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Awards Gala*

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17th Annual Scholarship Fundraising & Awards Gala Program

– Cocktail Hour –

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

– Welcome –

Marie Ginou Cadeau, BSN, RN Chair of Gala

– Master of Ceremony –

Christel-Ann Augustin, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC, Past President

– Invocation –

Linda Benoit, BSN, RN, PhD (Hon) Min, Past President

– American Anthem –

Kelly Mathelier

– Haitian Anthem –

Pierre Rolin Rene, Associate Member

– President's Message –

Farrah Fils-Aimé, MSN, BSN, RN, President

– 2025 Honorees Presentation of Awards –

Service and Dedication Award

Daniela Ducasse, MBA, HRS, BSHA, CP, NSA

Outstanding Service Award

Maxine Smalling, MS, BS(N), RN

Community Impact Award

Sun River Health /
Anne Kaufman Nolon. MPH

Humanitarian Award

Marisa Nadas, MD, MPH

– Scholarship Awards Presentation –

Farrah Fils-Aimé, MSN, BSN, RN, President

Florence Pierre-Pierre, BBA, BSN, RN, Immediate Past President

– Awards Presentation –

Farrah Fils-Aimé, MSN, BSN, RN, President

President's Award

Nurse of the Year

– Acknowledgements/ Closing Remarks –

Marie Ginou Cadeau, BSN, RN Chair of Gala

– Entertainment –

Harmonik

DJ Woodz

Founder's Message



Berthilde Dufrene

DNP, MSNEd, BSN, AAS,
CARN, RN

I am deeply honored and humbled to once again extend my welcome to you for the Annual Scholarship and Fundraising Gala hosted by the Haitian American Nurses Association of Hudson Valley New York (HANA). Whenever I receive updates from former HANA scholarship recipients, I am filled with immense pride and joy. The remarkable achievements of these students in the nursing field have profoundly illustrated the significance and foundational aspects of this cherished annual tradition. We persist in this endeavor because of you—our supporters, the HANA membership, and the outstanding leaders of HANA.

I express my gratitude to Madame President, Farrah Fils-Aime, who has been an integral part of HANA's dynamic leadership for many years and has significantly contributed to advancing our mission. I have witnessed her growth, her ability to embrace change, her collaboration with and support for all previous HANA presidents, and her courageous decision to take on this role herself. Congratulations, Farrah, on making this commitment; you are doing exceptionally well so far, and I eagerly anticipate what we will achieve under your presidency.

Each member contributes uniquely to the organization, and this diversity of perspectives, talents, and skills has strengthened our resilience. I am eternally grateful to the HANA membership for coming together to showcase their leadership abilities, their drive to excel and grow the organization, their dedication to uplifting one another to achieve extraordinary results, and their commitment to service and giving back to their communities.

I extend a heartfelt welcome to everyone present tonight in support of our initiatives, especially our HANA-I members and those from sister chapters who have traveled from distant places to join us this evening. I offer my sincere thanks to all of you, our community; you have aligned with our mission and have invested in supporting our programs and projects. Thank you for your ongoing support and the trust you place in us.

My journey as the founder, past president, board advisor, and lifelong dedicated member of HANA has provided me with a unique perspective. I have encountered numerous honorable and committed individuals who support our efforts. I have come to realize that many of our challenges and concerns are shared and understood. I have developed a deep appreciation for the significant impact we are making.

In conclusion, I invite you to join me in pledging genuine support and solidarity to our president, Farrah Fils-Aime, so that she can assist us in enacting the changes necessary to explore new horizons. Although the path ahead may present challenges, history serves as a reminder of our resilience. Together, we have faced obstacles and emerged even stronger.

Kind regards,

Berthilde Dufrene

DNP, DOS(h), MSNEd, BSN, AAS, CARN, RN
Founder and Past President

President's Message



Farrah Fils-Aimé

MSN, BSN, RN

Good evening, Colleagues, Distinguished Guests, and Elected Officials,

It is both an honor and a privilege to stand before you this evening as the newly elected President of the Haitian American Nurses Association (HANA) of Hudson Valley, NY, for the 2025–2027 term. With immense pride and deep gratitude, I welcome you to our 17th Annual Scholarship Fundraising & Awards Gala. On behalf of our Executive Board, I extend a heartfelt thanks to our dedicated members, partners, and community leaders for your unwavering support and continued engagement with our mission. I would also like to express sincere appreciation to our founder, Dr. Berthilde Dufrene, and all past presidents, whose vision and leadership have shaped HANA into the impactful organization it is today.

It is truly an honor to lead this esteemed organization as we remain committed to serving our community both locally and globally. As a proud member of HANA for the past 15 years, I've had the privilege of serving in various leadership roles, including Chair of Recruitment, Secretary, and Vice President. Our membership is composed of a dynamic and diverse group of nurses and associates from all walks of life, each bringing unique talents and experiences that help advance HANA's mission. Together, we champion health equity, professional growth, and community outreach.

As President, I am dedicated to fostering teamwork, inclusion, and empowerment. Together with the Executive Board, we are focused on strengthening our mentorship program for scholarship recipients,

expanding community outreach initiatives, and increasing our presence through health fairs that promote preventive care and wellness across the region.

We are also working to secure sustainable funding through government grants, corporate sponsorships, and strategic partnerships. These efforts are vital in growing our visibility, supporting member retention, and expanding our programs. Collaboration is at the heart of what we do, and we are proud to work alongside local nonprofit organizations to broaden our impact. Notably, we are preparing for an upcoming medical mission to the Bateyes in the Dominican Republic, in collaboration with several local nonprofit organizations further reinforcing our commitment to partnerships and global health service.

Since taking office in January, we've remained visible and active throughout the Hudson Valley. HANA has proudly partnered with organizations such as Haitian Cultural Heritage Preservation Inc. (HCHP) for International Women's Day and Taste of Haiti. We participated in HANA-I Capitol Hill Day in Washington, D.C. and supported numerous community events including the Men Matter Health Fair, JAMCCAR's Spring into Health Fair, St. Joseph's Church Youth Career Seminar, and a variety of religious, cultural, and wellness festivals. In August, we hosted our second annual health fair, which served over 100 patrons and distributed 85 backpacks to students. Our weekly radio show, "HANA Health & Wellness Show – Bien Viv en Sante," continues to be a trusted platform for health education, airing every Wednesday from 6–8 PM on Radio Groove FM. Just yesterday, we held our Annual Nursing Symposium under the theme: "Community Resilience: Nurses as Pillars of Support in Times of Change." This gathering reminded us of the critical role nurses play in times of uncertainty and transition.

HANA continues to stand firm in its mission to promote health, prevent disease, and empower the next generation of nurses. Through our scholarship programs and nursing symposiums, we support students both here in the Hudson Valley and at Notre Dame du Perpétuel Secours, the National Nursing School of Jeremie, Haiti. Our goal this year is to award scholarships to ten deserving students in Jeremie—a meaningful investment in the future of nursing and our global community.

Nurses are the heart of healthcare. We are educators, advocates, caregivers, and leaders who ensure the health and well-being of individuals and families across all communities. Tonight, we celebrate that legacy. As we honor our community leaders and present scholarships to future nurses, we do so with pride in our past and hope for what lies ahead. I am HANA. We are HANA. Nou Se HANA! "One Team, One Dream for the Community!" Thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership over the years. May we continue to lead with humility, compassion, unity, and purpose—for the betterment of our community, here and around the world.

With gratitude,

Farrah Fils-Aimé

President Haitian American Nurses Association of Hudson Valley, NY, Inc

Gala Chair's Message



Marie Ginou Cadeau
BSN, RN

Good evening and welcome to HANA of Hudson Valley 17th Annual Scholarship Fundraising & Award Gala. It is truly a privilege to share this night with you as we celebrate excellence, service, and the future of nursing.

Each year, this gathering reminds us of the power of unity and generosity. Tonight is not just about raising scholarship funds. It is about investing in dreams, empowering future leaders, and strengthening the bridges between our community here in the Hudson Valley and our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Your presence and support make all of this possible, and for that we are deeply grateful.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our President, Farrah Fils-Aime, for her inspiring leadership and vision. A special thank you as well to the Gala Fundraising Committee, whose dedication, creativity, and countless hours of preparation have brought us to this beautiful event today. Your commitment re-

fects the heart of HANA's mission: service, compassion, and impact.

As we gather tonight, let us remember that every scholarship awarded represents a life touched, a family uplifted, and a community strengthened. Together, we are not just supporting education. We are shaping the future of healthcare.

On behalf of HANA of Hudson Valley, thank you for your generosity, your partnership, and your belief in our mission. May this evening be filled with joy, inspiration, and lasting memories.

Warm regards,

Marie Ginou Cadeau,

BSN, RN

Chairperson, Gala Committee

Chaplain's Message



Michele Paraison

RN, Ph.D. (Hon) Min

Tracking our Legacy Trail ...

Good Evening Friends!

We appreciate your faithful dedication here tonight, which is the "essence" needed to enlighten and energize our lives for the work that we've chosen, to help our community here and abroad.

More than ever, we must keep the Legacy. 17 Years, "WOW". In my assessment, I witnessed a strong team in our delivery of services to the community and our work with other organizations. Yes, there is always room for improvement, which is a must, as our community and the world is constantly changing. With our new President Mme. Farrah Fils Aimé, a good team leader, we're moving forward and

keeping on track. Our resilience remains strong. We are determined to carry HANA to the next Generation with an unbreakable Armature! We continue to count on your friendship and support.

Love,
Michele
RN, PhD (Hon) Min
Chaplain

Honoree



Daniela Ducasse
MBA, HRS, BSHA, CP, NSA

Daniela Ducasse, MBA, HRS, BSHA, CP, NSA, is a Healthcare Administrator, Paralegal, and Human Resources Management Specialist, who currently works as a Senior Provider Credentialing/Onboarding Specialist. Daniela has 20 years of Healthcare Administration experience, from working in Community Non-Profit Clinics, Hospitals, Medicaid, and Managed Care Organizations. In addition, Daniela is a New York State Certified Rape Crisis Counselor, and Domestic Violence Advocate. Daniela earned an associate degree in Paralegal Studies from SUNY Rockland Community College (RCC). Daniela holds a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Healthcare Administration, with a Minor in Health Information Management from Southern New Hampshire University, graduated Magna Cum Laude. Daniela possesses a Master of Business Administration (MBA) with a Specialization in Human Resource Management (HRM) from Capella University, with a focus on Leadership Strategy in the workplace, graduated with Distinction. In 2023, Daniela received President Joseph Biden's Lifetime Achievement Award, for her ongoing services and contributions to the Nation, particularly, her community. Daniela has been an Inspirational Writer for

25 years. She has written Five books and published Four. Daniela has been serving her community of Rockland County, New York for over 30 years. Through her services, in 1999, she established the Haitian American Talented Youth of Rockland (HATYR), to share the importance of Culture through Afro-Folk Dances. Daniela is the proud Founder and President of the Haitian American Professional Women Alliance (HAPWA), Inc., a 501(c)(3) Not-for-Profit Organization founded in 2008, Incorporated in 2025, to empower and encourage young Women to pursue higher education and advance career. Daniela believes that we can change the world through women's works. Above all, Daniela is a proud Mother of 3 Women, and proud Grandmother to 1 Granddaughter and 3 Grandsons. Daniela's motto is: If you can think it, you can create it.

Honoree



Maxine Smalling

Chief Executive Nursing Officer
New York State Office of Mental
Health (OMH)

Maxine Smalling is the Chief Executive Nursing Officer for the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) and a registered nurse with more than 30 years of clinical, administrative, policy and executive nursing leadership experience in various psychiatric and addiction settings. Ms. Smalling is a graduate of the Helene Fuld College of Nursing, has a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from The Sage Colleges and a Master of Science in Nursing from Excelsior College. She is a member of the American Nurses Association, American Psychiatric Nurses Association, the Northeast New York Professional Nurses Organization and the Sigma Global Nursing Excellence, Tau Kappa at-Large Chapter.

Ms. Smalling professional nursing career began as a charge nurse on the inpatient psychiatry unit at North Central Bronx Hospital, where she discovered her passion for psychiatric nursing, while caring for individuals living with a serious mental illness. She gained public health nursing experience working as a school nurse for the NYC Department of Health and later extensive community mental health experience working as a visiting nurse caring for individuals living at home in the urban cities and rural towns of Saratoga, Rensselaer and Albany Counties. Her experience caring for individuals with psychiatric and substance use disorders lead her to her role as nurse manager for a Methadone maintenance treatment program, where her efforts to provide vaccines against Hepatitis A and B were recognized by the New York State Association of Substance Abuse Providers as a best practice for methadone maintenance treatment. Later as the program director for an OASAS 822 outpatient clinic, she collaborated with the medical team to provide Buprenorphine treatment for individuals with opioid use disorder, the first OASAS 822 clinic in Upstate NY to provide medication assisted treatment (MAT) in this setting.

In 2007, Ms. Smalling joined the NYS OMH Hudson River Field Office where she collaborated with DOH on Adult Homes serving as the psychiatric nurse expert during interagency reviews of adult homes and the provision of case management services to adult home clients with serious mental illness (SMI). In her current role as Chief Executive Nursing Officer and a member of the OMH Executive Team, Ms. Smalling is providing nursing leadership to address nursing issues systemically, ensure the presence of a nursing voice in policy making and working collaboratively with the Chief Medical Officer and OMH Executive Leadership Team to set the agencies strategic policies and plans. Ms. Smalling provides leadership and consultations to OMH 24 Chief Nursing Officers to drive the professionalization of the nursing workforce and actively promoting the dissemination of evidenced-based clinical nursing practices system wide.

Ms. Smalling is passionate about psychiatric nursing and committed to driving the uptake of evidence-based, innovative, cost-effective, high quality, safe and compassionate mental health care, to assist every individual to achieve their highest level of recovery including sustaining community living. This commitment includes identifying barriers to accessing services, address disparities in care for the individuals living with a mental illness, driving excellence in psychiatric nursing, developing and implementing new community models to fill the identified gaps in the continuum of care, addressing barriers to care, providing and supporting learning opportunities to increase the knowledge and competence of OMH nurses and therapy aides, including "growing our own psychiatric nurses" to meet the nursing staffing coverage needs at OMH 24 hospitals and programs.

Ms. Smalling's collaborations and accomplishments include the successful implementation of OMH State Operated Tobacco free campus-wide policies at 20 Facilities, NYS unlimiting the Medicaid benefits for Tobacco Use Disorder treatment, the development and implementation of the OMH Skilled Nursing Facilities Enhanced Support Program(SNF-ESP), a new community model, providing knowledge transfer through ECHO Clinics, Teletherapy and Telepsychiatry services to improve the knowledge of primary care providers to meet the mental health needs of individuals in skilled nursing facilities, collaborated on advancing the use of psychiatric nurse practitioners throughout OMH State Operated services primarily in physician shortage areas, successfully advocated and secured the resources to develop the Inaugural OMH NP Fellowship Program, increased the percentage of OMH registered nurses with a BSN degree, collaborated with other OMH colleagues and several academic institutions to increase clinical affiliation agreements from 6 to 46 and the number of nursing and nurse practitioner students benefitting from clinical placements at OMH facilities, NYS OMH becoming a Watson Caring Science Institute Affiliate with the adoption of Caring Science as the theoretical framework for OMH psychiatric mental health nursing practice. Ms. Smalling presented at various conferences, collaborated on scholarly articles and is the recipient of the Psychiatric Nurse of the Year Award at North Central Bronx Hospital, The Albany Common Council 2019, 10th Ward, Black History Month honoree and on March 7, 2019, awarded the NYS Empire Star Public Service Award for exemplifying the highest standards of public service, 2022, the Russell Sage Women of Influence Award 2022 and in 2025 she received a nomination for OMH Employee of the Year and the 2025 APNA Award for Excellence in Leadership-RN

Honoree



Sun River Health was founded in 1975 when four African American mothers spearheaded efforts to open our first health center in Peekskill, New York with the promise of delivering high-quality, affordable health care to all. Today, after 50 years of service, Sun River Health is still delivering on that promise as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) system with 50 locations, serving more than 250,000 patients throughout the Hudson Valley, New York City, and Long Island.

Chief Executive Officer Anne Kauffman Nolon, MPH has provided vision and leadership to Sun River Health as Chief Executive Officer for nearly 50 years. She is responsible for guiding the growth and development of one of the largest community health center systems in the United States from a single primary care site in Peekskill, New York to a delivery system of nearly 50 directly-operated Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) throughout the Hudson Valley, New York City, and Long Island, along with additional health centers through sub-recipient agreements, mobile health centers, and a regional migrant voucher program serving an 11-county agricultural region in southeastern New York State.

With the guidance of the Board of Directors, Anne has implemented broad goals that have culminated in a staff of over 2,000 serving more than

250,000 patients throughout the organization. Under her leadership, Sun River Health is Joint Commission-Accredited and recognized by the National Committee on Quality Assurance (NCQA) as an

Advanced Patient Centered Medical Home. In 2018, she led Hudson River Health Care through a successful merge with Brightpoint Health, a network of FQHCs in all five boroughs of New York City, resulting in the combined organization now known as Sun River Health. Anne is a member of the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) and Vice Chair of its Health Policy Committee. She serves on the Board of Directors for the National Center for Farmworker Health and previously served as a member of the National Advisory Council on Migrant Health from 2004 until 2008

Sun River Health 

Sun River Health
A Half Century of Care

Anne Kauffman Nolon, MPH
Chief Executive Officer

Honoree



Marisa Nadas, MD, MPH
System Director of Complex
Family Planning at
NYC Health and Hospitals

Marisa is an attending physician and the Director of Options Services in the department of OBGYN at Jacobi Medical Center/North Central Bronx Hospital. She did her OB/GYN residency training at Boston Medical Center and completed a Global Women's Health Fellowship at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Marisa has been tied to the Haitian community since her first trip in 2008. She volunteered with Zanmi Lasante supporting their women's health team, and she has been with EqualHealth since its inception in 2010. She is now active as a board member and as part of the leadership committee. She has focused on medical education through classroom and bedside teaching at institutions across Haiti. She is passionate about providing high quality obstetric and gynecologic care to women around the globe through a human rights lens. She has a particular focus on social medicine education and practice and reproductive justice.

She is the System Director of Complex Family Planning for NYC Health + Hospitals, and she has focused on improving quality and access for contraception and abortion services across the hospital system.

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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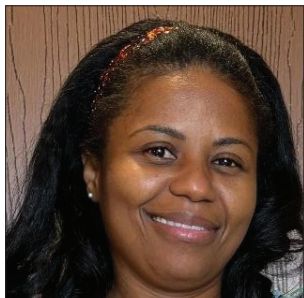
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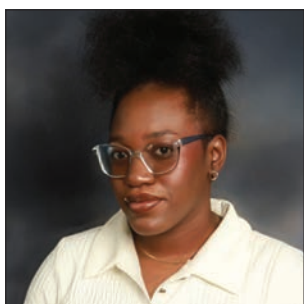
Scholarship Recipients



Margarette Narcisse

"As I advance academically and professionally, my passion for nursing continues to deepen. I am fascinated by the complexity of the human body and the precision needed in clinical care. But what motivates me most is the human connection. Nurses often detect subtle changes in a patient's condition first, advocate when something feels wrong, and listen when no one else does. This combination of intuition, skill, and compassion is what I hope to embody. I want to bridge gaps between hospitals and underserved communities, ensuring care that is accessible, respectful, and culturally sensitive. Whether through research, policy work, or direct clinical practice."

Margarette is pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing at Mercy University with an anticipated graduation date of May 2027.



Mohettie Keyla Vilfort

"A nurse's role involves helping patients overcome their physical and emotional suffering. I aim to be confident in my skills and provide the necessary support to help patients cope with their challenges. As a nurse, I believe I will have the chance to affect the heart, mind, soul, and body of patients and their families. I truly resonate with Maya Angelou's quote, "As a nurse, we have the opportunity to heal the heart, mind, soul and body of our patients, their families and ourselves. They may not remember your name, but they will never forget the way you made them feel." I passionately believe that nursing is a demanding and rewarding field. I am devoted to making a positive impact on the lives of individuals."

Mohettie Keyla Vilfort is pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing at Eastwick College Ramsey with an anticipated graduation date of October 2026.

Scholarship Recipients

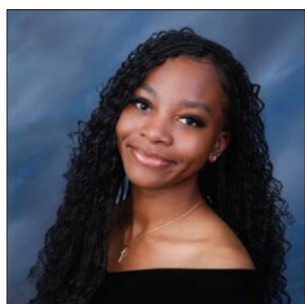


Schelby Vilfort

"I aspire to become a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. I have a deep passion to work with kids and help them grow healthy and strong. I hope to make a positive impact in their life, help them navigate their health challenges and to be on their healing journey. I long to advocate for children's health and educate families. I think it's super important to educate parents about their children's health so they can feel empowered too. Building relation-

ships with families is so rewarding. With my education, I can help children get the treatment they need at an early age, improving their quality of life and giving them the best chance at finding their own success. My focus is to ensure that other children do not face struggles in their future."

Schelby Vilfort is pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing at Dominican University with an anticipated graduation date of May 2029



Abbygayle Zil

"What draws me most to nursing is the critical role nurses play in supporting patients both physically and emotionally. Nurses often serve as the first and last point of contact in a patient's healthcare journey, providing comfort, guidance, and reassurance during challenging moments. I have witnessed how a nurse's empathy and expertise can change a patient's experience, and I am inspired to offer that same support—helping individ-

uals and families feel cared for, heard, and understood."

Abbygayle is pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing at Seton Hall University with an anticipated graduation date of May 2029.



HAITIAN ALLIANCE NURSES ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL

"Comprised of the 9 chapters of HANA"

Good evening elected officials, award honorees, HANA members, scholarship recipients and distinguished guests. On behalf of the Executive Board of Directors of the Haitian Alliance Nurses International (HANA-I), I am pleased to congratulate the Haitian American Nurses Association of Hudson Valley on your 17th Anniversary Scholarship, Fundraising, and Awards Gala.

Seventeen years of dedicated service is a remarkable achievement, and tonight we celebrate not only the longevity of your association, but also the profound impact you have made in uplifting communities, empowering individuals, and opening doors of opportunity through education and service locally and internationally.

Your unwavering commitment to scholarship, fundraising, and recognition of excellence has transformed lives and strengthened our shared mission of service and advocacy. Through your vision and persistence, countless students have been given the gift of education, leaders have been recognized for their contributions, and communities have been inspired by your example.

We also wish to extend our warmest congratulations to the award recipients being honored this evening. Your accomplishments and dedication exemplify the values we all strive to uphold, and your recognition tonight is both well-deserved and inspiring.

As you mark your 17th Anniversary, may you take pride in the legacy you are building and the future you continue to shape. We celebrate your achievements, honor your dedication, and look forward to witnessing even greater successes in the years to come.

Congratulations once again on this significant anniversary, and to all the honorees who embody the spirit of excellence and service. May this gala be a joyous celebration of past accomplishments and a renewed commitment to the important work that lies ahead.

Sincerely,

Marie E. Hyppolite

Marie E. Hyppolite

President

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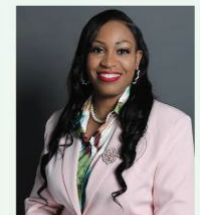
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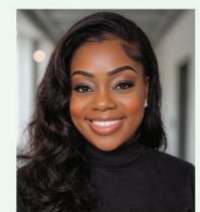
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To the Esteemed Leaders and Members of the Haitian American Nurses Association of Hudson Valley, NY, Inc.,

On behalf of the Haitian American Nurses Association of Florida, Inc. (HANA of Florida), it is with profound joy and admiration that I extend heartfelt congratulations to you on the occasion of your 8th Annual Symposium and 17th Annual Fundraising Gala. These milestones stand as a remarkable testament to your unwavering commitment to the advancement of nursing, the promotion of health equity, and the strengthening of our Haitian communities both locally and abroad.

Your chapter's steadfast dedication to service exemplifies the very essence of HANA's mission. The symposium serves not only as a forum for scholarly exchange and professional development, but also as a beacon of hope and empowerment for countless individuals who benefit from the knowledge shared and the inspiration drawn from such gatherings. Similarly, your gala reflects the spirit of unity and philanthropy that sustains our collective efforts. This reminds us that when we come together, we amplify our impact and leave an indelible mark on the lives of those we serve.

We at HANA of Florida are deeply inspired by the work of the Hudson Valley chapter. Your leadership continues to embody excellence, innovation, and cultural pride, qualities that uplift our shared vision as Haitian American nurses. Please know that your accomplishments resonate far beyond the bounds of your community; they strengthen the very foundation of our national and international HANA family.

As you celebrate these distinguished occasions, may your efforts be abundantly blessed, your impact multiplied, and your vision renewed for the many years ahead. It is an honor to join in commending you for your extraordinary contributions, and we look forward to continued collaboration as we collectively strive toward advancing health, education, and leadership within our beloved Haitian community.

With profound respect and warm regards,

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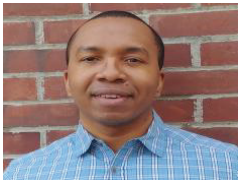
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President's Message

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 seventeen 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,
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Dear Esteemed Colleagues of HANA of Hudson Valley, NY, Inc.,

On behalf of HANA of Illinois, it is my joy to celebrate with you as you mark your 8th Annual Symposium and 17th Annual Gala. This milestone speaks to the dedication, perseverance, and heart that your chapter continues to pour into the community.

What you have built in Hudson Valley goes far beyond events on a calendar, it reflects your steady commitment to nursing, to advocacy, and to uplifting those who need you most. That kind of impact is not only powerful, it is lasting.

As sister chapters, we understand the hard work, the sacrifices, and the vision it takes to reach moments like this. Please know that HANA of Illinois is cheering you on, proud of what you have accomplished, and inspired by the legacy you are carrying forward.

May this year's symposium bring wisdom and connection, and may your gala be a time of pure joy, as you celebrate all that you've done and all that is yet to come.

With admiration and solidarity,

Patricia Nabal

Patricia Nabal, DNP, BS, MSN, FNP, RN-BC
Haitian American Nurses Association of Illinois, President



Greetings from Orlando!

On behalf of the Haitian American Nurses Association of Orlando, Inc., we would like to congratulate the Haitian American Nurses Association of Hudson Valley, New York, Inc. on reaching your 17th annual fundraising gala. Your chapter's work in the community has been a testament of leading the charge in innovation, and engaging others to be a part of transformational leadership. Through your work, you exemplify the best of nursing: resilience, advocacy, and the courage to transform adversity into opportunity. As you celebrate, may you continue to inspire future generations of nurses to lead with vision, compassion, and purpose.

Bravo!

Yours in Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Joseph'.

Wendy Joseph, DNP, MSN/Ed., APRN, FNP-BC, RN



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Greetings Esteemed HANA of Hudson Valley,

It is with great pleasure that HANA of Tampa extend heartfelt congratulations to HANA of Hudson Valley for the remarkable milestones you have reached. The HANA of Hudson Valley **8th Annual Symposium** and **17th Annual Fundraising Gala** not only mark years of dedicated service but also underscore the vibrant community you nurture across New York.

Your symposium has become a vital platform for bringing nurses together to exchange ideas, deepen knowledge, foster collaboration, and inspire action. Likewise, your annual gala has not only raised essential funds while uniting supporters around the shared mission of HANA. Reaching 17 years of sustained impact reflects the trust you have built and the hope and support you continue to provide for so many.

HANA of Tampa is delighted to celebrate your amazing legacy and confident that your continued excellence will inspire even greater change in the years ahead. We look forward to a future where we are joining hands in supporting the health and well-being of our communities.

Sincerely,

Dany Fanfan, Ph.D., MSN, RN
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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

Network with others who do what you do: Making connections is an important part of growing yourself, supporting causes that you believe in, and your profession. Through information sharing, you will be able to use available resources to advance your goals.

9

Be a part of a unified force: The power of unity is known to all of us. But we often seem to forget it when it comes to individual success. Consider this quote: ***"One man may hit the mark, another blunder; but heed not these distinctions. Only from the alliance of the one, working with and through the other, are great things born."*** - Antoine de Saint-Exupery

10

Proclaim your professionalism: Adding your name to the ranks of the many nurses and other volunteer professionals giving back to their community shows your pride in the profession you have chosen.



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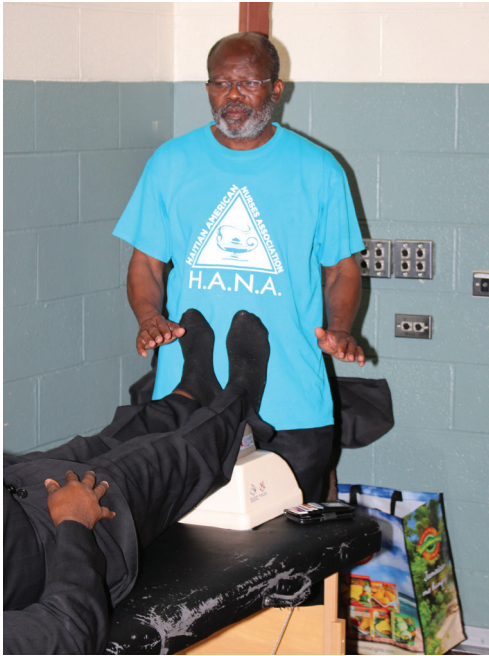
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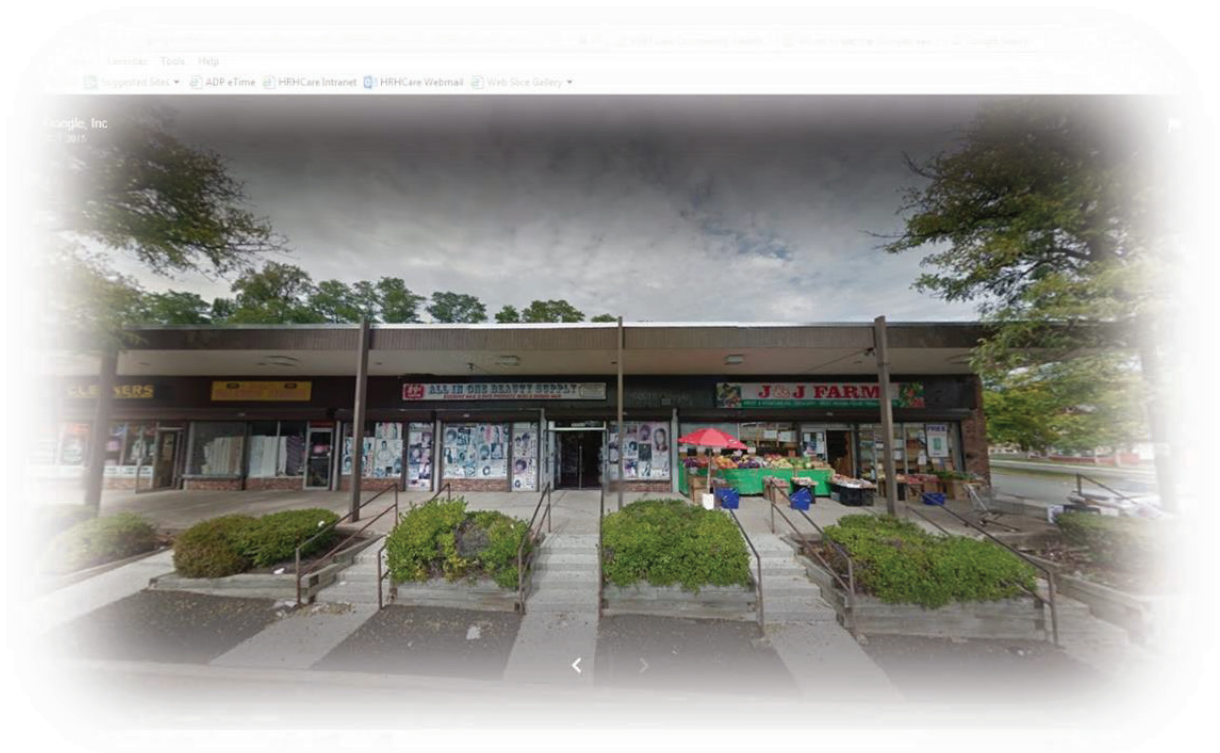
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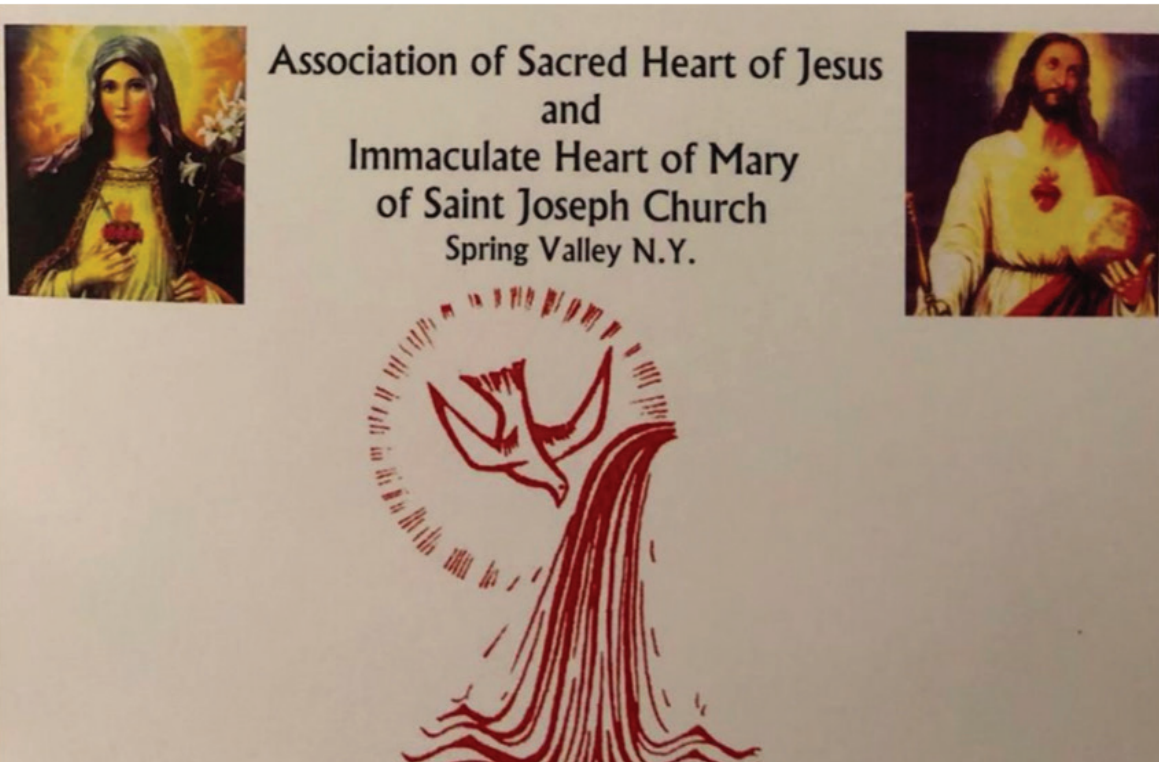


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