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Membership Spotlight



URSON RN student, Lee Rickman has accepted her very FIRST nursing job on a unit of her choice. Additionally, she will be inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau Honors Society. Congrats and Job Well Done Lee. Keep up the great work.



Dr. Yvette Conyers, RBNA President has been recognized by Rochester's Business Journal's Top 100 2022 Heros. Congratulations Dr. Conyers. Keep making your community proud.



Please share something special going on in your life. New job, any accolades/awards received. We want to spotlight your hard work.

If you would like to be spotlighted in our weekly membership newsletter, please send our corresponding secretary [Dr. Sheniece J. Giffitt](#) an email. When emailing, please include a photo of yourself, your credentials, and whatever content you wish to share in the newsletter. Deadline for submissions is Thursdays by 12:00pm. Look forward to spotlighting all of your hard work.


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Monthly Meeting Information


March 22ND, 2022 6 PM-8 PM

Please note, in order to receive contact

hours, you need to [register](#) click below!!!!




Rochester Black Nurses Association Inc.



Presents:
**Colorectal Cancer: A Racial and Healthcare Disparity Experienced
 by Black Men and Women**
 Wilhelmina Sizem, DNP, RN, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC
 March 22, 2022
 7-8pm following the RNBA March Meeting
 This offering will be held virtually. Please [click here](#) to register.
 1.0 contact hours

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We are asking members to dress in blue in solidarity for Colon Cancer Awareness Month!!

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Announcements



Hello Members!! Our [new website](#) is now up and running. You will now be able to renew and pay directly online. Members are encouraged to login and create a username and password. Will not be able to access content without your login and password. Your feedback is also welcomed!!



Hello All,
It's time for you to [renew/join](#) your Rochester Black Nurses Association & National Black Nurses Association membership. If you wish to continue membership, please click the button to renew. We have enjoyed your membership thus far and hope you will still be able to be a part of the RBNA family. Thank you for your time and commitment.

[DEADLINE TO RENEW IS MARCH 15th, 2022](#)

[Renew](#)



We are looking to plan our **nurses week events 5/6-5/12** and are **in need of 3-4 additional people to serve on the committee**. There is a tentative list of events scheduled, but I need your help with making this happen. Please contact [Sam House](#) to sign up.



A [report for the Legislative Reception](#) can be found in the attachment. The same report can be found on the GVNA website. [Click](#) to view zoom presentation.

Sydney Barrett, first year medical student at the University of Rochester School of Medicine is on the *planning committee for the 2022 URSMD Student National Medical Association (SNMA) Pre-Health Conference*. The target audience of the conference is minority high school and undergraduate students interested in the health-career field.

The conference will be held on **March 19th over ZOOM**. I am looking to **recruit 10-15 nurses to come speak with students about their career as a nurse**. It would be great to have nurses from varying specialties.

The session is from **1- 2 PM**. We would appreciate if the nurses could log on 10 minutes early, so we can ensure everything is set up properly.

If you are interested, please email [Sydney.Barret](#) directly.

We are writing to invite you to be part of an exciting new adventure for nurses and allied health professionals. We are in the process of creating a peer reviewed journal with the following mission: To share strategic multidisciplinary peer-reviewed information for nurses and allied health professionals on a broad range of topics that impact the nursing profession with special interest including health equity; diversity and inclusion patient outcomes; quality initiatives; nurse resiliency; and, personal health and wellness. It is anticipated that the journal will be published quarterly and include scholarly research, letters to the editor, book/software reviews, continuing education, and a spotlight or "Notes from the Field" section. The intent of the journal is to create an international forum for nurses and allied health professionals to engage in dialogue on issues affecting nursing or how nurses are impacting healthcare.

Please be an active part of Nurse Insider. The editorial board is looking for section editors to be in charge of peer review for submissions in their area of expertise. As a section editor, you will be asked to review approximately 4-6 articles per year and write at least 1 article for submission to *Nurse Insider* annually. The section editor position provides the opportunity for professional growth through clinical ladder, resume building, practical experience, ensuring the robustness of cutting edge science in your field, and establishing relationships with reputable colleagues.

If interested, please contact [Dr. Stamps](#)

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Scholarship & Benefits



In school and in need of financial assistance? Apply for a NBNA Scholarship. You must be a member to apply!


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Your completed application and all supporting documentations must be submitted and received by **March 15, 2022!!!** [Apply today](#)

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Upcoming Events

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March 3-10
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MARCH 6-13, 2022

"The National Week of Prayer for the healing of AIDS (NWPHA) is an annual HIV awareness campaign. The campaign continues to call people of faith to prayer and to take aggressive action in dismantling stigma, modeling unconditional love and compassion to all persons living with and affected by HIV.

Please join us this entire week, on whatever platform you choose, virtual or in person, in praying for the work and the healing of AIDS.

SUNDAY, March 6, 2022

All Faith Communities set aside a time, to acknowledge AIDS and to pray

Monday March 7, 2022

AIDS Institute Faith Communities
Project & Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church
Rev. Dr. Richard Douglas- Host Pastor

And
The Cathedral at the Gathering Place
Rev. Dr. Ermelo Alvarez- Host Pastor
7:00pm - in person service
175 St. Bridget's Drive, Rochester, 14605

"The Intersection of Sexual Health and Spiritual Health: A Clergy Conversation"

A virtual program 6-8pm via Zoom
Registration required

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FCSRegistration2022>

Wednesday March 9, 2022

NEW BETHEL CHURCH
Rev. Julius C. Clay, Host Pastor
Music and More Virtual Program
7:00pm -FB Live

Thursday March 10, 2022
URMC Rochester Victory Alliance
6:00 pm Virtual/FB Live

Friday March 11, 2022
Joint Holy Kingdom Ministries
Apostle Darryl E. Carter - Host Pastor
7:00pm - in person youth service
220 Avenue D, Rochester, 14621

SUNDAY, March 13, 2022 - Close out of the week
ALL FAITH COMMUNITIES PARTICIPATE

03.24.22
VIRTUAL WEBCAST
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm, PT

An Annual Women's Health Awareness Event
The Sisters Circle is a space in which Black women discuss the importance of knowing their HIV status and taking ownership of their health.

Moderator



Beverly Smith
New York, NY
American Television Personality and Businesswoman
Author, *BaraKissins: Lessons from a Muslim, Muslim, Muslim*

Panelist



Dizon Dixon Diallo
D.H.L. M.P.H.
Atlanta, GA
Founder and President, *SideLove, Inc.*

CLICK TO JOIN

If you have any questions, please email GileadWFE@events.com or pr@rbc.com
Your personal information will be subject to Gilead's Privacy Statement.

Register Today, <https://tinyurl.com/AnnualConferenceNY>

Annual Health and Human Service Conference

AFFIRMING OUR COMMITMENT:
Addressing Social Determinants of Health through the Lens of Equity



Featured Keynote Speakers

DR. SHARIELLE A. BRIDEN ESTE
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POSITIVE STEPS

March 30th, 2022
9:00am – 3:00 pm EST
Virtual Conference

 [Scan Here](#)

Afternoon Skill Building Institutes

- Culturally Responsive Practice in Leadership. (Track 2)
- Promoting Parents & Caregivers as Partnering Experts. (Track 3)
- Combatting Violence through the Lens of Health and Healing (Track 4)

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2022
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EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION
LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022



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Lift Off. Lead. Connect. Transform.
Thursday, April 7, 2022 | 8:00am to 5:00pm
University of Rochester | Rochester, NY

Register for the inaugural equity, diversity, and inclusion leadership summit [TODAY!](#)

The hybrid event—online and in-person offerings—aims to inspire and encourage EDI leaders, practitioners, and activists.

Lift Off aims to motivate its attendees to understand the nuances of **leading** EDI in their respective spaces; forming new **connections** and **reconnecting** with professional networks, and equipping attendees with the skills to **transform** systems and practices from a model of diversity or equity and inclusion as an isolated initiative to equity and inclusion as a catalyst for institutional and organizational excellence.

Register Here

The first 100 registrants will receive a special complementary registration box.

Dr. Gloria Ladson-Billings is the summit's inaugural keynote speaker who will share with us the power of 'asking a different question' from our respective spaces. In addition, we are delighted to welcome—**Dr. Shaun Nelms**, superintendent of East Upper and Lower Schools, formerly East High School in Rochester, N.Y.; **Dr. Tom Humphries**, American communication and language researcher who coined the term 'audism'; and **Dr. Jennifer Freyd**, founder and president of the Center for Institutional Courage, Inc. Plus, the summit will feature a host of panel discussions, workshops, innovative spotlights, and wellness opportunities. Register today!

For questions: equityandinclusion@rochester.edu | Phone 585-275-2125

Facebook: @UROEI | Instagram: @UoIR_OEI | [OEI Website](#) | [Encompass Newsletter](#)



What: The 5th Annual Interprofessional Education (IPE)Event: Focus on Scleroderma.

When: Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Time: 5:00 -8:00 PM

Location: Virtual-Zoom

This event is being hosted by the Steffens Scleroderma Foundation, Russell Sage College and Albany College of Pharmacy and Health.

Participants will include health professionals, graduate-level health science students, scleroderma patients and caregivers.

Last year, I was invited to join the Steffens Scleroderma Foundation's Education Committee to learn about the IPE program and help to educate others about scleroderma.

The Rochester Scleroderma Support Group has also collaborated with area medical colleges and health organizations to host scleroderma events.

Our goal is to host a similar IPE event with the support of our partners.

The Chairperson of the Steffens Scleroderma Foundation's Education Committee would like to invite you to this year's IPE forum.

This would be an opportunity for our partners to receive an overview of the program to determine the value of hosting an similar event in Rochester.



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RBNA Fundraising Activities



Hello! You have been invited by Wilhelmina Sizer to sign up for "Red Wings Concession." Please click on the button below to view the online [sign up sheet](#).

If interested in ordering RBNA apparel, please reach out to our historian, [Yachica Johnson](#).



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RBNA is set to receive donations from Upstate Bottle

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Located at:

2599 East Henrietta Rd.

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1694 Penfield Rd.

There are additional locations in Avon, Albion, Brockport, Caledonia, Hamlin, Holley, Medina & Lockport [see more](#)

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National (NBNA) News

Calling All LPNs/LVNs

New & Seasoned
Interested in collaborating with other LPNs/LVNs from other states?
Want to Learn about other Career and Leadership Opportunities as an LPN/LVN?

We have just the Place!

Join the NBNA LPN Forum Meeting
When: Every 3rd Monday of the Month
Where: Via Zoom



For more information contact:

LPN Board Member and Forum Chair Kim Cartwright, kimjenice@hotmail.com
or
LPN Forum Co-Chair Sabrina Newton, sabtnew72172@gmail.com



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NBNA 50 by 50 AWARDS MEMBERSHIP RETENTION AND GROWTH CAMPAIGN

Theme: Nurses Working Together to Make a Difference

Policy: This campaign is a retention plus growth strategy meaning that we want to retain current 2021 members and recruited an additional 50 members for the 50th Annual Institute and Conference for 2022.

Dr. Marcia Lowe, Membership Chair

Recruit at least one member to receive the "I Recruited a Nurse for NBNA" ribbon at the Dallas, Texas conference

Prize Qualifications and Categories

Individual Licensed Member – (Minimum 15)

First and Second Prizes will be awarded to any member recruiting the highest number of NEW PAID licensed members – minimum of 15

To qualify for this award, the RECRUITER's name needs to be placed on the May 15th membership roster, submitted to National by email to: elazebny@nbna.org before, but no later than Sunday, May 15th.

First Place Winner

- One free NBNA membership (National dues only) for 2023
- One complimentary conference registration for NBNA 2023 – Atlanta, GA
- Two nights complimentary Hotel stay for one at the 2023 NBNA Conference – Atlanta, GA
- A Tablet
- One "I RECRUITED A NURSE for NBNA" ribbon

Second Place Winner

- One free NBNA membership (National dues only) for 2023
- One complimentary conference registration for NBNA 2023 – Atlanta, GA
- One "I RECRUITED A NURSE for NBNA" ribbon

SEE BELOW FOR DETAIL



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March 8, 2022

Subject: Help inform how nurses connect with All of Us

Dear NBNA Membership:

RTI International (RTI) wants to work with us to design, develop, and test new ways for nurses to connect with the All of Us Research Program. This is an opportunity for you to help. We are the experts here and they need our participation to make a difference.

If you do not receive direct funding or salary support from the All of Us Research Program, RTI will compensate you for your time spent working with them. If you do receive direct funding or salary support from All of Us, you are not eligible to receive additional compensation from RTI.

This request is open to nurses regardless of affiliation with or awareness of All of Us.

RTI is looking for:

- Nurse practitioners
- Registered nurses
- Nursing students/trainees

The National Institutes of Health has tasked RTI with finding new and innovative ways to connect health care providers with All of Us. There will be multiple opportunities to collaborate with RTI as they work to improve the way that health care providers and All of Us interact. For example, you may be invited to participate in 90-minute virtual workshops to share your opinions and ideas.

If you are interested in helping, please complete a brief screening survey that should take about 15 minutes. The survey will help RTI identify the right opportunities for you based on your background and experience. The link to the survey below includes more information about potential opportunities and compensation for your participation. After you complete it, RTI will contact you when a relevant opportunity comes up.

Take the brief survey now.

Please direct any questions about RTI's work to AllOfUs@rti.org. Join RTI to develop ways to improve the connection between All of Us and nurses.

Thank you for considering their request and supporting our organization's participation in the program.

Sincerely,
Millicent Gorham
Millicent Gorham, PhD (Hon), MBA, FAAN
Executive Director

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URMC| Highland Hospital Post-Graduate Training Program

University of Rochester's Highland Family Medicine Nurse Practitioner Residency Program

The University of Rochester Family Medicine Residency Program is proud to offer Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) graduates 2 unique opportunities with us: urban and rural track residency programs. The urban track is held on-site at Highland Family Medicine (HFMA) and a newly expanded rural track in partnership with Tru-County Family Medicine (TCFM). The NP rural track is supported by HFMA and a HRSA grant from the Advanced Nursing Education Nurse Practitioner Residency Integration Program.

Our NP Residency is accredited through the National Nurse Practitioner Residency and Fellowship Consortium (NNPRFC). The program at HFMA and TCFM provides FNP graduates with the training required to meet the needs of culturally diverse and clinically complex patients.

NP Residency Benefits

This 12-month NP residency program provides FNP interested in working in primary care with a number of advantages. In addition to the paid, full-time residency position, NP residents will:

- Improve clinical confidence required for comprehensive primary care.
- Develop outcome-driven skills to care for high-risk patients.
- Prepare for advanced leadership positions.

Candidate Qualifications

- Recent FNP graduate within 12 months from an accredited Masters or Doctor of Nursing Practice program with a desire to work in primary care.
- National certification in Family Practice.
- New York State licensure to practice as a FNP with full prescriptive privileges.
- Registered by the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency to enter the legal through V drugs.



Curriculum

The NP Residency has four key components:

- Preceptor Continuity Clinics (3-6 sessions per week)**
NP residents develop their own patient panel while having a HFMA or TCFM clinician as a dedicated preceptor.
- Specialty Rotations (2-4 sessions per week)**
Rotations may include: Orthopedics, Pediatrics, Geriatrics, Diabetes Care, Urology, Women's Health, Behavior Health, Neurology, Cardiology, Oncology, Pain Management/Palliative Care, Allergy, Immunology, Rheumatology, ENT, GI, Pharmacy, Psychosocial, Dermatology, or Wound Care.
- Mentored Clinics (1 session per week)**
NP residents work as a member of a collaborative team and will see patients for acute and episodic care with a dedicated preceptor.
- Interprofessional Education Sessions (1-3 sessions per week)**
Hands-on learning sessions with Family Medicine residents focusing on a variety of complex clinical challenges within the primary care setting.

Apply Today:

Highland.uroc.edu/NPResidency
2022-2023 application cycle is now open

Postgraduate training program available to FNP graduates who have a strong interest in primary care. Our program was actually one of the first accredited programs for postgraduate training of nurse practitioners through the NNPRFC.

Briefly about the program; this is a 12-month postgraduate training program for fully licensed FNP's who are beginning their career in family medicine. The goal of the NP residency is to provide confident and competent FNP's to work in primary care. We achieve our goal by providing a yearlong training program to our residents.

There are several key components of the FNP residency.

1. Precepted continuity clinics- This is where the NP residency manages their own patients, with the support of a dedicated preceptor. This increases in a ramped up fashion over the 12 month residency program
2. Specialty rotations- Once a week our residents rotate through specialty offices in the community to learn what resources are available to our patients.
3. Mentored clinics-The NP resident works collaboratively with a NP or MD to care for both acute and chronic patient concerns
4. Interprofessional Education-Interprofessional education happens several times a week with the Family Medicine Residents focusing on complex clinical cases, as well as psychosocial complexities of patients.

Our residency offers two unique tracks. The urban track is held on-site at Highland Family Medicine and the newly expanded rural track is partnered with Tri-County Family Medicine.

We are currently accepting application for the urban track. **Application deadline is March 1, 2022.** If you are interest, please visit our homepage to find the applications: [Highland Family Medicine - Highland Hospital - University of Rochester Medical Center](#)
The application for the rural track will open in March, with an application deadline of May 20,2022.

We have attached our flyer, which provides more details regarding our program. Also, we would be happy to answer any questions. To contact us please email Carissa_singh@umc.rochester.edu or LuzannC_ampadu@umc.rochester.edu.

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