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**National Black Nurses Association Announces  
2017 Lifetime Achievement Award and Trailblazer Award Winners**

SILVER SPRING, MD, May 26, 2017, The National Black Nurses Association announced the recipients of its 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award Winner and Trailblazer Award Winner. The Awardees will be honored on Thursday, August 3, 2017 during the Presidential Gala at the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Institute and Conference, Mandalay Bay Hotel and Resort, Las Vegas, NV.

NBNA President Dr. Eric J. Williams stated, “The Lifetime Achievement Awardees were selected based on their outstanding contributions to the profession of nursing and their work to promote the mission and goals of the National Black Nurses Association. The Trailblazer Awardees were selected for the stellar career path in the profession of nursing and for being an inspiration to other nurses.”

The 2017 NBNA Lifetime Achievement Award Winners are:

**Debra A. Toney, PhD, RN, FAAN**

Dr. Toney is the 10<sup>th</sup> NBNA President. With more than 30 years in the profession of nursing, she is the Director of Quality Management for the Nevada Health Centers, the largest FQHC in the State of Nevada. She served on the Board of the American Academy of Nurses. She is a member of the Nurses on Boards Coalition where she serves as a project lead to increase the number of nurses on community and corporate boards. She is the secretary for the National Coalition of Ethnic Minority Nurse Associations. Dr. Toney participates with the Institute of Medicine’s Future of Nurses Campaign and is the Chair of the Nevada Action Coalition which she helped start and serves as Chair of the Diversity Task Force. She has held positions for several national organizations, including the NIH Office of Women’s Research, The Joint Commission, FDA Nominating Group and Coca Cola’s Health & Wellness Advisory Board.

**Barbara Julian, RN, BSN**

Barbara Wilson Julian is a retired nursing administrator having worked at the King-Drew Medical Center from 1971 – 1993 which she helped to open. She was the coordinator and facilitator of the first Post-Coronary Care unit at LA USC Medical Center. Mrs. Julian has given more than \$50,000 in scholarships in support of nursing students at the Council of Black Nurses, Los Angeles, National Black Nurses Association and her alma mater, Dillard University School of Nursing. She is a pillar of the LA chapter and a Life Time NBNA Member.

**Deborah Washington, PhD, RN**

Dr. Washington has been Director of Diversity for Patient Care Services at Massachusetts General Hospital since 1995. She has been recognized on behalf of the effectiveness of the MGH commitment to diversity as the 2015 national recipient of the AONE Prism Award, twice awarded the Rosoff Award sponsored by the Ad Club, selected as a Champion in Health Care awarded by the Boston Business Journal. She recently completed her tenure as a board member of the AONE Foundation. Dr. Washington is the National Co-Chair of the Future of Nursing State Action Coalitions Diversity Steering Committee and is Co-Chair of the NBNA Diversity Committee. She is a volunteer on the Executive Council of AARP Massachusetts.

**The 2017 NBNA Trailblazer Award Winners are:**

**Shirley Evers-Manly, PhD, RN, FAAN**

Dr. Evers-Manly is the Chief Nursing Officer, Howard University Hospital and Senior Managing Director, Clinical Development, Paladin Healthcare Management, El Segundo, CA where she provides oversight for four community based hospitals. Academically, she served as the Assistant Dean of Academic Services at the University of California, San Francisco and Associate Dean and Dean of Nursing at Mervyn M. Dymally School of Nursing in Los Angeles, CA. Dr. Evers-Manly is the Regional Chair for Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society where 26 nursing honor society chapters report to her. She serves as Chair of the NBNA Ad Hoc Committee on Global Health.

**Sheldon D. Fields, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, AACRN, FNAP, FAANP, FAAN**

Dr. Fields is currently Dean and Professor of the School of Health Professions at New York Institute of Technology in Old Westbury, New York. He is the immediate former Chief Wellness Officer, Dean and Professor of the Mervyn M. Dymally School of Nursing at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science in Los Angeles, California. He served as the protocol co-chair for the HIV Prevention Trials HPTN-073 study, a multi-million dollar NIH funded study to assess the initiation, acceptability, safety, and feasibility of Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) among Black men who have sex with men in three US cities utilizing the C4 model (Client Centered Care Coordination). Dr. Fields was the first ever male Registered Nurse selected for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellowship Program, working for U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) on the Senate's Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions – Aging Subcommittee during the historic healthcare reform debates and

passage of the Affordable Care Act. He serves as Chair of the NBNA Ad Hoc Committee on Men's Health.

**Ena Williams, MBA, MSM, BSN, RN, CENP**

Ms. Williams is the Interim Chief Nursing Officer, Yale New Haven Hospital, New Haven, CT. In 1992, she joined the staff at Yale New Haven in 1992 as a staff nurse in the operating room and quickly progressed through a number of leadership positions: Laser Coordinator (1993), Perioperative Educator (1995), Patient Services Manager (2001) Nursing Director (2004). Under her leadership as Nursing Director, the OR expanded to 49 operating rooms, experienced record low turnover and vacancy and increased volume growth. She has been part of the senior nursing leadership team that lead the hospital to two successful ANCC magnet® designations. Ena served as president of the Southern Connecticut Black Nurses Association, September 2008-2010, during which time the chapter collaborated with several nursing organizations in the state to launch the *Connecticut Nursing Collaborative* now a member of the National Regional Action Coalition to advance the Future of Nursing Institute of Medicine (IOM) initiatives.

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”.