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Dear Nursing Educator/Recruiter,

The National Black Nurses Day 29th year celebration is scheduled for Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Chicago, Illinois at the Apostolic Faith Church, located at 3823 S. Indiana at 6pm. This year's celebration is entitled, "Recognizing Nontraditional Nursing Education Programs and Celebrating Behavioral Health Nurse Providers". This event is being sponsored by Chicago **Chapter National Black Nurses' Association, Alpha Eta Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc., Beta Mu Chapter of Lambda Pi Alpha Sorority and Provident Hospital Nurse's Alumni Association.** Last years' event focused on traditional nursing education programs and our guest presenters included deans from the University of Illinois, Rush University and Governor State University. It also included the Nursing Chairperson from Chicago State University.

The focus for this year's event is the provision of Nursing Education by nontraditional providers. We are requesting that your presentation highlights some of your key programmatic efforts to enhance the educational preparation of African-American nurses pursuing BSN's and graduate degrees in nursing (10 minutes). The US population is ~37% diverse, and African Americans represents ~13%, yet minority nurses represent only 19% and African American professional nurses only six percent in (National Council of State Boards of Nursing 2013 survey data).

We also invite you to share with us your commitment and efforts to recruit, retain, graduate and assist African-American nursing students in their pursuit to obtain basic and advanced nursing education and licensure. We further encourage you to share those things that our local organizations can do to enhance efforts in increasing "diversity in nursing".

We sincerely hope that you are willing and excited to be a part of our Feb. 24th celebration, a response by January 20, 2017 is requested. You can email us at [nbnac@gmail.com](mailto:nbnac@gmail.com), you can also call me at (773) 343-3762. Your consideration is appreciated.

Respectfully,

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