

Irma McClaurin keynotes Black Nurses Association gala

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Dr. Irma McClaurin, former President of Shaw University, former University of Minnesota Associate VP and Founding Executive Director of UROC, and Ford Foundation Program Officer, 6pm Saturday, March 9, 2013 delivers the keynote address for the Minnesota Chapter of National Black Nurses Association, (MNBNA) fundraising gala.

The "First Annual Springing towards Health Gala" launches the MNBNA scholarship fund for nursing students. The organization believes that having more nurses interact with communities will improve health outcomes and reduce health disparities.

Trained as a bio-cultural anthropologist, Dr. McClaurin, Principal of McClaurin Solutions of Raleigh, will speak on race and health disparities. Rev. Deidre Walton, President of the National Black Nurses Association, will appear as a special guest speaker.

Thomasina Petrus and Ray Covington will provide soulful musical entertainment from 9:30pm-1AM.

The event is at Crowne Plaza Minneapolis North in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota. Individual tickets are \$60 and group tables of ten are \$600. Sponsorship packages (\$500-\$5000) and Program Ads (\$25-\$250) are available.

For tickets, sponsorships and advertising information or to make a contribution to the auction for recognition in the program, contact MNBNA by February 26, 2013.

For more information, contact MNBNA at (612) 353-5136, info@mnbn.org, www.mnbn.org .