# 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP & FUNDRAISING AWARDS GALA

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

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Haitian American Nurses Association of Hudson Valley, New York, Inc.

# **BIG CHALLENGE!!!**



HANA of Hudson Valley continues its

Sponsorship Fundraiser Tree initiative! Your
contribution helps with scholarships for nursing
students, humanitarianism, and educational
development.

Thank you for your support.

#### 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

Haitian American Nurses Association of Hudson Valley, New York, Inc SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING & AWARDS GALA PROGRAM

#### **COCKTAIL HOUR**

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

#### **WELCOME**

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

#### **MASTER OF CEREMONY**

Florence Pierre-Pierre, BBA, BSN, RN

#### **INVOCATION**

Reverend Father Mike Petit-Homme

#### **AMERICAN & HAITIAN ANTHEM**

Tendrine Alexandre

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Christel-Ann Augustin, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC

#### **KEY NOTE SPEAKER**

Dr. Kimberley Ennis, DNP, ANP-BC

#### HANA 2022 HONOREES PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Service and Dedication Award, Sheila Benoit Community Award, Andre Riobe Humanitarian Award, Magalie Emile-Baker Global Benevolence Award, Matt Conlin

#### **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION**

Christel-Ann Augustin, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC Bibiane Sykes, MSNEd, LNC, RN

#### **AWARDS PRESENTATION**

Christel-Ann Augustin, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC

Rising Star Award Above and Beyond Award President's Award Nurse of the Year

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CLOSING REMARKS**

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

#### **ENTERTAINMENT**

T-Vice DJ Woodz

# FOUNDER'S MESSAGE





BERTHILDE DUFRENE dnp, msned, bsn, aas, carn, rn

Then I reflect and take inventory of our everchanging world, the never-ending avalanche of disruptions we have faced together, I cannot help but be grateful. Apart from the world and national news that bombards us every day, we each deal with family issues, work related issues, as well as managing our own physical and mental health. The prolonged demands of the pandemic have exhausted our capacities and resources. Fortunately, we have each other and here you are once again, despite it all, supporting the Haitian American Nurses Association of Hudson Valley New York (HANA) programs and projects. Our gratitude to each one of you is immeasurable.

HANA has had a very busy year responding the to the hurricane devastation in Haiti, collaborating with our community leaders to increase our blood bank supply, coming to your homes weekly via the health and wellness show on radio Generation 2000 to increase community health literacy. We also have worked to increase our scholarship awards in both the number of school participation and recipients. All the while maintaining our partnerships with many organizations to grow awareness of health issues, mentoring and inspiring a new cohort of nurses to address our national nursing shortage, and

advocating for the optimum health of our patients and our communities. The contributions of our HANA nurses who have donated their time, talent, and expertise in support of our communities have demonstrated their commitment and dedication to the community and the nursing profession. Our profound appreciation goes out equally to our nurses who make HANA's work possible.

A heartfelt thank you to Christel Augustin, for the commitment and personal investment she brought to the role of President over her term. Her unique leadership style and warmth have helped us forge strong relationships with a younger generation of nurses, our stakeholders and boosted our public profile significantly. During her tenure, Christel has played an integral role in spearheading fundraising efforts to support our scholarship program and worked closely with the board to greatly advance our mission and strengthen our organization. Mademoiselle President, you led us with integrity while working full-time and completing your nurse practitioner program; we owe you so much more than our gratefulness.

I find the honor and privilege of being the founder, past president, board member, and lifelong supporter of this prestigious organization, a most fulfilling experience. I have met the very many great, honorable, and generous people who support us in our work. I have worked with the best of the best nurses the profession has to offer. I cherish you all and thank you for the opportunity you give me to serve you and to be a part of HANA's legacy.

Best Regards,
Berthilde Dufrene
DNP, MSNEd, BSN, AAS, CARN, RN

# HANA

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Christel-Ann Augustin

MSN, APRN, FNP-BC

ood 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 14th 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 14 years.

joined HANA as a student in 2017, not knowing where it would 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 within the 11 chapters that make up HANA-International.

It has been quite a journey and a learning process; one that I am truly grateful for. I also must 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.

During my time in office, my main goals were to elevate this association by increasing our membership and sponsorship. I am pleased to report that under my presidency, our membership has increased with the addition of many new nurses, while also securing more than 40k in sponsorships. We have partnered with neighboring organizations and maintained old initiatives such as the curation of our radio show, yearly blood drives, nurse's week, and more. I am happy to report that this year, we have increased our scholarship funds, but most importantly, we have continued our long-time endeavor of providing health education to empower the community we so proudly serve.

In the midst of it all, many of us are still working on the frontlines. I continue to applaud nurses and all healthcare workers for their unwavering dedication to providing optimal patient care during such trying times. I thank you for your continued bravery and resilience. You are all truly heroes. Today, you sit amongst us all, supporting HANA and contributing to nursing scholarships both locally and abroad. These scholarships allow student nurses the ability to pursue their nursing career. Because of our generous sponsors and committed supporters, we are able to provide scholarships to high school and college students across Rockland, Westchester, and Orange County. We are also able to fund tuition for our adopted National Nursing School in Jeremie, Haiti.

In 2021 when I started my term as President, my goal was to multiply the number of scholarships we were able to distribute. I can proudly say I have fulfilled this goal as we have scholarship recipients here with us today. Thus, we are now able to provide nursing scholarships in both the fall and spring semesters. I implore you to continue to support these students through HANA, as your contribution has been pivotal in allowing them the ability to overcome barriers and excel 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 14th Annual fundraising and Scholarship Gala. Let's toast to a great night and an even better future for HANA!

# Gala Chair's Message





ood evening Colleagues, Distinguished Guests and Elected Officials.

It is truly an honor for me to share this celebratory evening with you all. I am filled with joy and gratitude to know that we, HANA of Hudson Valley have been in exsitence for 14 years. We have endured and survived a pandemic over the last couple of years, which greatly affected our nurses. Nevertheless, we are still standing tall, celebrating our 14th Annual Scholarship Fundraising and Awards Gala.

We are standing tall, once again because of your support, your commitment and encouragement. We have reached historical records this year, for having received the largest monetary donation thus far. We are thankful for our President, Ms. Christel Augustin, who has been instrumental in procuring more and more sponsorships this year. However, more importantly, we are indebted to you, our devotees for believing in us, and for supporting our cause.

As a result, we were able to award more scholarships to high schools and universities in the Hudson Valley Region; some of which will be presented later tonight for the first time, during our gala. Tonight, we are equally excited to honor some of our donors and community leaders for their outstanding humanitarian display. Because of your unrelenting support, we will continue to help students in the United States and abroad achieve their dreams of becoming nurses.

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

It has been my pleasure being 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.

We honor your presence tonight, and we invite you all to celebrate with us!

Best Regards, Florence Pierre-Pierre, BA, BSN, RN Gala Committee Chair

# Chaplain's Message





#### Maintaining HANA's Legacy Trail

ear members and friends of HANA,

With a joyful heart, I welcome you tonight to remind you of *HANA's Legacy Trail*. Our Legacy is more vital today than it was fourteen years ago. Tonight, I look at the beautiful and faithful faces here who graciously answer the call from HANA of Hudson Valley, New York, Inc., year after year, who hold hands together and help each other grow to achieve HANA's mission and vision and to keep our legacy alive for the world to see.

In 2008, at the inception of HANA of Rockland County, now HANA of Hudson Valley, New York, Inc., we promised the community that we would keep this organization to a high standard, despite all hardships. We had plenty, but we prevailed. However, we will continue to have more challenges in the years ahead. With the community at our side, we are sure that HANA will break barriers and continue to grow stronger.

We are grateful for the support and commitment of our community in seeing HANA become more robust and maintaining our *Legacy Trail* for future generations. As you read the souvenir journal, you will see our work in the community for the past fourteen years despite the challenges, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic. We have at heart the well-being of our community here and abroad and the desire to remain true to our mission and vision.

I applaud the current president, Christel-Ann Augustin, and all five past presidents, including our immediate past president, Marlyn Lestage-Laforest, past president Bibiane Dimanche-Sykes, past president Mireille Leroy, past president Linda Benoit, and founder/past president Berthilde Dufrene for their courage and perseverance.

We also thank you and the members for keeping the flame lit and *HANA's Legacy Trail* alive.

Sincerely yours, Michele Paraison Ph.D (Hon min), RN HANA of Hudson Valley, New York, Inc. Chaplain

# KEYNOTE SPEAKER





Dr. Kimberley Ennis

DNP, ANP-BC Senior Director of Nursing at Mount Sinai Queens and 1st VP of GNYCBNA r. Kimberley Ennis is a clinician, nurse leader, and advocator with a true passion for mentorship. Kimberley is a native of Jamaica, West Indies, and migrated to the United States as an adolescent. She is currently a Senior Director of Nursing at Mount Sinai Queens and the 1st Vice President of the Greater New York City Black Nurses Association. In her role as Senior Director, she is responsible for overseeing all medical surgical nursing operations, nurse management teams, all advanced practice nurses, and the opening of a new cardiac catheterization lab. Dr. Ennis is also a Mount Sinai Queens Magnet liaison and assists with the refinement of nursing's shared governance, finance, and nursing quality.

Prior to this role, Kimberley served as the Associate Director of Nursing at Mount Sinai Hospital. She was responsible for the clinical operations and strategic oversight of the various inpatient and outpatient areas. Additional prior roles include Nurse Manager, in which she led the successful opening and was responsible for the daily operations of a new 20-bed state-of-the-art cardiac Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and Cardiac Step-Down Unit. Under Kimberley's leadership, the ICU received the prestigious national Gold Beacon award for excellence from American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

Kimberley is an active member of several professional organizations, including the American Heart Association Cardiovascular Symposium Planning Council, American Association of Nurse Practitioners, National Black Nurses Association, American Association of Critical Care Nurses, Inductee in the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society. Dr Ennis is also on the executive planning committee member for the Harlem Healthy Heart Series, a community outreach initiative that provides health screening and health education to patients and medical missions to the island of Monserrat. In 2021 she created the University of Buffalo School of Nursing's first scholarship for nursing students of color because of her passion for giving back. Kimberley continues to leverage her leadership, mentoring, and clinical practice skills to impact lives, influence and train the upcoming nursing generations and improve healthcare.

Dr. Ennis earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the State University of New York at Buffalo and a Doctorate in Nursing Practice from Yale University. Kimberley has been recognized for her leadership, mentorship, and philanthropic endeavors locally and nationally. In 2022 she received the National Black Nurses Association 40 under 40 award. She was honored by the Jamaica Civic and Cultural Association of Rockland, Inc (JAMCCAR) as an outstanding woman of the year. In 2020, Kimberley also awarded the Business Council of Westchester "40 under 40" Rising Star and National Black Nurses Association Administrator of the Year award.





s. Benoit was born and raised in Rockland County by her devoted mother and loving grandmother. She is the mother of two beautiful daughters, has two sisters, and many nieces and nephews, whom she adores and bring her much joy. She enjoys traveling, reading, dancing, watching movies, and spending time with family and friends.

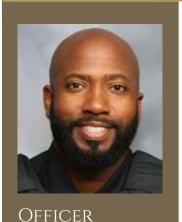
Ms. Benoit is a dedicated hotel manager with more than 13 years of experience providing clients with the highest degree of hospitality and customer service by ensuring that facilities meet and exceed expectations. She is a strong leader possessing outstanding work ethics and integrity. She manages by leading and showing staff the rewards of pushing past their own expectations to provide the best service possible for the customers.

As it is in her nature to help others, she used her talent in hospitality to give back to her community. Sheila has volunteered and collaborated with other organizations to participate in humanitarian missions in Haiti and St. Kitts. Her contributions have helped with meals for children in the under-

served communities to promote health and nutrition, donating time and resources for the book reading programs to various local schools to promote reading and literacy.

Sheila has been a strong supporter for HANA of Hudson Valley for over a decade serving as the hospitality liaison and ensuring that the chapter's out of town guests are well accommodated. She facilitates venues for many of HANA's events and secure all amenities for the best audio/visual experience. She enthusiastically gives of herself and often volunteers the help of her husband and children in expanding her generosity. For Sheila giving is a family affair!





Andre R. Riobe

orn of Haitian ancestry, Officer Andre R. Riobe spent his childhood and teenage years growing up in Nyack, NY. Andre defied the odds and graduated from Nyack High school. He earned a Bachelors of Arts in Sociology from the University at Albany in 2003.

After graduating from college, he enlisted in the United States Airforce, advancing to the rank of technical sergeant. He completed two tours overseas, serving in Iraq in 2010 and in Kuwait 2013. Andre's military awards include: Iraqi Campaign Medal for Combat, The Humanitarian Service Medal for Haiti Earthquake in January 2010, Joint Service Commendation Medal Haiti in 2010 and the Global War on Terrorism for service in Kuwait in 2013.

Following Andre's twelve years of service in the military, he began his career in law enforcement with the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, DC. In 2017, Andre returned to NY taking his talent to the Spring Valley Police Department. Andre has a passion for not only protecting the community-at-large but also for fostering the development of the potential of our youth. He current-

ly volunteers as a Spring Valley Youth Police Initiative Program Master Trainer which affords him both the opportunity and privilege to serve as a role model, impacting and redirecting the lives of East Ramapo Central School District students.

Andre is a devoted father who takes great pleasure in spending time with his children. During his spare time, he also enjoys deep sea fishing, world travel and sports. He currently resides in Rockland County NY.





EMILE-BACKER

R. MAGALIE EMILE-BACKER – with over 18 years experience conducting research in the biopharmaceutical industry and federal government. She is currently the Director of Clinical Vaccine Safety, at Moderna Therapeutics, supporting the manufacturers global health initiatives for the COVID-19 pandemic. She is committed to combatting global health disparities, particularly, research in and on underrepresented populations. She is also an entrepreneur and investor, trusted community leader and advocate for diaspora communities.

Since 2010, she has been the Co-Founder and Vice President of the Haiti Renewal Alliance (HRA), a non-profit based in the Washington Metropolitan area committed to promoting entrepreneurship, foreign and diaspora direct investment for the socioeconomic development of the Caribbean, especially, Haiti. HRA's motto is building sustainable institutions through infrastructure and trade opposed to perpetuation of aid and charity. HRA has become a leading diaspora institution for promoting investment for Haiti's sustainable development.

Through her advocacy, Magalie has developed global partnerships with various multilateral institutions including USAID, WB, IDB, the IOM, UN Foundation, Embassy of Haiti, CFI, MHAVE, Haitian-American Chamber of Commerce, Haitian public and private sectors, to support Haiti's sustainable development goals. From her research to her community advocacy in global development, her life's work and vision is to leave a legacy of economic freedom and to service the vulnerable by being a vessel for Gods work.

Magalie is known for her vivacious energy, love and passion for her family, country, and community. Dr. Emile-Backer holds a clinical doctorate from Howard University, Bachelors from Temple University and postdoctoral fellowship training from Rutgers University, and Hoffman Laroche Pharmaceuticals, as well as, several certifications and publications in major scientific journals.





s Co-Founder of Fluent, Matt Conlin oversees sales, marketing, and business development strategies for the industry-leading performance marketing company.

The Fluent story began in 2002 when Matt Conlin and Ryan Schulke met as students on campus at St. John's University in NYC. Fueled by their shared entrepreneurial spirit, the duo cofounded Fluent in 2010 with a vision to change the digital marketing industry through smarter technology and more reliable business outcomes.

Over the past 12 years, Matt has led the organization from its early days in a Woodside Queens apartment, to its 2015 acquisition and transition into a standalone public company. As the brand continues to grow and evolve, Matt remains committed to providing value to Fluent's clients, consumers, team, and communities.

Matt serves as an advisor and board member to multiple tech companies and is also recognized as an Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year finalist. Matt enjoys all Michigan & St. John's sports and has been known to sleep through a Broadway show or two. Matt and his wife – entertainment journalist, Lauren Conlin – have two sweet children and reside in Manhattan.





# 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 nine chapters in the United States, HANA of Florida, HANA of Hudson Valley, New York, HANA of Greater New York, HANA of Georgia, HANA of Illinois, 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.

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#### SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Lunedia Rene Dominican University Class of 2023 GPA 3.67



Ryan Ulysse Dominican University Class of 2023 GPA 3.16



Jenny Suprice Dominican University Class of 2023 GPA 3.80



Daffney Dieu Dominican University Class of 2023 GPA 3.28



Melissa Morin Spring Valley High School Class of 2022 GPA 93.59 %





# HANA OF FLORIDA CHAPTER President's Remarks

#### Greetings Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the Haitian American Nurses
Association of Florida, Inc, I would like to
congratulate the Haitian American Nurses
Association of Hudson Valley on the occasion of
their 14th Annual Scholarship Fundraising and
5th Annual Nursing Symposium.

#### Mme. President Christel Ann Augustin, the Executive Board, and Members:

A team success depends on the commitment and perseverance of each member. Congratulations to all of you! Your sincere efforts and hard work are indeed recognized and highly appreciated. I commend the organization for endeavoring to serve the community both nationally and internationally. We celebrate your success and contributions to the vision and mission of HANA.

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

Enjoy the rest of the night!

Sincerely,

Rose Valcin

Rose Valcin, MSN, APRN, AGACNP-BC

President of HANA Florida, Inc.





#### **Haitian American Nurses Association, Incorporated**

September 24th, 2022,

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Sidney Jean, Esq Legal Counsel On behalf of the members of the Haitian American Nurses Association, Inc. Greater New York, salutations to Elected officials, Chapter Presidents and Members, the President of HANA-I, and the Executive Board, Award Honorees, and Distinguished guests.

With great pride, gratitude, and honor, I commend The Haitian American Nurses Association of Hudson Valley on what is your 14th annual Scholarship and Fundraising Gala. To say that this year's celebration is unique is an understatement; we live in unprecedented times, with a future that unambiguously balances uncertainty and hope.

As we return to a sense of routine, I must state that H.A.N.A of Hudson Valley has forged forward despite the uncertainties of living in the pandemic. As an organization, they remained active and committed to the community. They continued to offer education and support to those most in need. Your strong presence in the community continues to be the anchor of stabilization needed for those in need to emerge more robust than ever as they learn to live a new normal.

Our profession has been on the front line since the onset of the pandemic. Nurses will be recognized as equal partners in this fight to resume everyday life. The community looks to nurses to lead by example. Through acts of engagement and service, you serve as an example for us all.

To the student scholarship recipients, this scholarship is yours for your outstanding contributions towards achieving your goals. Fostering loyalty to your educational journey is not without sacrifice. I salute you for your commitment to your academic journey. Honorees, your contribution to the local and or global community is exalted. Your contributions to humankind are life-altering. Without your contributions to the community, the lives of so many would remain unchanged. We thank you for your vision and commitment to the most vulnerable.

In closing, so many variables have brought us together tonight to celebrate, honor and salute one another. The one common denominator lies in service. To that extent, let the desire to serve impact our choices, influence our minds and touch the core of our being.

Congratulations to you all as we serve you with honor tonight,

Kelynne J. Oristel, GNP, APRN, DDN RN-BC –D Min (hc) President

H.A.N.A- Inc. Greater New York

#### Kelynne J. Oristel

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

PO BOX 263 SPRING VALLEY, NY 10977

September 21st, 2022

Dear HANA of Hudson Valley New York,

I, on behalf of the Haitian American Nurses Association of Illinois (HANA-IL), offer our congratulations as you celebrate your 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship and Fundraising Awards Gala. As you reach this extraordinary milestone, HANA-IL would like to acknowledge your outstanding service to your communities and leadership as an exemplary chapter of the Haitian American Nurses Association. We know that the strength of an organization is only as strong as its members and the leadership that cultivates the growth of the assembly, strong and capable leaders such as those of HANA of Hudson Valley, NY. We are confident that this scholarship fundraising and awards gala will be characterized by the same high standard of excellence that have marked your performance for the past 14 years. Please accept our compliments and congratulations on this 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary, as well as many wishes for continued success.



Warmest Regards,

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Patricia Nabal, DNP, FNP, RN-BC President

Haitian American Nurses Association of Illinois (HANA-IL)

"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope."

-- Martin Luther King Jr.

"Nous devons accepter la déception finie, mais ne perdez jamais espoir infini."

-- Martin Luther King Jr.

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# 14TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD GALA

Thank you to the Haitian American Nurses Association of the Greater Hudson Valley for your leadership promoting the nursing profession and healthier communities for all.



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#### ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS

NEW YORK STATE SENATE, 35<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT PRESIDENT PRO TEM ♦ MAJORITY LEADER

Best Wishes to My Friends at the

# Haitian American Nurses Association of Hudson Valley, NY, Inc. (H.A.N.A)

on the occasion of your

# 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship & Fundraising Awards Gala

and

# 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Nursing Symposium

I am honored to join in offering my congratulations and gratitude to all attendees. Thank you for your interest in this organization, which has played an important role in fostering awareness and providing excellent nursing services. **H.A.N.A** is well served by your involvement, and I thank you for helping make a difference in the lives of others.

#### NYSNA Celebrates in Solidarity with **HAITIAN AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION** OF HUDSON VALLEY, NEW YORK INC.

at its 14th Annual Scholarship, Fundraising and Awards Gala



NYSNA consists of more than 42,000 frontline nurses working together to care for our patients, keep hospitals open for care, and win safe staffing and healthcare for all.











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Contribution: \$175.00 per-person





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Haitian Medical Association Abroad

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Since 1972

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1166 Eastern Parkway; 2nd Floor Brooklyn, NY 11213 Congratulations to our daughter, the President of HANA of Hudson Valley, New York Christel-Ann Augustin MSN, APRN,FNP-BC and Team on an amazing 14th Annual Scholarship & Fundraising Awards Gala. Continue the great work in the community both locally and abroad.



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#### GREATER NEW YORK CITY BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION INC.

# 5th year anniversary ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD GALA

"Five Years of Service for the Greater Good"



#### KEYNOTE SPEAKER SHELDON D. FIELDS

PHD, RN, CRNP, FNP-BC, AACRN, FNAP, FAANP, FAAN

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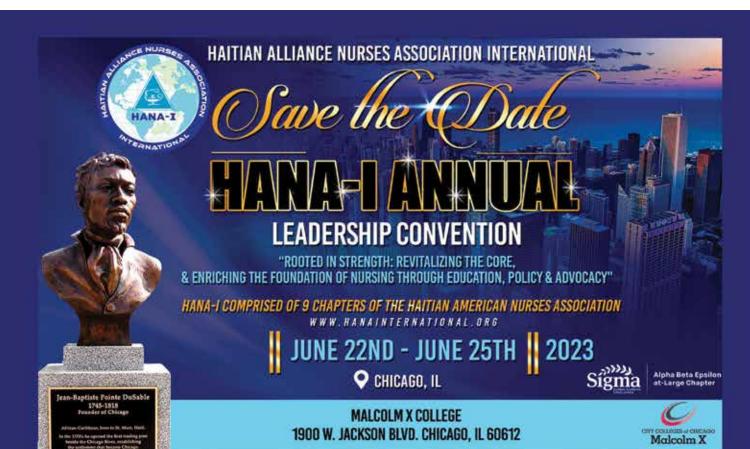
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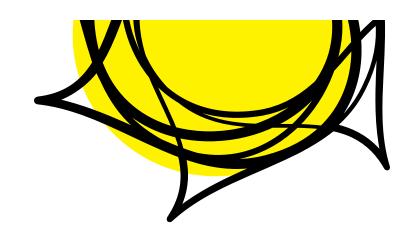










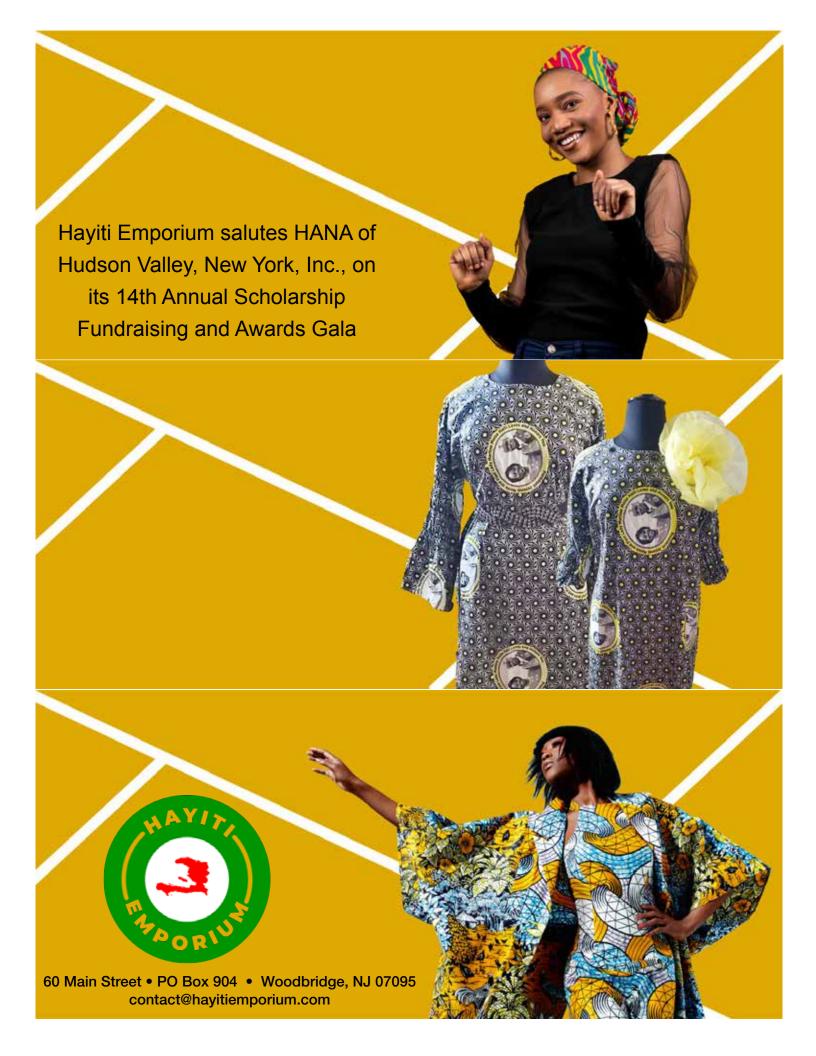


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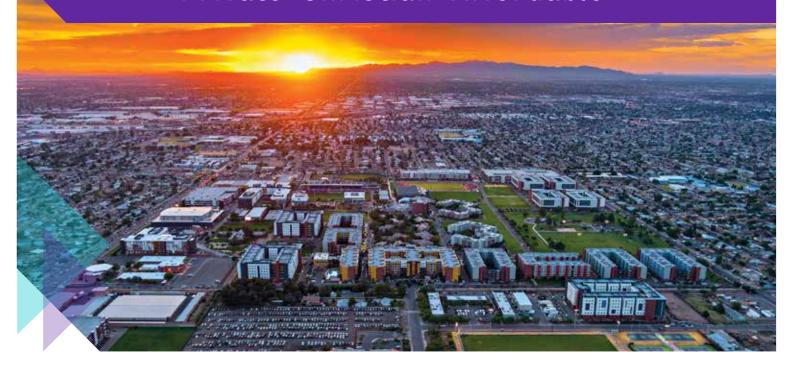






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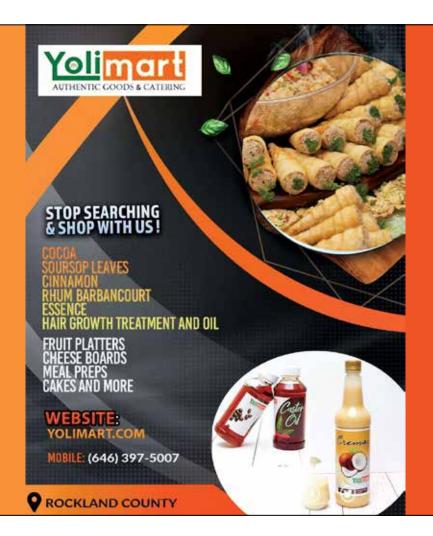


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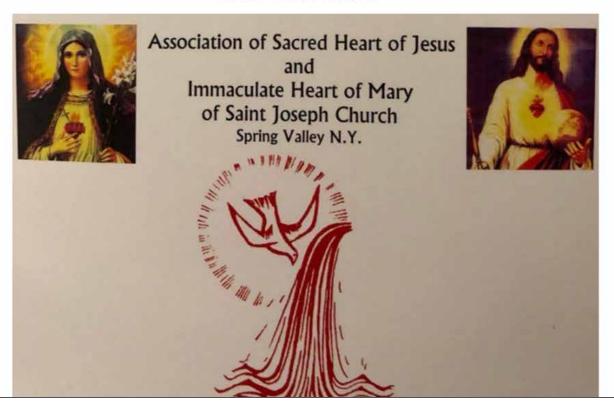
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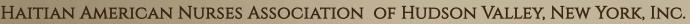
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