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The National Black Nurses Association is pleased to announce the 2019 Nurses of the Year. The awardees will receive their recognition during the NBNA Annual Institute and Conference on Saturday, July 27, 2019, Hilton Riverside New Orleans Hotel, as part of the NBNA 47th Annual Institute and Conference, July 23-28, 2019.

Administrative Nurse of the Year Award

Angela Adjetey Appiah, MSN, MPH, MA, RN, FAACM
Senior Administrative Director
Oncology Program and Infusion
Cancer Program Administrator
Phelps Hospital Northwell Health
Sleepy Hollow, NY
Greater New York City Black Nurses Association

Advanced Practice Nurse of the Year Award

Chekena D. Carter, DNP, FNP-C
Primary Care Provider Nurse Practitioner
Department of Veterans Affairs
Phoenix, AZ
Black Nurses Association of Greater Phoenix Area

Advanced Practice Nurse of the Year Award

Robyn D. Drake, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC
Nurse Practitioner
SSM Medical Group
St. Louis, MO
Black Nurses Association of Greater St. Louis

Nurse Educator of the Year Award

Mary Ellen Trail Ross, DrPH, MSN, RN, GCNS-BC
Associate Professor, Clinical Nursing
The University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Houston
School of Nursing
Houston, TX
Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association

Nurse Educator of the Year Award

Rebecca Harris-Smith, EdD, MSN, RN
Dean of Nursing & Allied Health
South Louisiana Community College
Lafayette, LA
Acadiana Black Nurses Association

Nurse Entrepreneur of the Year Award

Marsha D. Thomas, RN
Executive Director
Global Educational Opportunities
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Nurse of the Year for Community Service Award

Jannae White, DNP, NP-C
Adult Nurse Practitioner
CoreLife
Orlando, FL
Central Florida Black Nurses Association

Nurse Researcher of the Year Award

Lovoria B. Williams, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, FAANP, TTS
Professor
University of Kentucky
School of Nursing
Lexington, KY
Lexington Chapter of the National Black Nurses Association

Staff Nurse of the Year Award

Marilyn Richmond Johnson, RN
Senior Staff Operating Room Staff Nurse
Memorial Herman Surgery Center TMC
Houston, TX
Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association

Student Nurse of the Year Award

Letitia Y. Graves, MSN, RN
University of Pittsburgh
School of Nursing
Pittsburgh Black Nurses in Action

The NBNA mission is “to serve as the voice for Black nurses and diverse populations ensuring equal access to professional development, promoting educational opportunities and improving health”.