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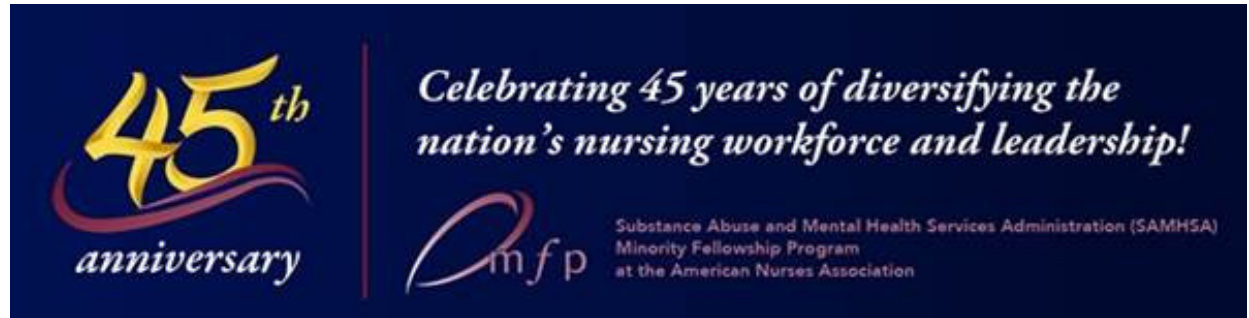
Susan B. Robinson Scholarship Recipients



The Susan B. Robinson Scholarship honors the legacy of Dr. Hattie Bessent, EdD, RN, FAAN.



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The SAMHSA Minority Fellowship Program at the American Nurses Association is pleased to announce that MFP Doctoral Fellows, **Marie Smith-East**, PMHNP-BC, RN, MSN, EMT-B, **Griselle Estrada**, MS, RN and **Cynthia Greywolf-Taylor**, DNP, PMHNP-BC, APRN are the recipients of the Susan B. Robinson Doctoral Research Scholarships honoring the legacy of Dr. Hattie Bessent, EdD, RN, FAAN, Director of the Ethnic Minority Fellowship Program (EMFP) from 1977-1992. The scholarships, valued at \$2,000 each, were presented by ANA President, Dr. Ernest Grant, PhD, RN, FAAN, during the 2019 Intensive Training Institute and 45th anniversary celebration, April 11, 2019, in Tallahassee, FL.

All three doctoral Fellows, at the dissertation phase of their PhD programs, were selected for their extraordinary scientific scholarship, leadership and commitment to advancing behavioral health research among minority populations.

**Marie Smith-East,
PMHNP,-BC, RN, MSN,
EMT-B**

recently successfully defended her dissertation proposal at the University of Central Florida School of Nursing. Her PhD research focus is to (1) understand spatial and non-spatial factors influencing adherence to treatment in a community mental health setting in Central Florida for patients with schizophrenia spectrum

disorders; and (2) identify gaps in care, provide a final geodatabase with data on severity of services, and (3) recommend changes to improve quality care based on supply and demand of mental health services.

👉 [Read Marie's MFP profile](#)

**Griselle B. Estrada, MSN,
RN**

is seeking a PhD in Nursing at Duquesne University School of Nursing. Her research focus is suicide prevention and mental health promotion in the Hispanic population.

👉 [Read Griselle's MFP profile](#)



Marie Smith-East (c) poses with (pictured L/R:) Janet Jackson, Dr. Freida Outlaw and ANA President Dr. Ernest Grant.



Griselle B. Estrada (c) poses with (pictured L/R:) Janet Jackson, Dr. Freida Outlaw and ANA President Dr. Ernest Grant.

Cynthia Taylor-Greywolf, DNP, PMHNP-BC, APRN

is a PhD student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene in Honolulu, HI. Her research will focus on Impact of colonization and historical trauma on Native Hawaiians and links to alcohol use on the Island of Molokai. It is a qualitative study with a transcendental phenomenological approach to the study.

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Cynthia Taylor- Greywolf (c) poses with (pictured L/R:) Janet Jackson, Dr. Freida Outlaw and ANA President Dr. Ernest Grant.

During her tenure, Dr. Bessent reached across disciplinary lines and obtained funding for additional leadership training opportunities, one of which included the popular Legislative Internship Program. Her legacy has been described “as a total commitment to the EMFP, nurturing it day by day and

investing her time and energy in each Fellow, whom she envisioned as dynamic professionals, making unique contributions to the nursing profession in mental health and humanity.”



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