Historic Marker Unveiled

COLUMBIA HOSPITAL “NEGRO UNIT”

Columbia Hospital, est. 1892, opened a segregated wing for African Americans in 1934 at its Hampton St. location. In 1943, it built an expanded “Negro Unit” at this site, then 1301 Harden St. This 4-story facility was designed by architects Lafayette, Lafayette, & Fair and cost $333,000. When opened, it was equipped for 165 patients plus 30 infants. In 1972, Columbia Hospital was replaced by Richland Memorial Hospital.

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Saturday, October 24, 2020
In 1935, Columbia Hospital opened a segregated School of Nursing for African Americans. A first class of ten graduated in 1938. In 1941, a 3-story dormitory for African American nurses was built at the corner of Laurens and Washington Sts. It included classrooms, an auditorium, and a library. By the time the school closed in 1965, more than 400 nurses had graduated. The school was accredited by the state of S.C.
Overview from the Beginning to Now

Dear Alumnae,

In 1935 African Americans entered the Columbia Hospital School of Nursing. The first ten black nurses graduated in 1938 from the school.

The Columbia Hospital School of Nursing, Black Nurses Association was first known as the “Negro” Alumnae Association was established in March 1941 with the help of H. Stabler, M. Padgette and M.L. Corley of the Columbia Hospital Alumnae Association. Bernice Spry (class 1938) was the first president of this “Negro” Alumnae Association.

Previously, there were two other Black Hospital Alumnae chapters, one in New York and one in Washington, DC. Only the Columbia, SC chapter has remained active and has been in existence for over 79 years. Throughout the years, the Association has had several name changes. It was finally named “Columbia Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association”, (CHSNAA). On June 9, 2000 it was officially chartered and received a certificate of Incorporation, from the South Carolina Secretary of State.

Continuing its central goal of providing support toward education for nursing students, the CHSNAA has sponsored the Blanche L. White Scholarship for nursing students who are attending an accredited school for nurses, since 1986.

In 2020 Columbia Hospital Alumnae members who are all seniors now and grateful seasoned remain very active in maintaining the overall functioning of the Association. It has been through their efforts that we are able today to present a historical marker that addresses the legacy of the Columbia Hospital Black Hospital Unit and the Black Nurses who were present for over 82 years ago.

It was through the foresight of the alumnae and the initial legwork of Janice Crouch, who presented a proposal at the 2018 Reunion laying the ground work for the CHSNAA to begin the process of procuring this historical marker. The alumnae members enthusiastically provided donations to assure this marker project became a reality.

It is an honor that on October 24, 2020, we unveiled the Historic Marker that will be present for all to remember now and in the future the legacy of the Negro Unit of Columbia Hospital, the Negro Nurses’ Dormitory and the contributions made by more than 400 Black nurse graduates of the Columbia Hospital School of Nursing.

We thank Jean Hopkins, (class 1953), Chairperson Archives and Historic Marker Committee, all of our sponsors, participants on this historic program and all who made this marker unveiling possible. In addition Ms. Hopkins also negotiated with City representatives to assure that the street sign at the Historic Marker site would be named, “Columbia Hospital Way”.

In closing, during this unprecedented time, I pray that all be blessed and remain safe as we continue to adhere to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines for mediating this Coronavirus (Covid-19) disease.

Sincerely,

Jettiva S. Belton
Jettiva S. Belton (class 1965)
President CHSNAA
Greetings Alumnae,

You are invited to a Zoom meeting. **Topic: Historic Marker Unveiling Celebration**

The Columbia Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association (CHSNAAA), a Registered Nurses organization, made up of graduate nurses from the Columbia Hospital School of Nursing, presently, known as Prisma Health Richland Hospital; respectfully invites you to a ZOOM presentation for the Historic Unveiling of the Marker for the Columbia Hospital Black Unit and Black Nurses.

Where: The Unveiling will be held at the corner of Washington and Harden Streets site. (Across from the Voting Building at 2020 Hampton Street, Columbia S C)
When: Saturday, October 24, 2020
Time: 10:00 AM Eastern Time

Please note that the number of participants is limited and we **must adhere to the CDC Guidelines regarding Covid -19** and are requesting that all attendees wear a mask, maintain 6 feet distances, use hand sanitizer and follow the directions of the staff.

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Sincerely yours,

Jettiva Simuel Belton
CHSNAAA President

**If you plan to phone in to the ZOOM meeting dial in one of the numbers above that is near you and you will be asked to give the meeting ID and the pass code above.**
FW: Media Advisory: Historical Marker to Spotlight Legacy of Black Health Care at Former Hospital

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MEDIA ADVISORY:
Oct. 20, 2020

Historical Marker to Spotlight Legacy of Black Health Care at Former Hospital

**Information to media outlets for coverage of an event**

**WHO:** County Council Chairman Paul Livingston, the Columbia Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association of Black Nurses

**WHAT:** Unveiling of a historical marker for the former Columbia Hospital’s unit for Black patients and nursing students

**WHEN:** 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 24

**WHERE:** Corner of Harden and Washington streets (across from the Richland County Elections & Voter Registration office), downtown Columbia

The former Columbia Hospital built an expanded version of its segregated wing, or “Negro Unit,” in 1943 at the northwest corner of Harden and Lady streets, and in 1941 a three-story dormitory for Black nurses was built at Laurens and Washington streets. The hospital’s School of Nursing graduated more than 400 Black nurses before closing in the mid-1960s. The parking lot and parking garage for the County’s Administration Building now occupy those spaces, respectively.

The Columbia Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association of Black Nurses is sponsoring the historical marker.
Historic Marker Unveiling
Speakers

Mr. Paul Livingston
Chairman, Richland County Council

Dr. Bobby Donaldson
UofSC Department of History

Mr. Ed McDowell
Columbia City Councilman

Honorable Stephen K. Benjamin
Mayor, City of Columbia

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Mrs. Jettiva Simuel Belton
President, CHSNAA

Dr. Edwin Breeden
SC Dept. Of Archives & History

Mrs. Jean Sanders Hopkins
Chair, CHSNAA Archives & History Committee

Dr. Orlando McCauley, Jr.
Dickerson Green Seminary, Allen University
Columbia Hospital “Negro Unit”
“Negro Nurses”

Welcome
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City of Columbia

Mr. Ed McDowell
Columbia City Council

Historical Overview
Dr. Bobby Donaldson
UofSC Dept. of History

Nurses’ Remarks
Mrs. Jettiva Simuel Belton
Columbia Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association

Historical Marker Program
Dr. Edwin Breeden
SC Dept. of Archives & History

Closing Remarks
Mrs. Jean Sanders Hopkins
CHSNAA Archives Committee

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Richland County Public Works Department

Juvache’ “Shay” Belton
Marquita Means
Good Morning Sister Alumnae,

When I travel back to Columbia for our reunions and pass those sites that meant so much to me as a student and graduate of Columbia Hospital School of Nursing (Colored Division), I ask myself what we can do to leave our footprint on the community for those young Black nurses and others of the future.

What can we do now as we grow grayer and grayer and fewer and fewer, to leave behind a legacy of courage, determination and the perseverance of young Black women who despite separate environment, racism, very little money and the realities of the 1930’s to the 1960’s, graduated as excellent nurses nationally approved that could practice anywhere, impacting on health care be it military, education, administration etc.

Our legacy should be one that is known and appreciated by everyone that sees our unique history and contributions in Columbia and the state for this was a unique historical period for nursing education and opportunities for young Black High School graduates.

We are bonded by a shared history of what we did, how we did it and who we were. The impact of our school on the health and welfare of our people was felt throughout the country as our graduates carried the excellence of practice and quality of person from young girls who were seeking education and personal opportunity.

Are we being good future ancestors? How will history remember us and our contributions to health care for our people?

One day the “Colored” nursing students of Columbia Hospital will be forgotten by even our families, but what we represented and achieved can live on. Again we succeeded in a unique historical period in Columbia, S.C. and the U. S. We must leave a record to encourage, strengthen, and empower young people of color. If we don’t, others will destroy our legacy. It is already happening.”(If the Lion doesn’t tell his story, the hunter will!!)

It must be done now by us, the Alumnae. No Fake News, but what is real.

This brings me to my appeal to you my sisters, a way to preserve our legacy. A Historical Marker.

When people stop and read a historical sign telling a story, that story will be etched in their minds and they will want to know more. Our history reaches out to those we may never meet, when no graduate is here to tell, but we will be here. Our story of the Columbia Hospital School of Nursing Colored Division.

Won’t you feel proud to stop a minute on Harden Street and see your/our story sharing our experience with others, reading your history on a historical marker.

Our legacy is leaving a footprint for those who follow and honor those who became essential 1930-1965 in giving outstanding care to our communities.

I am imploring you (my Alumnae) to consider my appeal to begin the process of securing a Historical Marker for the Columbia Hospital School of Nursing Colored Division to be located near the former sight of our school on Harden street.

Sincerely,

Janice M. Crouch

October 18, 2020
COLUMBIA HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

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Shirley Johnson McRae (Class of 1965)

Shirley Johnson McRae is originally from Spartanburg, South Carolina.

She is a diploma graduate of Columbia Hospital School of Nursing and received her BSN from Tuskegee Institute, now Tuskegee University.

She joined Epsilon chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. in 1983 and was presented her 35-year Service pin by the National President Ms. Priscilla Murphy on May 3rd, 2019.

Her service to Epsilon Chapter includes: Corresponding Secretary and Chapter Dean of Membership. Under her leadership the chapter membership increased 33%. She is dedicated to ensuring the growth of Epsilon chapter as well as the National mandate for recruitment and retention of members. She is currently serving on the Programs and Projects, Love and Caring and Membership Intake Committees.

Shirley is married to Mr. Jerry McRae, Sr. and is the proud mother of 2 children, Angela M. Hooks and Jerry McRae, II. She has three adorable grandchildren and one bonus grandson.

She retired in 2001 from the Tuskegee VA Medical Center after 30 years of service in the areas of Acute Medicine, Rehabilitation and as a Nurse Manager in Long Term Care Nursing.

Since her retirement, she worked with Tuskegee University College of Nursing and Allied Health, as a Mentor/ Counselor with the Nursing Workforce Diversity Grant. She worked specifically with Middle and High School students interested in the healthcare profession. These students became members of the Future Nurses of America Organization which introduced them to the nursing and healthcare career fields by providing educational events and activities related to nursing and healthcare.

In 2013, Shirley was presented with the Nurse of the year Award for her dedication and service n beyond expectations of membership from Epsilon Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority Inc. She is an active member of Washington Chapel AME church where she assists with conducting monthly Blood Pressure Screenings for the congregation, member of the following: Stewardess Board, Women Auxiliary Board and sings with the Cathedral Choir. She is a Volunteer for the Southeast Alabama Sickle Cell Foundation where she assists with screening and education of the disease. She maintains membership in the American Nurses Association, Alabama State Nurses Association, Macon County Nurses Association and also an ordained Parish Nurse.

Shirley works part-time as a Registered Nurse at Tuskegee University Student Health Services from August 2012 to current servicing the needs of students.

Docia H. Randolph  
Chair, CHSNAA Scholarship & Awards Committee

Jettiva S. Belton  
CHSNAA President
Ms. Lea Z. Swinton

Ms. Lea Swinton, a student nurse, at the University of South Carolina is in the Senior class.

She is a member of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc., Delta Eta Alpha Beta Chapter and serves as the president.

Lea has been on the Dean’s List for several semesters. She is a student mentor in the Multicultural Assistant Peer Program (M.A.P.P.) and serves as the USC Upward Bound Tutor/Mentor. She is active in community service. (Edventure Volunteer, Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity, and Harvest Hope)

Ms. Lea’s references indicate that she offers positive encouragement about the profession of nursing and encourages other youth to consider the profession of nursing.

Her work ethic and scholarly achievements make her a great candidate for receiving this prestigious, Blanche L. White Scholarship Award.

Ms. Swinton plans to pursue efforts to eliminate the healthcare disparities that we have today through her nursing career.

Docia H. Randolph  
Chair, CHSNAAS Scholarship & Awards Committee

Jettiva S. Belton  
CHSNAAS President
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In Loving Memory
In Memoriam

Radiant within the darkness, there is a place of light where memories are cherished, where joys are celebrated, where love will always dwell. May you always feel the certainty and peace of loves enduring connection … Hallmark

In Loving Memory of our beloved classmates and alumnae who have died since our 2018 Reunion

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This lovely doll was created with cocoa colored porcelain especially for the 1981 reunion of the Columbia Hospital Alumnae. The doll, her costume and accessories were designed by the late Sandra M. Blake of Sanjean Originals © 1981.
Historic Marker Souvenir Book assisted in preparation by
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