

PRAIRIE VIEW NURSES ALUMNI CHAPTER



38th Annual Betty Jo Sampson Henderson Scholarship Program

“Leading and Exemplifying Nursing Excellence”

**Virtual event
Saturday, April 24, 2021
11:00 a.m.**



2021 Scholarship Recipients



Chelsea Amams

Bessie L. Booker Collins
\$2,000.00



Sade Arnold

Bobby and Joe Ann Tolbert
\$2,000.00



Taylor Barnes

Nursing Class of 1963
\$2,308.00



Kareena Blissett

Nursing Class of 1977
Nursing Class of 1969
\$1,383.34



Mary Bui

Dr. Dollie Brathwaite Memorial
Nursing Class of 1969
\$1,383.33



Kynnidi Caffey

Dr. Mattye Byrant Glass
\$2,500.00



Hannah Estupinan

PVNAC (General)
\$2,000.00



Jennifer George

PVNAC (General)
Jo Ann Jones
\$2,000.00



Emmanuel Ibeson

Billie Simmons Bell
Nursing Class of 1969
\$1,383.33



Jala Jones

Evelyn Latrece Roberson
\$1,500.00



Zahria Richardson-Battle

Barbara Brown Napper
\$1,500.00



Rachel Smith

Dr. Clara Wallace
\$1,250.00



Gazell Clark

Claude Wilson Jr. Memorial
\$1,000.00



Victory Ebonka

Class of 1968
\$1,000.00



Kori Fisher

Walterene Irving Reed
\$1,000.00



Jana Jackson

Nixon Homecare/
Betty Henderson
\$1,000.00



Eliza Mardon

Nursing Class of 1962
\$1,000.00

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VERLENE THOMPSON EDMOND is a native Texan. She attended the Houston Public Schools, graduating from Phillis Wheatley High School in 1948.

In 1951, Verlene married Edward Lee Edmond; and the same year graduated from Prairie View A&M University. Her first nursing job was at Hermann Hospital; continued her nursing career at Depelchin Faith Home and Children's Bureau as Supervisor of the health program for the Negro Child Center Clinic; and, later became a Staff Nurse at M.D. Anderson Cancer Institute.

In 1959, Mrs. Edmond was employed by Houston Independent School District as a School Nurse. In 1976, Verlene and her husband relocated to Memphis, Tennessee; employed as the first Black supervisor over the Memphis Public School Health Program paving the way for the hiring of twenty-five other Black nurses. In 1979, Mrs. Edmond and her husband returned to Houston; and she was re-hired by HISD as a school Nurse.

July of 1987, Mr. Edmond passed. After his death, Verlene organized and served as President of the Edward L. Edmond Scholarship Foundation. Today, the Foundation has awarded 175 High School graduates with scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 per graduate.

Church Affiliations: Member of New Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Active in many Auxiliaries such as President of Mission, Sunday school teacher, Deaconess Board, and etc.

Community organizations: Active member of the Order of the Eastern Stars; Phillis Wheatley alumni; Retired Nurses Association; PV Nurses Alumni Chapter (renewing membership each year); member of the NAACP, and etc.

Verlene is the mother of two (2) daughters, Laquita and Carmita; the grandmother of Edward and Brittni. She is the great-grandmother of Madison. She loves traveling and working in the yard. After 28 years of dedicated service to the HISD, Mrs. Edmond retired in May of 1987.

Her favorite saying is, "To God be the glory."



JAMESIA FRANSAW, is a Registered Nurse in the Harris Health System. She currently works as an Intermediate Care Unit Nurse at Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital, a Level III Trauma and Distinguished Regional Center. There, she also serves as a Community of Practice Chair, Charge Nurse, Magnet Champion and on various committees. As a member of the Sepsis, Hand Hygiene, Falls and Care Coordination Rounds Committees, Jamesia is committed to nurturing a culture of quality and continuous enhancement of safety for all patients, visitors and employees.

Jamesia serves as a Nurse Preceptor, using her experience to influence the next generation of RNs, by helping student nurses translate their classroom learning into hands-on patient care.

Jamesia has presented her first professional nursing presentation on February 19th, 2021, at the 2021 Sigma Theta Tau International Conference Presenter Creating Health Work Environments with the abstract entitled, "Prayer Versus CAM Therapies in Mitigating COVID-19-Associated Challenges and Enhancing Adaptive Resilience" She was the chair of this evidence based practiced, who incorporated prayer along with nurses, healthcare providers, nurse leaders, and hospital chaplain. The healthcare providers would have morning and evening prayer that has helped nurses have self-empowerment and incorporate spirituality in nursing.

Jamesia is the Founder of Career Corner, a company designed to mentor students, parents and adults on college preparation, obtaining scholarships and the financial aid process. They also organize group college tours, campus visits for students and parents and assist with the overall college admissions process.

Jamesia is the recipient of various awards such as: Harris Health Hero, Health Emerald, Sapphire Luminary and others

Jamesia received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Prairie View A&M University, College of Nursing. She remains an active alumna and proud panther and devotes her time and resources to helping those coming behind her.



FRANKIE DILLARD is a trailblazer. She has the distinction of being the first African-American Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist hired by the Harris County Hospital District.

Frankie is from Gilmer, Texas, and is the 7th child of Thomas and Laura Downs.

She graduated from Prairie View A&M University's first BSN program in 1956 and began her career as a Staff Nurse at the Veteran's Administration Hospital. Frankie attended Flint Goodridge Hospital, a special School of Anesthesia for African-American nurses in New Orleans, LA. and graduated at the top of her class as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA).

In 1959 she came to Houston, Texas, where she met and married Leon Dillard and they had two daughters, Kim and Crystal.

She has worked as a Clinical Instructor in Operating Room Technique at Prairie View A & M University and Ben Taub General Hospital. More opportunities opened to her at St. Luke's Hospital, Veteran's Administration Hospital and Woman's Hospital of Texas where she worked with the Anesthesia Specialists of Houston group until 1998.

After retirement, Frankie began volunteering as a CPR instructor with the American Red Cross. She was also the Health and Wellness Ministry lead at Jones Memorial United Methodist Church, of which she has been a member since 1961.

After much research and planning, Frankie joined her daughters Kim and Crystal in founding Hannibal Men's Specialty Apparel, an online men's clothing company that specialized in apparel for the "super athletic physique". In early 2000, she was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. She has been in remission for 19 years.

The pull of nursing, her first love, came calling again. And in 2009, she began working with Walgreens/Option Care in their ambulatory infusion center

Frankie is now making plans with her sister to start a YouTube blog. It will be about the importance of maintaining health as one ages and incorporating vegan and organic foods into one's diet as a means of combating disease and health concerns. Stay tuned!

HONORARY MEMBER 2020-2021



LOIS LUSK HALE, is a graduate of Prairie View A&M University College of Business 1971. She retired from the Prairie View A&M University College of Nursing in 2018 after 48 years of dedicated services. During her tenure at the College of Nursing she held various job titles from Clerk Typist to Administration Associate IV in the

dean's office.

She worked closely with Prairie View A&M University Nurses Alumni organization by providing decorating services for several banquets, prayer breakfasts, spring programs, etc. In addition, she typed and printed programs, invitations, newsletters, flyers, and brochures. for the organization. She also provided assistance to both graduate and undergraduate students in the areas of problem solving and scholarship assistance. She has countless awards and accolades both professionally and as a humanitarian. Lastly, her accomplishments include being a member in various community organizations such as The Accomplishers (Board Member), National Women of Achievement and Bible Days Church as a part of the Pastor Aides Committee.



Program

Opening	Dr. Brigid A. Roberson , <i>Mistress of Ceremony</i>
Video History of Betty Jo Sampson Scholarship	Donetta Goodall , RN
Welcome	Dr. Brigid A. Roberson , <i>Mistress of Ceremony</i> Jada Johnson , <i>Co-Host</i> <i>Miss PVU 2020-2021</i>
Invocation.....	Jessica Dearbonne , RN
Greetings.....	James M. Palmer , <i>Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Dean Remarks.....	Dr. Betty Adams , <i>Dean of Prairie View A&M College of Nursing</i>
Presentation of Nurse Honorees.....	Dr. Brigid A. Roberson , <i>Mistress of Ceremony</i>
Alumni Affairs	Carme Williams , <i>Vice President of Development</i>
Music Selection.....	Desz , <i>Finalist "The Voice"</i> <i>"You Gotta Be" by Des'ree</i>
Past Recipients "Scholarship Impact"	Jada Johnson , <i>Co-Host</i> <i>Miss PVU 2020-2021</i>
Presentation of Scholarships	Dr. Brigid A. Roberson , <i>Mistress of Ceremony</i> Jada Johnson , <i>Co-Host</i> <i>Miss PVU 2020-2021</i>
Music Selection.....	Desz , <i>Finalist "The Voice"</i> <i>"Holy Ground" by Desz</i>
PVAMU Nurse Graduates "How PV has prepared me to lead"	Qi Wu Dr. Denise Tanner Brown Ebony Mitchell
Honorary Membership Presentation	Letha Mosley , <i>Financial Secretary</i> <i>Prairie View Nurses Alumni Chapter</i>
Closing Remarks.....	Mattie Mason , <i>President Prairie View Nurses Alumni Chapter</i>



2020-2021 Funded Scholarships

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Bobby and Joe Ann Tolbert

Barbara Brown Napper

Evelyn Latrece Roberson

Dr. Clara B. Wallace

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Endowment Recipients

Esmeralda Vasquez	\$1,000	Prairie View Nurses Alumni Association Endowment
Jasmine Taylor	\$1,000	Prairie View Nurses Alumni Association Endowment
Kelsey Rogers	\$1,000	Prairie View Nurses Alumni Association Endowment
Jasmine Robinson	\$1,000	Prairie View Nurses Alumni Association Endowment
Xuan Nguyen	\$1,000	Prairie View Nurses Alumni Association Endowment
Kennedy Morgan	\$1,000	Prairie View Nurses Alumni Association Endowment
Eliza Mardon	\$800	Prairie View Nurses Alumni Association Endowment
Chassadi Cox	\$1,000	Prairie View Nurses Alumni Association Endowment
Precious Chinweuba	\$1,000	Prairie View Nurses Alumni Association Endowment
Natalie Campbell	\$1,000	Prairie View Nurses Alumni Association Endowment
Cyne Bendy	\$1,000	Prairie View Nurses Alumni Association Endowment