



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

The newsletter of the Black Nurses Rock Foundation



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The Fight Against Aids Continues in Tyler, Texas

Success of BNR Chapter in Tyler, Texas

June 27th marked the National HIV Testing Day anniversary, and as the Black Nurses Rock Tyler, Texas, we decided to give out HIV test kits to help fight against AIDS!

This was in partnership with Greater than Aids/Walgreens, and together we helped distribute several HIV test kits.

BNR Tyler, Texas

...And Our Journey to Success

Joint partnerships as such help expand our organizational outreach and thus, more people can receive the help they need – which goes a long way in helping to eradicate the disease. The distribution program aimed at expanding testing capabilities in areas with a high prevalence of the disease. We set on this course to ensure that everyone would have the ability to get a test at no cost!

The Covid19 pandemic has affected the health care quality administered for other kinds of conditions as well. Following a 20% decrease in the number of HIV tests taken, we decided that it would be best to host an event that would make these kits available to the people who need them the most. During these difficult times, it is imperative that we come together and support one another, especially after the main focus shifted towards fighting the pandemic and, in turn, negated the efforts directed in the fight against AIDS.



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BNR Tyler, Texas

...The Fight Against Aids Continues

We provided the OraQuick HIV test kits, which are known for their fast oral swab mechanism. Additionally, we came up with modes of distribution that will oversee the supply of these test kits to high need areas. The best way to fight HIV would be to first invest in testing, which helps saves lives as one can only start fighting HIV once they know their status.

In addition, we came up with methods that would increase awareness, reduce stigma, and help in getting infected people the care they need. This involved using Zoom to share more information about the disease, after which the attendees were given test kits.

We appreciate everyone who contributed to making the event a success!





FACTS AND FIGURES

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50% of Black Americans
reported discrimination
when seeking health care.

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“ ONLY 53% OF BLACK AMERICANS TRUST THAT A FUTURE CURE FOR ALZHEIMER'S WILL BE SHARED EQUALLY REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR OR ETHNICITY.

THE IMPACT OF HBCUS AND HOW TO SUPPORT THEM

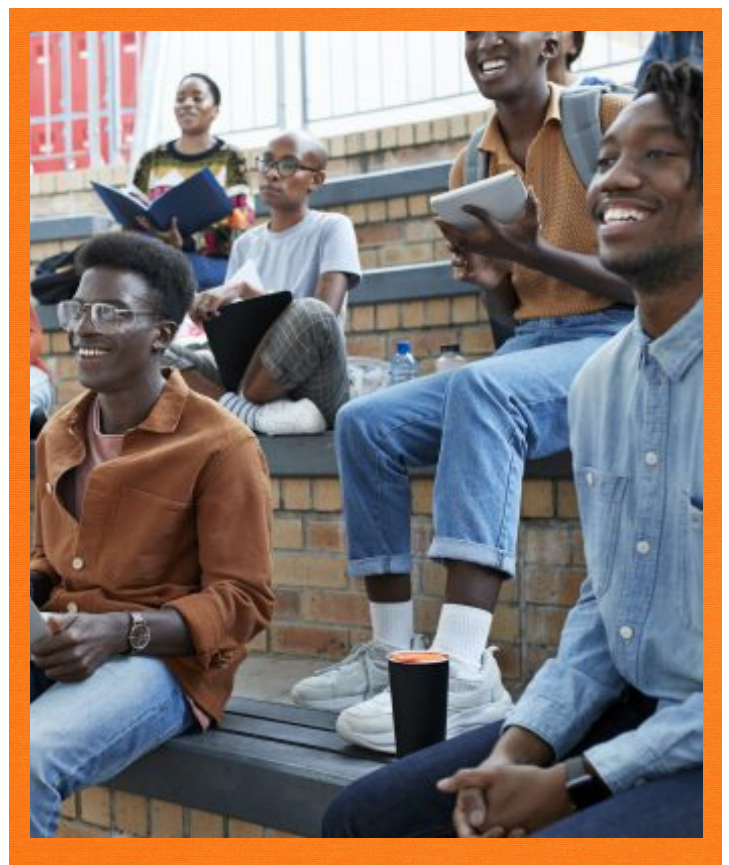
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Historically Black colleges and universities, commonly known as HBCUs, are an incredibly important part of the higher education system in the United States. These schools, which make up just 3% of the nation's colleges and universities, produce nearly 20% of all African American graduates – making them a crucial component of minority education.

That's not the only benefit of HBCUs, either. Historically Black colleges and universities are also responsible for educating about 25% of African American STEM graduates. These science, technology, engineering, and math fields are extremely important to the future of our nation – and offer solid career paths to STEM graduates, who are sought out by major companies and typically enter their fields with high earning potentials.

The road to equal education rights in the U.S. has been long and full of obstacles. To best understand the significance of historically Black colleges and universities, you first must understand how and why these institutions of higher education were necessary to begin with.

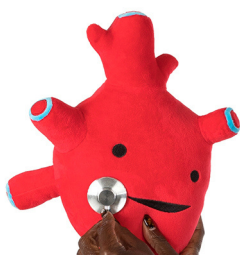
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COREY N. MOORE

...And His Journey to Success

Facing an enormous amount of racial prejudices once I entered college. It was difficult to try to get ahead. I've never experienced it to that magnitude or at least I was blind to it before, I've read about and studied it throughout grade school, but never imagined it happening to me.

Some Higher education professionals purposely tried to make obtaining an education difficult for me, and even upon being accepted into a particular University, their staff made it hard for me to enroll in courses to continue forward in my pursuit of obtaining a nursing degree.

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It took years and overcoming obstacles, but I'm so glad that I stuck with it.

Since then, I've been in an LPN program. It took years and overcoming obstacles, but I'm so glad that I stuck with it. I'm currently pursuing my B.S.N. with an ultimate goal of becoming a C.R.N.A. All I ever had was a passion and compassion for caring for other from watching my mother care for others as an R.N.

— Corey N. Moore



SHALUNDA WILLIAMS

...And Her Journey to Success

Hello my name is Shalunda Williams. I'm a Certified Medical Surgical Registered Nurse. I was recently recognized as the 2020 Certified Medical Surgical Registered Nurse of the Year, by the MSNCB Certification Board.

I am proud to hold this honor and was deeply humbled by the recognition. I've dedicated twenty plus years of my life serving my rural Georgia community. Nursing is my passion, it's what I do and love being a servant leader!

– Shalunda Williams

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*Nursing is my passion,
it's what I do...*





LET'S CATCH UP!



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BNR Orlando Coming in Hot!

Their Amazing May, June, and July Journey Recap

April, May, June, and July were busy months for Black Nurses Rock Orlando.

On April 3rd, we coordinated and had our 1st community health and wellness fair in Clermont, FL. We partnered with the State of FL Health Dept. of Lake County and had HIV screening and education along with many other facets of healthcare services in the community.

BNR Orlando

...And Our Journey to Success These Past Few Months

Orlando Healthcare, as well as, Christian Men in Action, The City of Clermont, and Jersey Mikes of Clermont helped sponsor the amazing event. Jersey Mikes provided courtesy lunch for every attendee and vendor.

In May, we enjoyed a Nurses Nite Out Mix and Mingle membership drive event as hosted by Kann's Caribbean Kitchen. The owner then gave back to the organization by way of a profit donation to our annual scholarship fund.

June provided us with a Juneteenth celebration to remember! Black Nurses Rock Orlando was invited to participate in the 1st City of Sanford and Orlando Juneteenth event at beautiful Fort Mellon Park in Sanford, FL where we provided education on HIV, Diabetes, Hypertension, and the importance of Cancer screenings to improve statistical outcomes.

BLACK NURSES ROCK/ORLANDO CHAPTER PRESENTS

BLACK NURSES ROCK
Friday
MAY 14TH
2021
NURSES
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BNR Orlando

...And Our Journey to Success These Past Few Months

On July 10th at Orlando Health Medical Center, BNRO HIV Ambassadors helped sponsored our first ever basic self-defense class. The class was taught by certified instructor, Mr. Derwin J Bradley, CCP, who is retired Master Police Officer with Orlando Police and the author of several books law enforcement. We're looking forward to our July 24th membership and business meeting at Greater Vision. This is an entity that has partnered with BNRO.

We also have some notable mentions and say
Congratulations! to the following:

Our Membership Chairperson, Misha Carson, BSN, RN OCN completed 20 years as a Certified Oncology Nurse at Orlando Health Medical Center. Her expertise had landed her a role as one of the 1st Bone Marrow Unit Transplant Nurses and we applaud her. She was honored at Orlando Health's Awards Banquet in May.

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*We look forward to doing
many great things in BNR
Orlando...*

BNR BLACK NURSES ROCK DMV CHAPTER

Their Amazing June Journey Recap!



Lajuan Gorham-Men's Health Committee;
Linda Pratt-Member; Rochelle Mitchell-
Director of Program Development



Lisa Brace-Treasurer; Dewayne
Gaines-Videographer; Perina
Gaines-President



Marqueta Taylor-Secretary

Men's Health Symposium

06/12/2021



Black Nurses Rock DMV Chapter has been busy, busy, busy in the month of June. As you all know June is Men's Health Month and June 27th is National HIV Testing Day. The DMV chapter held two events spotlighting these critical health topics.

We are very proud of our Men's Health Symposium that was held on June 12, 2021. We partnered with AARP of DC and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity DC Alumni chapter for this event. It was a hybrid event with panel discussions held virtually by experts in the fields of cardiology, psychiatry, fitness, finance, and a men's group. The attendees could watch the live presentation from the comfort of their home, or they could go to our in-person event hub which was located at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Southeast Washington DC.

BNR DMV

...And Our Journey to Success in June

We live streamed the panel discussions from the parking lot of the church. In addition to plethora of information that was shared we had giveaways of various health information with a COVID 19 information pamphlet, info on AARP, hand sanitizer and a pair of snazzy headphones in a lovely blue fanny pack.

On National HIV Testing Day June 27th due to coronavirus, we held a hybrid picnic where we partnered with Whitman Walker Clinic and Family and Medical Counseling Service Inc. both facilities located in Washington DC. Whitman Walker provided onsite HIV testing and for the picnic portion, we served hot dogs with a healthy snack with water and provided a HIV/AIDS pamphlet- free condoms, lubricate all inside a BNR DMV Chapter insulated lunch bag.

BNR DMV continues to stay committed to the community. Even during the pandemic, we have found new ways to help serve the community and stay committed to the cause.

