

First Coast Black Nurses Association – FCBNA

Serving the healthcare needs of the African American and other diverse communities

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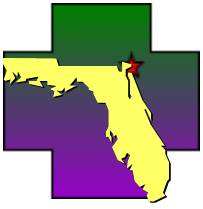
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THIS WEEK First Coast Black Nurses Association (FCBNA) goes to Africa

Jacksonville, FL – In alignment with Florida’s commitment to workforce education and healthcare advancement, the First Coast Black Nurses Association (FCBNA) is embarking on a journey to Africa this week that will foster cultural understanding, and allow members to gain insights into international nursing roles, enhancing healthcare leaders ability to advocate and serve the Jacksonville community. This journey represents a paramount initiative designed to enhance the skills and perspectives of Jacksonville’s underrepresented nursing workforce, ultimately uplifting the quality of healthcare in our region.

During this transformational trip, FCBNA’s nurses explore the rich culture of Ghana and will participate in collaborative sessions with African healthcare professionals where they will engage in discussions on best practices, and deepen their understanding of healthcare challenges and solutions across cultures. The visit will also feature discussions on crucial topics, including “[Addressing the Maternal Mortality Crisis](#).” This vital conversation will delve into policy impacts and explore solutions for reducing maternal and infant mortality in high-risk populations, offering Jacksonville’s nursing community valuable insights to strengthen local health initiatives.



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As part of its mission to promote leadership training, global exploration and youth engagement, FCBNA is actively seeking support from the Jacksonville community. Opportunities to donate or sponsor FCBNA will directly fund transformative programs, such as:

-  **Mini-Nurse Academy**
-  **High School Summer Nurse Mentorship**
-  **Community Health Symposium**
-  **Scholarship Gala – Celebrating FCBNA's 25th Anniversary**

Donations can be made through [FCBNA.org/Donate](https://www.fcbna.org/Donate). When completing a donation via PayPal, please specify the 2025 event you wish to support. For those interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact FCBNA directly at fcbna.jaxfl@gmail.com to discuss sponsorship opportunities and make a meaningful impact on these vital community programs.



Historical Connection: Brewster Hospital

FCBNA warmly invites local news media to cover this story at the historic [Brewster Hospital](#), a Jacksonville landmark. Established in 1901 as the George A. Brewster Hospital and School of Nurse Training, Brewster was founded in the aftermath of the Great Fire of 1901 to provide essential healthcare services to Black residents, who had no other healthcare options at the time. This historical location serves as a powerful reminder of Jacksonville's healthcare legacy and the ongoing need for equitable healthcare access.

About FCBNA

Founded to address the unique needs of Jacksonville's nursing workforce, the First Coast Black Nurses Association (FCBNA) remains dedicated to enhancing healthcare education, supporting cultural understanding, and building strong healthcare leaders through local and global initiatives.

For media inquiries or to schedule a story at Brewster Hospital, please contact fcbna.jaxfl@gmail.com.