presidency, a landmark staffing law has just been achieved. What a victory! The law represents years of outreach and action by our members and fellow caregivers to communities whose collective voices were heard. The staffing law is a giant step forward towards our goal of equity in healthcare. Our fundamental belief that healthcare is a human right shall not be deterred," said Nancy Hagans, RN, CCRN.

"Nancy Hagans, RN, as leader of the newly elected Board of Directors, ushers in an exciting new phase in the growth and development of our union. I've been privileged to work with Nancy in her role as treasurer, board member and LBU leader, where she has played a critical role in the success of NYSNA as a fighting organism for our members, our patients and the people of New York. I am sure that she will continue to push our union to even greater heights in her new role as president," said Judy Sheridan-Gonzalez, RN, immediate past president of NYSNA.

The New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA) represents more than 42,000 members in New York State. We are New York's largest union and professional association for registered nurses. For more information, go to www.nysna.org



HUMANITARIAN AWARD



RADIO
GENERATION
2000

Serving community for over two decades

Radio Generation 2000 (RG2K) was established by Harry Louis on Dec 31st, 1999 but later re-invented in 2017 by partnering up with the two brothers Fritz Aristilde and Jodel Aristilde. The radio has been serving the community for over two decades.

Our Mission

Our mission is to act as a resource for communication and networking center for individuals, organizations and movements working on social justice, economic democracy, ecological sustainability in Rockland County. We will maintain a local focus for sharing music, arts, culture, news and opinions.

We will serve the people of our community by providing outlets for their creative skills and energies. We will assist in making our community a better, healthier, more pleasant place to be.



Fritz Aristilde

Co-owner - PDG

Fritz Aristilde is one the owners of the radio partnering up with his brother Jodel Aristilde and long time friend Harry Louis. Fritz also serves as the radio's President also known as the P.D.G. since 2017.

Fritz has a Bachelors degree in Media Communications and also earned his Masters in Business Administration (M.B.A.) which has helped him with providing the creative and intellectual direction for the company. Fritz consults many of Radio Generation 2000's commercial and public radio clients, in addition to media brands looking to thrive in the rapidly changing tech environment.



Jodel Aristilde

Co-owner & Engineer

Jodel has been co-owner of Radio Generation 2000 since 2017. In addition to his vested interest as a co-owner, he serves as the chief technical engineer for the station.

He is the man behind the scene, who works hard to make sure the radio shows go off without a glitch. Jodel's passion for tinkering with any and every thing electronic started at an early age and eventually landed him a career of over 30 years and counting as a Biomedical Engineering Technician at one of the local hospitals. He uses that experience, his creativity and drive to take on challenging projects to keep the station running and also produce quality programs.





COMMUNITY AWARD



JEAN RICHARD
NERTILUS

Jean Richard Nertilus was born and raised in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. His passion for volunteer work has always been fueled from a young age, as he was a boy scout for most of his youth. He immigrated to the United States in 1986, where he worked for Foster Care International Co. Through this organization he co-founded and participated in several community groups including Konbit Neg Lakay and House of Hope Orphanage, where he serves as chairman. He makes community service a high priority in his life.

Mr. Nertilus attended Rockland Community College and owns a certificate in Massage and Energy Therapy working to promote health wellness. He is happily married to his wife, Dominique, for over 30 years. They have two children, Nahomie, 30 and Marc, 25, both of whom have gone through the East Ramapo School system.

Mr. Nertilus has been an active member of HANA for the past eight years. He previously served as president of both the SVHS PTSA and Chestnut Ridge Middle School PTA. Through it all he has demonstrated his dedication to the welfare of children and the community.

On top of his many community endeavors, He has hosted a cultural and wellness television show in the Rockland area. More recently he has helped HANA with their health and wellness radio show.

Despite his busy schedule he always finds time to lend out a helping hand.



ADVISOR OF THE YEAR



**MARGARETT
ALEXANDRE**

PhD, RN, MS, FNYAM, ACUE

Associate Professor

Jonas Scholar Alumni

Fellow, New York Academy
of Medicine

Dr. Margaret Alexandre is an Associate Professor in the Department of Nursing at CUNY York College. She holds a bachelor's and a master's degree in Nursing with concentration in administration and education from Adelphi University. She earned her doctoral degree from the CUNY Graduate Center, where she earned the distinction of being selected as a Jonas Scholar. Drawing on her work in Haiti, her research agenda focuses on the physical and emotional health of Haitian Adults post 2010 earthquake in Haiti. She also pursues research interest in nursing students as millennial learners and innovative pedagogical approaches to teaching. Other interests include community initiatives both nationally and internationally. She also shares a great interest in transcultural nursing education, service-learning and active learning strategies. In the fall of 2012, she played a key role for the development of the first nursing elective and global nursing course in her nursing program. This course affords students and faculty the opportunity to travel and to work alongside healthcare professionals locally and globally. The students have worked for several years in Haiti and recently the Free Republic of Moldova-They have worked in a community clinic, elementary school, orphanage, and elderly home, providing care and education. Upon return, the students also participate in national and international conferences, to discuss their experiences and educational presentations to the communities.

Dr. Alexandre is engaged in a research addressing the incidence of hypertension among college students throughout the metropolitan area. During the quarantine period, she volunteered as a contact tracer for the City of New York, participated in radio educational programs to address signs and symptoms of Covid-19, and mental health impact. Dr. Alexandre work with the Haitian American Alliance's Covid Task Force, to also address Covid-19 in the Haitian communities, as well as in Haiti.

Dr. Alexandre has been a mentor to graduate, undergraduate and high school students. In 2016 she was a recipient of the Caribbean American Healthcare Award and was inducted as a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine. In 2018 Dr. Alexandre was recognized with a medal of valor, by the Military and Law Enforcement Veterans Association at their 4th Annual Women Recognition Award, for her humanitarian work in Haiti. She is the Founder of Mission Grandbois-which provides educational, nutritional, and healthcare support to children of the Grandbois community.

Dr. Alexandre is advisor to HANA of Hudson Valley and serves on the Editorial Board of HANA International. She also serves on the executive board of the Haitian Studies Institute (HSI) at Brooklyn College and is a reviewer for several nursing journals.



ADVOCATE NURSE AWARD



DR. ANEY PAUL
DNP, MSN/PNP, MPH, BS

Dr. Aney Paul is a nurse, educator, organizer, volunteer, leader and a politician. She is a very hardworking person and she does her best wherever she is and whatever she does. Dr. Paul got elected as a County Legislator, first Ethnic Nurse from her Country to be a County Legislator and is on her third term.

This individual has a passion towards community and community health. She works tirelessly for the benefit of the community through many varied activities. . She helps with advancement and promotion of the profession through involvement in professional associations, political involvement and community service she volunteers locally, nationally and internationally.

She volunteered to go to Haiti for a week for medical mission with Haitian Nurses Association after the hurricane in Haiti. She has the experience as a maternity nurse which helped her to save the life of a postpartum heavy bleeding patient came to the clinic in Haiti. During the Covid-19 she took leadership to organize a group of six NPs and a MD for community education and outreach. This great group includes experts of multi specialties and speak multi languages and presented few series of radio show on management of Covid -19 mainly for underserved residents of the county and more in progress. With recent Earthquake in Heiti Dr. Paul helped to organize thousands of dollars' worth donations for recent Earthquake in Haiti.

She is a CPR instructor she organizes Family and Friends CPR in the churches and community centers which helps to save lives. For more than five years she does parish nursing at the local church. She also helps the community in need by collecting winter coats/ jackets during December and give to organizations who take care of homeless people. She is a member of many organizations and she volunteers as Health Educator or helping to organize Health Fair. .

She is been involved in the community organizations and professional organizations. She is the Founding President of Indian Nurses Association of New York(INANY), Founding member of National Indian association of Nurses of America(NANIA) , Founding President, Advisory Board Chair for National Indian Nurse Practitioners' Association of America(NINPAA).She has received many awards for her services to community and to the nursing profession. She received the Nursing Excellence Award in India from Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and many from the

During her term as a legislator, she had sponsored and supported many resolutions related to health. She sponsored NYSNA resolution for "Safe Staffing" which passed unanimously at the legislative body of 17 members. She sponsored a resolution about E-cigarettes and made policy changes in the county adding e-cigarettes policy into smoking policy. She also introduced Tobacco 21 law in the county and one of the first county to introduce this law and many counties followed and it became a state law. She sponsored the resolution "revenge porn," (the nonconsensual sharing of intimate photos) at the legislature and it became a state law. She supported Family leave which refers to employees can take off from work to care for themselves, care for their family members, or bond with a newborn child. She supported the bill to provide more frequent or longer break periods for individuals with medical needs arising from pregnancy, childbirth, or expressing milk for mothers. This NP Legislator always a promoter for a healthy community.

Dr. Paul works in many capacities, as a Nurse Practitioner, an Educator, a politician, and a Leader. She is working as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner at a private clinic, an Adjunct Professor at a local College and Vice Chair of the County Legislature.

EDUCATION

DNP Doctor of Nursing Practice

MSN /PNP Masters in Nursing (MSN) / Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP), Lehman College, City University of New York, Bronx,

MPH Masters in Public Health (MPH), New York Medical College, Valhalla, NY

BS Bachelors in Health Administration, St. Joseph's College, Brooklyn, NY

Nursing Diploma in General Nursing & Midwifery, Lady Harding Medical College & Hospital, New Delhi, India



ABOUT HANA

HAITIAN AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION OF HUDSON VALLEY, NEW YORK, INC.

MISSION

To provide nurses the opportunity to unite as a group, to share and provide ideas of interest, and to become effectively involved with the issues and services relevant to the health and welfare of communities in the United States and abroad.

VISION

HANA's strategic vision is to be recognized nationally and internationally as a world-class nursing organization. HANA believes that every nurse has the ability to serve, lead, educate and empower others towards a healthier life, and be a catalyst for change.

HANA'S PROFILE

The Haitian American Nurses Association of Florida Inc. (HANA) is a 501 (c) 3, non-profit membership organization established since 1984. Alice Casimir and Jacqueline Dasque, two registered professional nurses practicing in Miami and other professionals saw the need to establish, an organization that would provide health care services to migrant workers in the Homestead, Florida area.

Currently HANA comprises of eleven chapters in the United States, HANA of Florida, HANA of Hudson Valley, New York, HANA of Greater New York, HANA of New Jersey, HANA of Georgia, HANA of Illinois, HANA of Maryland, HANA of Tampa, HANA of Orlando, HANA of Garden State, and HANA of West Palm Beach. HANA of Hudson Valley, formally known as Rockland County, Inc. was founded in 2008. HANA fosters awareness and commitment to providing excellent nurses services. Additionally, the organization strives to increase the enrollment of nursing students through education and mentoring opportunities as well as creating community networking opportunities for its members. HANA continues to provide scholarships for students enrolled in local nursing schools, as in Haiti and the United States. HANA had developed a teaching project initiative to send volunteer nurses to Haiti to raise the level of nursing care and promote quality patient care in order for the nurses to become effectively involved in the betterment of the healthcare system of Haiti and the United States.



HANA OF HUDSON VALLEY, NY, INC. INTRODUCING THE NEWLY ELECTED LEADERSHIP TEAM 2021-2023



PRESIDENT
Christel-Ann Augustin

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Jennifer Morin



TREASURER
Florence Pierre Pierre



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BSN, RN
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Berthilde Dufrene
RN, MSN, CARN, DNP(c)
Founder and Past President

HANA OF HUDSON VALLEY, NEW YORK, INC.

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Mentorship	Bianca Lubin
Legislative	Berthilde Dufrene
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Radio Show	Bianca Lubin
Fellowship	Linda Benoit
Healthy Living	Christel-Ann Augustin
International Affairs	Mireille Leroy
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Dearest HANA of Hudson Valley,

On behalf of the Haitian American Nurses Association (HANA) of Garden State Executive Board, we would like to congratulate Mme. President Christel Augustin and HANA of Hudson Valley members for your exceptional leadership. We commend your rigor and exemplary contributions to the nursing profession.

Your courage and endurance to weather the storm at this ongoing COVID-19 pandemic is nothing but amazing, well-deserved acknowledgment on your 4th Annual Symposium and 13th Annual Scholarship Award Gala. The HANA communities celebrate all of your successes and enthusiasms pursuing your unwavering humanitarian mission.

Congratulations to all HANA awardees!

Best regards,

Carline P. Eliezer, MSN, APRN. AGNP, PhD (Hon) Min
President, HANA of Garden State

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Haitian American Nurses Association of Maryland



To HANA of Hudson Valley,

Congratulations to the Haitian American Nurses Association (HANA) of Hudson Valley NY, Inc. for celebrating 13 years of service. HANA of Maryland, Inc. is honored to work side-by-side with HANA of Hudson Valley NY over these years. We are proud to be a part of the legacy of

HANA with a growing number of 11 sister organizations and hundreds of members. HANA has been creating, fostering, and making a significant impact both nationally and globally with relentless services that touch so many lives. As a strong beacon, HANA of Hudson Valley, INC is bridging the gap in services with integrity and diversity while fostering a culture of readiness and mindfulness.

CONGRATULATIONS HANA of Hudson Valley NY, Inc!

Respectfully,

Dr. Gettie Audain, RN, MPH, DHSc, APHN-BC

Captain, Ret. (USPHS)

Co-Founder & Founding President of HANA of Maryland, Inc.

HANA OF FLORIDA CHAPTER

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS



Honorable Colleagues and Friends of the Haitian American Nurses Association of Hudson Valley, NY, I send you greetings on behalf of The Haitian American Nurses Association of Florida, Inc. We are very excited to extend our warmest congratulations as you celebrate your 13th Annual Scholarship Fundraising and Awards Gala and third annual Nursing Education Symposium.

Mme. President Christel Ann Augustin, Executive Board, and members at large, HANA of Florida celebrates your Bravery, Resiliency and Excellence to the nursing profession and the community, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic and the recent storm that affected your area. HANA of Florida applauds your Chapter's tenacity in fostering public awareness regarding disease prevention and management both locally and globally. Thank you for your leadership, your commitment to excellence, and your continued service to the community.

To all the Honorees and scholarship recipients, Congratulations on your well-deserved success.

Enjoy the festivities!

Best regards

Rose Valcin

Rose Valcin, MSN, APRN, AGACNP-BC

President of HANA of Florida, Inc.

HANA of Florida Chapter Board of Directors 2021-2023



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Haitian American Nurses Association, Incorporated



September 2021

On behalf of the members of the Haitian American Nurses Association, Inc. Greater New York, (HANA, Inc.) salutations to Elected officials, Chapter Presidents, Members, President of HANA-I, and the Executive Board, Award Honorees, Distinguished Guest, Friends and Family, it brings us great pleasure to greet you tonight.

Madame President Augustin, and the Executive Board of HANA, of Hudson Valley, I personally congratulate you as you mark your 13th Annual Scholarship Fundraising Awards Gala. Continuing in the tradition of acknowledging those who have excelled in nursing education, while you embrace educating those in attendance by offering an educational symposium. You continue to support your community both local and global despite the many challenges that exist under this pandemic.

We are living in perilous times. Covid-19 to Vax or not to Vax, Social Justice, Women's Reproductive Rights, Natural disasters, Countries in political turmoil.... what a challenging time it is for nurses everywhere. It is a unique profession, our beloved nursing. This profession in which our minds, hearts, physical being, and our souls tend to the suffering of others. It is every part of who we are yet it is ever changing as it remains still constant in its century plus of existence.

HANA, Inc. Greater New York commends your presence as we begin to emerge under the weight of the pandemic. As we begin to live again and humbly celebrate the success of those who continue to contribute to the profession and make a difference. I salute also tonight those honorees present. President Augustin, I will gift one word tonight - humanity. I would like the nurses reading this message to note that your humanity will forever be the best and most vital thing you can give to your patients. Don't despise your humanity – because it is the one thing that will keep the care that you deliver - patient-focused rather than task-oriented; gracious rather than defensive; therapeutic rather than mechanical. When I speak of giving your humanity, I'm not speaking of compassion, because you all already know the importance of compassion.

When I speak of giving your humanity as a gift to your patients, I'm speaking of something more, perhaps something unexpected. If there was ever a time when we needed a collective group of people to come together and say, we will make space for the humanity of ourselves and others, in all its beauty and brokenness, and let it transform us into an ever more compassionate, courageous, resilient community, this is the time.

Your 13 years of dedication to nursing and your community demonstrates your humanity, your reverence, and your humility. What a privilege for me to be able to refer to you as colleagues. Congratulations on yet another year of service and commitment to your founder's visions. This is your time!!!

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HANA of Tampa President's Greeting

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the members of the H.A.N.A. of Tampa, it is with great pleasure to celebrate 13 years of growth, excellence, and resilience. I am honored and grateful to be associated with an organization that continues to unify nurses to focus on the health and welfare of our community. While the past year and a half brought many challenges, the Hudson Valley Chapter of HANA continues to be a pillar and continues to serve the community. As you celebrate another year of success, be reminded that service is always at the heart of what we do. Congratulations HANA of Hudson Valley for another successful year and congratulations to the scholarship recipients and honorees of the evening. May God continue to bless & keep this chapter.

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- 6** **Advocate for your profession:** Serious minded professionals know that serving the profession means responding to calls for action from those who represent the profession. HANA monitors trends in the health care industry, regulation, and practice standards and routinely advise members on required action.
- 7** **Earn the ultimate reward:** HANA members get the opportunity to serve humanity in a way that rewards the ultimate in gratification. Members who serve will tell you that there is no greater joy or sense of accomplishment than serving people who are in great need of that service.
- 8** **Network with others who do what you do:** Making connecting is important part of growing yourself, causes that you believe in, and your profession. Through information sharing, you will be able to use available recourses to advance your goal.
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Ms. Christel-Ann Augustin
Haitian American Nursing Association

Dear Ms. Augustin,

On behalf of the entire College community, please accept my sincere thanks for your ongoing support of RCC students. Because of you, more RCC students are able to overcome barriers so that they can stay in school and complete a life-changing degree. Your ongoing dedication to RCC students is truly inspiring.

I have attached a note from your grateful scholarship recipients. Please share the letter with the generous donors to the Haitian American Nursing Association who have made this gift possible. We all appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Sincerely,

Susan Lyddon
Vice President, Institutional Advancement
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July 30, 2021

Ms. Christel-Ann Augustin

Dear Members of the Haitian American Nurses Association,

My name is Melyssa Desmarets. I am immensely grateful to receive the Haitian American Nurses Association Scholarship. I am from Haiti, and am majoring in Nursing. I expect to graduate from RCC in May, 2022, and plan to transfer to a SUNY University. Ultimately, my goal is to get my bachelor's degree, specialize in neonatal nursing, and become a nurse practitioner.

Your gift means so much to me. I have encountered unplanned financial hardships and am unable to work because of my international student visa status. This scholarship will greatly help me and my family meet the double tuition assigned to international students. I'm doing my best to find as much as support possible in order to be able to cover my education costs because this is all I have at the moment while my country is in extreme crisis. It definitely breaks my heart not be able to go back to Haiti. But right now, to stay in the US, I have to maintain my F-1 status, and to do so, I have to keep educating myself. This scholarship will help me to reach my goals!

Thank you so much for considering me with this award. May God bless your heart!

Most sincerely,

Melyssa Desmarets



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Ms. Christel-Ann Augustin

Dear Members of the Haitian American Nurses Association,

Thank you so much for choosing me to receive the Haitian American Nurses Association Scholarship. I am from Haiti and am majoring in Nursing, in the School of Nursing, Health and Wellness. I plan to graduate in May, 2022, and transfer to Mount Saint Mary College. I am going to work toward achieving a master's degree.

I am so appreciative of the scholarship. The funds allow me to focus on my classes instead of worrying about my tuition bill. I want to express my gratitude and thank you for your kindness.

Most sincerely,

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Ms. Christel-Ann Augustin

Dear Members of the Haitian American Nurses Association,

I am honored to receive the Haitian American Nurses Association scholarship.

I would like to take time to express my gratitude for your generosity and kindness in funding me \$500. Thank you for supporting me to reach a higher level of education as a Haitian woman.

It is so uplifting to receive this scholarship from the Association. It means so much to me, and will lower my financial burden and help me to complete my forthcoming semester in the nursing program. I am closer to completing my associate's degree in nursing at RCC, and have already completed 41 credits out of the 68 required credits. My dedication and passion for my career have allowed me to achieve a Grade Point Average of 3.445 for the spring semester of 2021.

To achieve my goal, I will keep on studying and bettering myself daily to serve my community not only as a nurse, but as a woman who has been helped. Words are not enough to express the joy and the relief this scholarship has brought me. May this Association prosper abundantly and continue supporting more Haitian students on their journey in the United States of America.

Gratefully,
Ocepha Norde



DO YOUR PEOPLE, OR YOUR COUNTRY, HAITI, GET A BREAK?



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While the members of HANA of Hudson Valley, New York, Inc., are coming together to celebrate Bravery, Resilience, and Excellence that Frontline Nurses or Healthcare Workers exhibit throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we are witnessing the suffering of the Haitian people everywhere, in Haiti and abroad. It started with the political unrest that plagued Haiti for decades, culminating in numerous killings and kidnappings of Haitians in their homeland. Haitians living in Haiti and the diaspora are stressed and traumatized by the constant physical and emotional violence.

Compounding the situation, on July 7, 2021, Haitians learned in horror about the assassination of President Jovenel Moise in his own home. Then, on August 14, 2021, as our Haitians, brothers and sisters continued to mourn the unexpected death of the President or became numb by his brutal killing, mother nature inflicted a 7.2 magnitude earthquake on Haiti's Southern Peninsula, including Les Cayes, Nippes, and Jeremie Grand' Anse. Haitians everywhere mobilized to help in the rescue and recovery efforts. However, a few days after the catastrophe, Tropical Storm Grace dumped heavy rains, and strong winds battered the Southern Peninsula, making rescue efforts more difficult as death tolls increased. One of my colleagues who wanted to be empathetic asked me the following question: "Do your people or your country, Haiti, get a break?"

While I am still trying to figure out if Haitians get a break or not, I am watching a humanitarian crisis unfolding at the Texas-Mexico Border. Haitian refugees made the trip from South America to obtain asylum in the United States. Thus far, the response of the American government has been cold and callous. The refugees are not granted asylum. Instead, they are deported to Haiti with no questions asked. Shortly after the arrival of a group of deportees in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, a young woman stated to a reporter, "Nobody told us we were going back to Haiti." They were all in shock; it appeared that they were not ready to return home. Again, "do your people or Haiti get a break?"

Moreover, the COVID-19 pandemic remains a challenge to the entire world despite the COVID vaccine access. As you can see, we have so much to unpack, and 2021 is not even over. Therefore, HANA of Hudson Valley, New York, Inc. invites the members, Frontline Nurses, Healthcare Workers, or Nurse Scholars, to reflect on bravery, resilience, and excellence or make your world visible to others. Or you may choose to answer the question, "do our people or Haiti get a break? Our next Newsletter volume will be published in March 2022. Please submit your article to the Newsletter Committee no later than January 31, 2022. Papers or articles will be reviewed and vetted before publication.

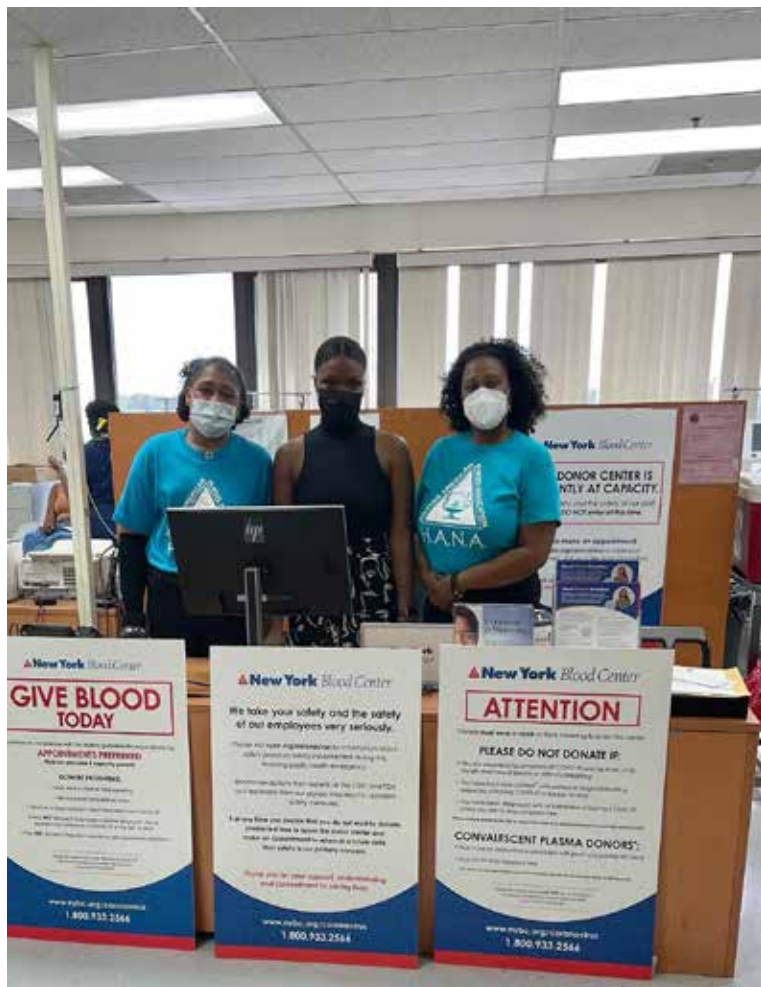
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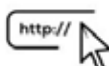
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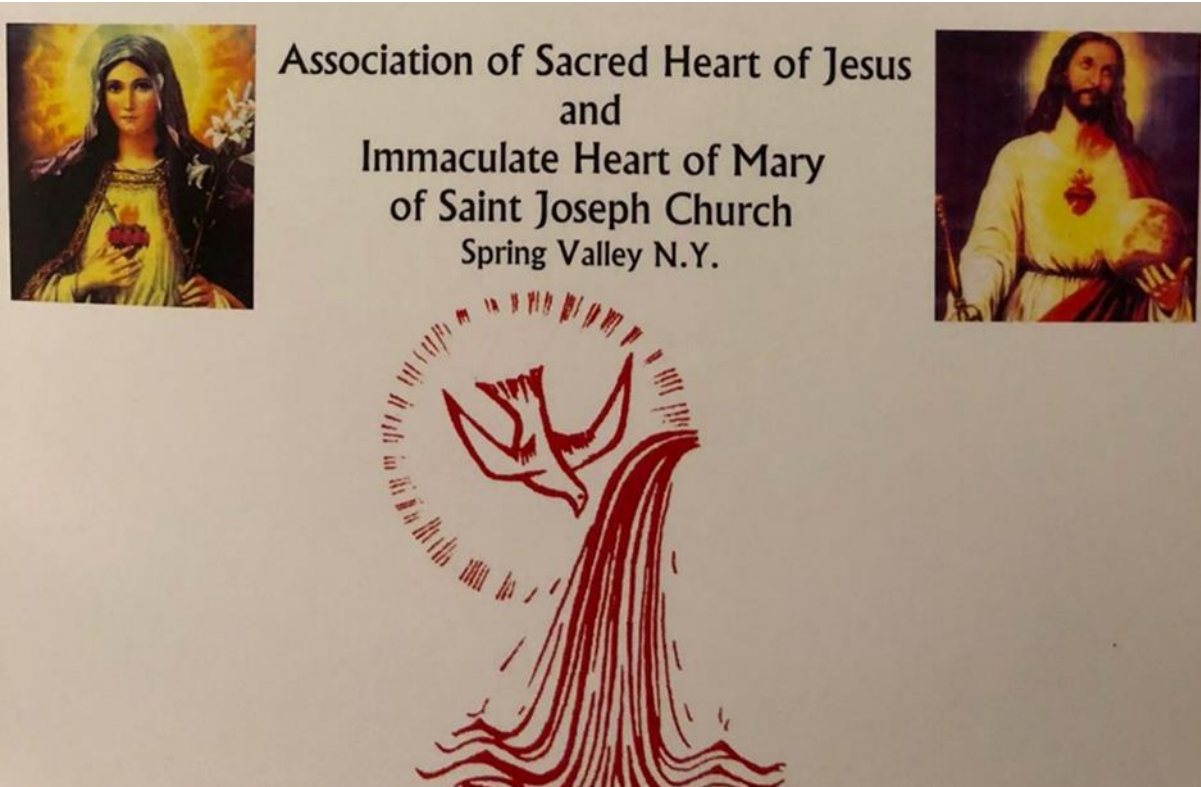
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