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Welcome to the 42th Annual Salute to the Black Nurse of the Year and Scholarship Awards Luncheon. The Annual Salute is an opportunity to recognize the outstanding achievements of one of our phenomenal nurses from the Greater Washington DC Area. The celebration is the result of the combined efforts of dedicated members, friends, and loyal supporters. In addition to celebrating the career of one of our own, it is also an opportunity to award scholarships to deserving nursing students to defray some of the cost of their education and support their development as future nurse leaders.

This year's honoree epitomizes the spirit of Black nurses in the metropolitan region. He is active in many facets of health care bringing his expertise to not only his position but to advisory boards and other areas of nursing. He recognizes the importance of the Black nurse to the health of the residents of the Greater Washington, DC Area.

As always, our signature event is not only celebratory but also educational. This year will be no different, but the focus will emphasize the future as we transform the conversation surrounding COVID. The words: Pandemic. Vaccine. Nurse Shortage. Mental Health have overshadowed and defined most deliberations the past two years. One cannot engage in a conversation with colleagues, friends, or family without these words and negative images entering the verbal exchange. But as we enter the third year of the pandemic, the Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington, DC Area, Inc. is seeking to change the focus of our healthcare discussions and activism, hence, our new lexicon of defining values: Hope, Resilience, New Nurses, Self-care, which will define conversations and re-focus our commitment to the profession, the community and to each other.

So once again, welcome to this festive occasion. Show appreciation to our honoree. Make sure to catch up with colleagues. Do encourage the students and most of all, enjoy the day!

Pier A. Broadnax, President