



President's Message

Season's Greetings to our members, families, friends and well-wishers. Once again we have come together during this holiday season to celebrate our accomplishments, to give back to our community and to raise funds for future endeavors.

The year has been a challenging one for our organization. This past January we lost our friend and leader Mrs. Virginia Munroe. Virginia was a stalwart in this organization. Always dependable and generous, she put her heart into the organization and gave it her all. We certainly miss her jovial nature, and her name is mentioned often. The task of leadership of this organization fell prematurely to me, but by God's grace and with the help of the entire organization I have been able to uphold the banner and continue moving forward. To all our members, I salute you and thank you for your loyalty and cooperation. I thank you for the trust which you have placed in me, and I will continue to devote my time and energies to the success of this organization.

This year we have changed the name of our scholarship awards from the Idele Anderson Incentive Awards to the George Wade Incentive Awards in honor of Mr. George Wade, founding member and former president (1975-1976), who passed in 2009. Mr. Wade worked diligently for this organization and was a major proponent for the scholarship awards. He loved our students and tried to encourage all applicants by giving a stipend to all who applied; may his soul rest in peace.

I would like to congratulate all our scholarship recipients. We are proud of how hard you have worked and the accomplishments that you have made thus far. We give to you today in the hopes that once you have graduated you may be encouraged to give back to your communities. Someday you may meet a student in need of a helping hand, and I encourage you all to extend your hands to them. To our nursing scholarship recipient, Ms. Saleema Davis, you have chosen a noble profession. Embrace it with your all, and the world will be your oyster.

To our patrons, many of you have continued to support us throughout the years and for this we are truly grateful. As noted by our list of achievements, this year the Guyanese Nurses Association of America has been able to provide assistance to a number of individuals and organizations in our community, none of which would have been possible without your generosity. Without you, there would be no us.

Thank you all for everything that you have contributed to make this year a success for us and the community at large. We wish each and every one of you a wonderful holiday season, and may God continue to richly bless you.