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National Black Nurses Association celebrates its
29th Annual National Black Nurses Day on Capitol Hill

The National Black Nurses Association will host its 29th Annual National Black Nurses Day on Capitol Hill, Thursday, February 2, 2017, from 7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Washington Court Hotel, Washington, DC. The theme of National Black Nurses Day is “Addressing the Epidemic of Violence: NBNA’s Call to Action”.

“Over 300 nurses and nursing students from across the Nation will attend the event to educate their Members of Congress about the need for access and continued access to quality health care for millions through the Affordable Care Act, higher levels of funding for nursing education, the integration of physical health and mental health care services and policies to end gun violence”, stated NBNA President Dr. Eric J. Williams.

“NBNA Day on Capitol Hill provides tools and offers experiences on best practices on how to advocate for the profession of nursing and the communities where our members live and work, stated Dr. Birthale Archie, Chair, NBNA Health Policy Committee. “Nurses are the voice of change. We can help with practical public policy decisions to improve the health status in our communities.”

Shirley Evers-Manly, PhD, RN, FAAN, Senior Managing Director of Clinical Development, Paladin Healthcare Capital, El Segundo, CA, is the featured keynote speaker.

The featured luncheon speakers are The Honorable Debbie Stabenow, United States Senate, State of Michigan; The Honorable Robin Kelly, Chair, Congressional Black Caucus Health Brain Trust; Ronald LeGrand, Men Can Stop Rape; Dr. Alexis Bakos, U.S. Office of Minority Health; Dr. Kwamme Anderson, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation.

The other speakers are Melissa Bishop-Murphy, Pfizer, Inc.; Myisha Gatson, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America; The Honorable Erika Geiss, State Representative of the State of Michigan; and, Pauline Zarrieff, Preventive Healthcare Services and President, Columbus Chapter National Black Nurses Association.

The National Black Nurses Association, founded in 1971, is a professional organization, representing 150,000 African American registered nurses, licensed vocational/practical nurses and nursing students. The mission of NBNA is to “represent and provide a forum for Black nurses to advocate and implement strategies to ensure access to the highest quality of healthcare for persons of colors”.

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