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16th Annual Scholarship Fundraising & Awards Gala Program

— Cocktail Hour —

7:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Jean Mathieu, Saxophonist

— Welcome —

Marie Ginou Cadeau, BSN, RN Chair of Gala
Carmeline Torchon, BSN, RN Co-chair of Gala

— Master of Ceremony —

Wendy Boisrond, BSN, RN, FNP(s)
Rutherford Mondesir, BEng

— Invocation —

Father Levelt Germain

— American and Haitian Anthem —

Felina Baker

— President's Message —

Florence Pierre Pierre, BBA, BSN, RN

— 2024 Honorees Presentation of Awards —

Service and Dedication Award

Michelle Timothee

Outstanding Service Award

Cherly Charles

Community and Service Award

Beetchin Joseph

Humanitarian Award

Ludger Mednard

— Scholarship Awards Presentation —

Florence Pierre Pierre, BBA, BSN, RN

Bibiane D. Sykes, MSN, RN, EdD (c)

— Awards Presentation —

Florence Pierre Pierre, BBA, BSN, RN

President's Award

Nurse of the Year

— Acknowledgements/Closing Remarks —

Marie Ginou Cadeau, BSN, RN Chair of Gala
Carmeline Torchon, BSN, RN Co-chair of Gala

— Entertainment —

Nu-Look

DJ Woodz

Founder's Message



Berthilde Dufrene

DNP, DOS(h), MSN, BSN,
CARN, RN

Here in the United States (US), as in Haiti, 2024 has been another year of significant challenges for the Haitian people. The ongoing gang violence in Haiti, misinformation about Haitian migrants, Haiti's loss of human capital and talents, and millions of lives lost or on the brink amid Haiti's multiple crises all underscore the need for compassion and support for those affected. We have all witnessed the subsequent humanitarian catastrophe and felt the effects of these devastations on our people. Through it all, HANA of Hudson Valley, New York, remains ever so committed to serving the health needs, providing resources, and fostering community resilience. Despite the adversity, their commitment to serving the needs of their communities both domestically and internationally remains commendable.

I congratulate Madame President Florence Pierre Pierre, who has been feverishly serving HANA since its foundation in 2008. President Pierre Pierre has endeavored patiently, contributed profoundly, and, at times, has even made great sacrifices to support HANA's growth and legacy. Ms. Pierre Pierre's ability to remain still, graceful, and humble is testimonial of her extraordinary leadership and demonstration of the power of purpose. It has been my distinct pleasure to serve alongside her, follow her guidance, and help implement her initiatives. On behalf of HANA and the communities served, we thank you for your service, Madame President!

No matter how challenging the year was, the silver lining comes from the encouraging energy and support of our collaborative partners, donors, sponsors, supporters, and colleagues. Words alone are not enough to express the depth of our gratitude. Thanks for being our source of sustenance and reassurance.

This year, as we reflect on these ongoing issues, it's crucial for communities to unite and advocate for better policies, support systems, and resources that can alleviate the suffering of many. As individuals and organizations come together, we can work towards a brighter future where the health and dignity of every person, particularly Haitians, are prioritized and respected. Let us continue to raise awareness, offer support, and stand in solidarity with the Haitian community and other vulnerable communities during these trying times.

Kind regards,

Berthilde Dufrene

DNP, DOS(h), MSN, BSN, CARN, RN

Founder and Past President

President's Message



Florence Pierre Pierre

BBA, BSN, RN

I am delighted to welcome you to our 16th Annual Scholarship Fundraising Awards Gala. I would like to reiterate my sincere appreciation to our founder, Dr. Berthilde Dufrene and all previous presidents who have played a major role in the advancement of HANA of Hudson Valley. I would also like to acknowledge the president of the Florida Nursing Association and immediate past president of Haitian Alliance Nurses International, Dr. Marie O. Etienne, along with all of the other HANA chapter presidents who are here with us this evening. Your dedication and commitment to our organization has been invaluable, and we are forever grateful. Your leadership has been instrumental in our continued success and growth. We look forward to many more years of collaboration and success. Thank you for your service.

When I took office in January of 2023, I outlined my vision and goals for the organization - to membership inclusion, uphold our mission, explore new funding opportunities, grow and maintain current membership, expand the nursing scholarship program, and improve efforts to promote community health and wellness. The process of accomplishing every goal was challenging, but I am glad to report that we have partnered with several churches, including Mount Zion Sanctuary Church, First Timothy Christian Church, and Saint Joseph Church, to conduct health fairs, provide educational seminars, and launch a new cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) course for kids. In collaboration with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, we hosted a blood drive. We participated in a back-to-school fair with Groove FM radio. We partnered with the Finkelstein Library in initiating a mental health forum. We worked with organizations such as the Haitian Cultural Heritage

Preservation, Inc. (HCHP) and Rockland County Haiti Relief in strengthening community engagements. We established a new partnership with the Rock Place for their annual program, "Night of Ten Thousand Sandwiches" in Newark, NJ which provides free meals and resources to people experiencing homelessness, food insecurities, and health issues. This year, we conducted a multi-prong health Fair aimed at addressing the eight dimensions of wellness which included: the physical, mental, spiritual, environmental, financial, social, occupational, and emotional health. We have sustained our Health and Wellness radio show on Radio GrooveFM, featuring numerous health subject-experts and addressing various health promotion and disease prevention topics. We conducted our Seventh Annual Nursing Symposium at Mercy University, this year - in association with The Zeta Omega At Large Chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

Throughout the years, HANA has grown its programs and projects, engaged in continuous advocacy for health equity, and have cared for their communities locally and across the globe. On January 31, 2024, the Haitian Alliance Nurses Association International (HANA-I) brought HANA members from the nine chapters to Capitol Hill, Washington DC to discuss legislative priorities impacting vulnerable communities in the nation and abroad.

As my term comes to an end, I am grateful for the knowledge gained throughout my term as President. For me personally, HANA has been an institution; I entered as a novice but have progressed quickly to proficiency. While I am still finding my way to the expert phase, I am grateful for the experiences, appreciative of all those who have encouraged, supported and believed in me. Special thank you to our Founder Dr. Berthilde Dufrene who has held my hand from a distance and motivated to press on; your support has not gone unnoticed. I would also like to thank the best Vice President team a leader could hope for: 1st VP Farrah Fils Aime and 2nd VP Jen Morin - you both promised to be there for me during my term and delivered an outstanding performance. Lastly, I must acknowledge our 2023 Nurse of the Year, Huguette Dempaire who flourished tremendously during my term.

This spectacular evening could not have been possible without our Chair of gala, Marie Ginou Cadeau and Co-Chair Carmeline Torchon. Their vision to elevate this year's gala to the next level is in full display. I extend my special thanks to HANA's very own decorator, Mireille Leroy, all of our committee chairs, and our platinum Nulook sponsor, Henri Robert Pierre for helping to make this night possible.

Sincere gratitude to our Board of Directors, Advisory Board Members, Members and Associate Members for their continued enthusiasm and commitment to HANA of Hudson Valley's mission, vision, and core values. I will leave you with this: Never give up on your goals and dreams. If you fail once, you try and try again until you reach success. It has been my pleasure to serve as the seventh President of HANA of Hudson Valley NY, Inc.

Yours truly;

Florence Pierre Pierre
BBA, BSN, RN

Gala Chair's Message



Marie Ginou Cadeau
BSN, RN

Welcome to the Haitian American Nurses Association's 16th Annual Scholarship Fundraising & Award Gala. It is an honor to have you join us for this special occasion, where we come together to celebrate our commitment to education, community, and the advancement of nursing.

Tonight, we gather not only to raise funds for scholarships but also to acknowledge the incredible support we receive from our community and partners. Your dedication and generosity have made it possible for us to provide scholarships to aspiring nursing students here in the Hudson Valley as well as in Haiti. This mission would not be achievable without your steadfast commitment.

I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to President Florence Pierre-Pierre for her leadership and for entrusting me with this wonderful opportunity. I am also immensely thankful to the members of the Gala Fundraising Committee for their tireless efforts and hard work in making tonight's event a

success. Your passion and dedication remind us all of the important impact we can have on the lives of others.

As we celebrate this evening, let us reflect on the importance of our collective efforts and the positive change we bring to our communities. Thank you for being here with us, and let's make this a memorable night filled with joy and camaraderie.

Please celebrate this evening with us, and thank you once again for your continued support of HANA and our mission.

Warm regards,

Marie Ginou Cadeau, BSN

Chaplain's Message



Michele Paraison
RN, Ph.D. (Hon) Min

Dear Friends,

Good evening! Let's all say no to sadness tonight and enjoy our moment, our daily hard work, and our individual hardship that no one can truly evaluate. We are keeping the team spirit with our commitment to care and service our community here and abroad.

Again I renew my gratitude to you for trusting us year after year. Please continue to do so against all odds because we must leave this legacy alive for our children, more than ever we must!

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Claude Michele Paraison "honoris causa," Chaplain

Honoree

Service & Dedication Award



Michelle Timothee

Owner/Chef
"La Talaye"

Michelle Timothee is a multifaceted professional Chef, who has embodied roles as a chef, restaurateur, recipe developer, entrepreneur, philanthropist, herbalist and mother.

She began her impressive culinary career early, opening her first restaurant at just 20 years old in Petion-Ville Haiti. Michelle has since expanded her expertise through studies Hospitality Management/Culinary arts at Rockland Community College and the Culinary Institute of America.

Her achievements as a black business owner are notable, including winning the 2017 Ramsey Farmers Market Chef Competition and being featured on Hudson Valley Magazine, Rivertown Magazine cover, 2nd place at Favorite Chef Competition presented by Carla Hall to benefit James Beard Foundation, 2024 honored by Ayiti Community Trust/Goute Payi'm. Michelle owns and operates the restaurant/catering "La Talaye" in Haverstraw, NY, name after her parents and grandparents' region in Haiti. Her commitment to using fresh, local and

organic ingredients is a testament to her dedication to healthy and nutritious food. She selects ingredients from local farms and markets and uses her spice recipes to enhance her dishes with unique La Talaye flavor.

Beyond her culinary ventures. Michelle is deeply involved in community service. She supports various organizations and initiatives, such as providing annual financial contributions to few elementary schools in Haiti. She also engages in local events, offering cooking demonstration at the Rockland Community College to celebrate Haitian Heritage Month and participating in fundraisers like Nyack Center, A Taste of Rockland, Haldane School Foundation event in Cold Spring NY.

Honoree

Community & Service Award



Beetchin Joseph

Co-Founder

Haitian Cultural Heritage
Preservation, Inc. (HCHP)

Beetchin Joseph is a dedicated community organizer and leader who has made a significant impact in promoting Haitian culture and supporting the Haitian community in Rockland County. As one of the founding and board member of the Haitian Cultural Heritage Preservation, Inc. (HCHP), she has played a crucial role in preserving and promoting the rich cultural heritage of Haiti. Currently serving as the Treasurer of HCHP, Beetchin is committed to ensuring the organization's continued success in its mission to promote Haitian culture and heritage.

In addition to her work with HCHP, she has also been instrumental in organizing fundraising initiatives to raise funds to support Haitians in need, particularly those living in the Dominican Republic's bateyes. Beetchin was one of the founding members of the Unity Social Club (USC), an organization dedicated to helping young Haitians achieve their full potential through education. Under her leadership, USC awarded thousands of dollars in scholarships to deserving young Haitian scholars both in Haiti and Rockland County, empowering them to pursue their educational goals.

As a member of the January 1st Committee, Beetchin is dedicated to organizing events that celebrate Haiti's independence and cultural heritage. Her passion for promoting Haitian culture is evident in her tireless efforts to bring people together and celebrate the rich traditions of her homeland.

As a devoted mother, Beetchin is also dedicated to her twin daughters, who have been inspired by their mother's selfless work in the community. Despite her busy schedule, Beetchin always prioritizes spending quality time with her daughters, teaching them about the importance of community service, cultural pride, and empowerment. Her daughters often accompany her to HCHP events and are proud to be a part of their mother's efforts to make a positive impact on their community.

Beetchin holds an MBA from Ramapo College, which has provided her with the skills and knowledge necessary to navigate the complexities of organizational leadership. With her impressive background in community activism and her commitment to community service, Beetchin Joseph is an inspiring figure who embodies the values of compassion, resilience, and determination.

Honoree

Outstanding Service Award



Cherly Charles

Cherly Charles is a proud daughter of Haiti. Her life's journey began in the vibrant heart of Grande Rivière du Nord, Haiti, where her roots run deep. In 1976, she made the courageous decision to migrate to the United States, a leap that would shape her future and empower her dreams.

The lessons from her upbringing in Haiti have been pivotal in molding her character. They instilled in her resilience, tenacity, and an unwavering compassion for others. Cherly is a dedicated nurse and a mother of two beautiful daughters and a grandmother to one precious grandchild. She always felt a deep sense of responsibility to give back to the community that has nurtured her and provided her with so many opportunities.

In 2015, with a steadfast belief in the transformative power of education, she established the Foundation Rivenordaise de New York en Action (FRNYA). Their mission is to reduce juvenile delinquency in Haiti by empowering its youth. FRNYA provides Haitian children with the resources they need to thrive, offering education, nourishment, medical care, and additional essential services.

Through annual fundraising initiatives, FRNYA support summer camps that serve at least one hundred children each year from Grande Rivière du Nord. These camps are more than recreational activities; they represent a sanctuary for learning, growth, and empowerment, where children can gather, explore their potential, and envision a brighter future. Cherly's commitment goes even further. Understanding the pressing need for higher education opportunities, she spearheaded the creation of a nursing school in her hometown in Haiti. This initiative not only opens doors for the youth of Grande Rivière du Nord but also enhances the local healthcare system. The school has celebrated the graduation of two classes of Nurses, an achievement that illustrates the profound impact of education and the boundless potential of our young people.

Honoree

Humanitarian Award



Ludger Mednard

Founder and President
Haiti ABC Foundation, Inc.

Ludger Mednard is an accomplished Executive at a prominent national Real Estate Development firm based in New York City and Miami. A dedicated husband and father, Ludger has always maintained a deep connection to his homeland of Haiti. The 2010 earthquake's devastating impact on Haiti profoundly moved him, prompting him to volunteer with Helping Hands and Beyond. This ten-day medical mission in Haiti was a life-changing experience for Ludger, sparking his commitment to support his country and its people.

In 2011, driven by a desire to make a tangible difference, Ludger in partnership with the two co-founders Esther Louisme and Suzette St. Louis, embarked on a mission to provide backpacks filled with school supplies to Haitian children affected by the earthquake. Their efforts resulted in 450 backpacks being distributed, a humbling experience that led Ludger to establish the Haiti ABC Foundation Incorporated in 2013. As Founder and President of the Haiti ABC Foundation, Ludger has assembled a dedicated team to realize his vision. Under his leadership, the foundation has accomplished several key initiatives:

- Distribution of over 600 pairs of sneakers to children in Ecole Sarepta (Mirgoâne) and Ecole Pavilion(Cavaillon), as well as a community in Fond Parisien.
- Renovations of Ecole Pavilion in 2014 and Ecole Sarepta in 2015, in addition to the construction of four new bathrooms in 2018 at both schools.
- In September 2021, three dedicated members of the Haiti ABC team traveled to Haiti in response to the devastating earthquake that struck Les Cayes. Through their tireless efforts, we successfully raised \$25,000 in donations from generous supporters. These funds were instrumental in providing essential relief to the affected community. With the donations, the team was able to serve over 300 plus families with a week's supply of food and distribute much-needed hygiene kits to ensure basic sanitary needs were met.

Additionally, we provided school supplies and uniforms to 78 students at Ecole Pavilion, helping to restore a sense of normalcy and hope for the future. This mission exemplified the team's commitment to aiding those in crisis and making a tangible difference in the lives of those affected by the disaster. Haiti ABC Foundation's mission has included various fundraising events and initiatives, such as:

- Backpack and School Supplies Fundraiser
- Kicks for Kids Fundraiser
- Help Us Renovate Ecole Sarepta Fundraiser
- Rebuilding Dreams, Restoring Hope Fundraiser
- Night and Hope Fundraiser

A standout achievement for the foundation has been the consistent provision of daily lunches for 88 children and the support of 15 staff members at Ecole Pavilion from the 2019 through 2024 school year.

Looking ahead, the foundation aspires to build an educational academy in Haiti. Believing in the powerful connection between a supportive classroom environment and academic success, Haiti ABC Foundation aims to create an infrastructure that fosters educational achievement.

As Nelson Mandela aptly stated, *"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."*

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.

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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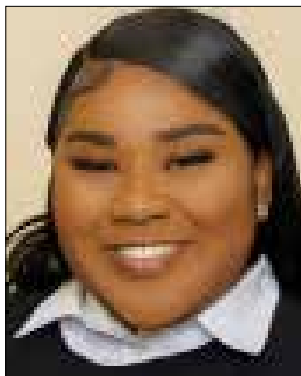
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Scholarship Recipients



Carla Alliance *I've always had a passion for helping others. I've always enjoyed being there and knowing that I've helped someone else at the end of the day. I would love to further my education by choosing nursing as my career. Besides family and friends, the health care team is the next bond that a patient has to consider family. And being there to provide service to each and every patient is a blessing."*

Carla is pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing at the College of Mount St. Vincent with an anticipated graduation date of 5/16/26.



Amyah Dickerson *"The decision to pursue a career in nursing was a natural extension of my personal experience. Nursing provides a unique opportunity to offer compassionate care and support to individuals facing health challenges, a role that resonates deeply with. My aspirations go beyond the role of a registered nurse. I am committed to advancing my education to become a nurse practitioner, with a focus on sickle cell disease. By obtaining a master's degree, I aim to contribute to both clinical practice*

and research, striving to improve the quality of life for patients suffering from this condition."

Amyah is pursuing a Master of Science Degree in Nursing at Hampton University with an anticipated graduation date of 5/2027.



Abigail Duvivier *"Being able to witness the impact that the nurses had on my cousin's life allowed me to appreciate the critical role nurses play in patient care and reaffirmed my desire to be part of a profession dedicated to healing and supporting individuals during vulnerable moments in their life."*

Abigail is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University of Rochester with an anticipated graduation date of 8/25/25.

Scholarship Recipients



Jenica Felix *"My ambition to become a nurse is inspired by my desire to join a community that is centered around service to the public. Although there is an assortment of professions that focus on service and communication, no other occupation would provide me with the education and training needed to utilize communication to tackle illnesses afflicting patients and families. I learned through both my shadowing and personal experiences that nursing is what I want to do with my life as it will give me the chance to care for, help, and support patients in a holistic way."*

Jenica is pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing at Utica University with an anticipated graduation date of 12/24/24.



Wilson Paul *"My desire to become a nurse is driven by a commitment to provide care and support to others in need. I am captivated by the diverse responsibilities that nursing entails - from administering treatments and managing patient care to offering emotional support and advocating for patients' needs. Each aspect of nursing presents an opportunity to make a meaningful difference, whether it's through the technical proficiency of medical tasks or the human connection that forms with patients and their families. Ultimately, my goal is to blend my passion for caregiving with the rigorous demands of the nursing profession."*

Wilson is pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing at Mercy University with an anticipated graduation date of 8/25/25.



Danyelle Timothee *"I want to be a nurse who listens, advocates, and provides compassionate care to all patients, regardless of their demeanor. I aspire to make a difference in the lives of patients ensuring they feel valued and supported during their most vulnerable times."*

Danyell is pursuing a career as a Licensed Practical Nurse at Eastwick College-Ramsey with an anticipated graduation date of 10/11/25.



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Greetings elected officials, award honorees, HANA members, scholarship recipients and distinguished guests. On behalf of the Haitian Alliance Nurses Association International (HANA-I), I welcome you to the 16th Annual Scholarship and Fundraising Awards Gala of the Haitian American Nurses Association (HANA) of Hudson Valley.

This event is a testament to the remarkable and enduring work you have done within the community and your unwavering commitment to service. By providing scholarships and supporting the academic and professional aspirations of students, you are not only fostering the next generation of healthcare professionals but also empowering the Haitian community and beyond.

The efforts of your members continue to inspire us and underscore the powerful impact that nurses and healthcare professionals can have on individuals and communities. As you celebrate tonight, please know that we stand with you in solidarity and appreciation of your contributions. We look forward to continued collaboration and shared success in our mutual mission to uplift and support our communities through education, healthcare, and service.

Congratulations once again on this achievement, and best wishes for a successful and memorable gala.

Sincerely,

Marie E. Hyppolite

Marie E. Hyppolite, PhD (c), RN
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October 05, 2024

On behalf of the Haitian American Nurses Association of Florida, Inc., I am thrilled to extend our deepest congratulations to the Haitian American Nurses Association of Hudson Valley, New York, for the remarkable success of their 7th Annual Nursing Education Symposium and 16th Annual Scholarship and Fundraising Awards Gala. This event marks not just a milestone, but a testament to the unwavering dedication and passion that drives our collective mission to uplift and care for our communities.

We are honored to join hands with you in a movement that brings nurses together, focusing on the health and welfare of those we serve. President Florence Pierre-Pierre and the Hudson Valley Board, your outstanding leadership is exceptional and sets a high standard of excellence, and we are proud to celebrate this achievement with you.

As we reflect on this momentous occasion, we also want to recognize the invaluable contributions of your members, speakers, sponsors, partners, advisors, and volunteers. Your commitment and generosity are empowering. The success of this gala is a shining example of what we can accomplish when we come together in the spirit of collaboration and inclusivity.

Congratulations to all the Honorees and Scholarship Recipients—your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed. As we move forward, let us continue to build on this strong foundation, ensuring that the legacy of HANA remains vibrant and impactful for years to come.

Sincerely,

Katiana St Thomas Azemar

Katiana St Thomas Azemar, MSNEd, RN
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President's Message

To our sister chapter, the Haitian American Nurses Association (HANA) of Garden State, extend our heartfelt appreciation for your exceptional contributions to our communities and the nursing profession. We are delighted to stand with you in recognizing this year's scholarship nominations and award recipients.

Your unwavering prolific mind over the past sixteen years has made a significant impact and has earned our utmost admiration. At the core of the HANA brand lays our commitment to providing service and education to our communities.

The internships and partnerships you have cultivated at your symposiums provide an invaluable platform for connecting with fellow nurses, forging strong bonds, and cultivating enduring relationships.

With over 300 professional members across the nine chapters, our organization's future continues to evolve with high reliability and world-class standards, thanks to your contribution, dedication and resilience in overcoming numerous challenges on our collaborative humanitarian journey.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the HANA of Hudson Valley Chapter President, board members, and partners! Your unwavering commitment has been instrumental in leading us towards new triumphs.

A note of immense gratitude for what you do!
Let's raise our glasses to another sixteen years in the making!

Sincerely,
Carline Eliezer

Carline P. Eliezer, MSN, APRN, AGNP, D. Min. (h.c.)
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Friday, September 20th, 2024

Dear Haitian American Nurses Association of Hudson Valley,

H.A.N.A. of Georgia would like to extend our warmest congratulations as you are hosting your 16th Annual Scholarship & Fundraising Awards Gala this year on October 5th. This is truly a notable milestone worth celebrating and we are honored to be a part of this significant occasion.

Your organization's commitment to excellence has touched the lives of countless individuals and communities in immeasurable ways. Your untiring efforts have provided an inspiration of hope for the less fortunate and underserved. To witness firsthand the impact your organization has had on the lives of people and society at large is astounding.

As you commemorate this momentous event, we want to express our gratitude for the wonderful work you have done and continue to do. Your unwavering dedication, passion, and perseverance in promoting H.A.N.A. as a renowned world class organization has inspired others to follow in your footsteps.

We wish you all the best and look forward to celebrating with you.



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Greetings, Haitian American Nurses Association of Hudson Valley, NY Inc.:

The Haitian American Nurses Association of Illinois (HANA-IL) extends its warmest congratulations to you on the successful celebration of your 16th Annual Scholarship & Fundraising Awards Gala. This occasion highlights a remarkable milestone that speaks to your commitment to positively influence the future of our most noble profession and empower the next generation of healthcare leaders.

As Haitian American nurses we are navigating most challenging times, where racial discrimination has brought our contributions under close scrutiny. Despite this HANA of Hudson Valley continues to persevere as active members in your communities, working tirelessly to address healthcare disparities and advocate for equal access to quality care for all.

HANA of IL celebrates with you and applauds your resilience and dedication to making a meaningful impact. May you continue to break barriers, promote health equity, and ensure that the voices of Haitian American nurses are heard and respected.

Once again, congratulations on this exceptional achievement. We look forward to witnessing even greater accomplishments in the years to come.

With heartfelt appreciation and support,

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September 12th, 2024

Greetings HANA sisters of Hudson Valley

HANA of Tampa would like to congratulate you on your 16th annual scholarship and fundraising gala!

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We Are HANA!

Sincerest regards,
Edline Pierre, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC
President
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---“Setting goals turn the invisible to visible” (Tony Robbins)

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The purpose of the Association is to provide nurses the opportunity to unite as a group, to share and promote ideas of interest to the group, and to become effectively involved with the issues and services relevant to the health and welfare of the community.



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2

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3

Advance your career: HANA members enjoy educational opportunities and access to vital information to increase their knowledge base and keep up with the newest trends in the global community and in their profession.

4

Serve your profession: HANA members have access to opportunities to serve on international and local committees that work on a variety of issues from building the core body of professional knowledge to building public trust in the philanthropic process.

5

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6

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7

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8

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9

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10

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