Sallie Tucker-Allen, PhD, RN, FAAN

Dr. Sallie Tucker-Allen was among the first to identify the collective contributions of minority nursing health professionals with her landmark publication of the *Directory of Black Nursing Faculty* (1990, 1994, 1996). This compendium of minority nurse leaders was borne out of the work of her dissertation completed at Northwestern University, where she was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy degree with a major in Administration and Policy Studies. Under the mentorship of Dr. William Hazard, her dissertation chair, she included a question in her survey instrument which asked the deans of Illinois schools of nursing to provide the names of minority nurses holding academic appointments. From this query she identified forty-two Black nursing academicians in the state of Illinois. Following the completion of her doctoral studies, she expanded her sample to include a nationwide survey of minority nurses teaching at baccalaureate and higher degree schools of nursing. By the third edition of the *Directory*, Dr. Tucker-Allen’s compilation became the preeminent reference source used to identify minority nursing leaders.

Continuing to forge trailblazing paths as a minority nursing health professional, she founded Tucker Publications, Inc, one of only a few publishers dedicated to the dissemination of the scholarly works of minority nurses, giving voice to the often muted contributions of scholars who address the healthcare needs of the underserved. Over the course of more than two decades, Tucker Publications Inc has published numerous books on issues related to African American healthcare, and is the publishing house for three refereed, database publications: *The ABNF Journal*, *The Journal of Cultural Diversity: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, and *The Journal of Theory Construction and Testing*. Collectively, over the past more than twenty years, these journals have published hundreds of articles focused on minority health issues, and have been instrumental in assisting its authors and contributors to achieve tenure, promotion and appointment at prestigious universities and academies, as recognized nursing scholars worldwide.

As a visionary leader, in 1987, Dr. Tucker-Allen dreamed that African American nursing faculty would represent a critical mass of nurse scholars and leaders in nursing education in the United States. As a result, she organized the Illinois African American nursing faculty and founded the Association of Black Nursing Faculty (ABNF). In a few short months ABNF became a national organization. Over the past twenty-five years and with the leadership of Dr. Tucker-Allen, ABNF has transformed the career trajectories of hundreds of African American nurse academicians.

Attesting to her contributions to the nursing profession, Dr. Tucker-Allen is the recipient of numerous awards. She is a Fellow of the prestigious American Academy of Nursing, the highest honor bestowed by the discipline; is listed in Who’s Who in American Nursing, Who’s Who among Women, and Who’s Who in America; and was inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society, and the Hampton University Hall of Fame. She has served on the Minority Nurse Leadership Council for the Division of Nursing at the US Department of Health and Human Services; has served as Chair of the Task Force on Cultural, Ethnic and Racial Diversity for the National League for Nursing; and, has served as an invited speaker at national and international forums and symposiums.

Dr. Tucker-Allen’s professional experience includes appointment as Interim Dean, Assistant Dean, and Professor at the College of Health Sciences at Chicago State University; Director of the School of Nursing at Methodist Medical Center; Department Chair at Delaware State College and at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay; Graduate Coordinator at Bradley University; Assistant Professorships at Valparaiso University, Lewis University; and, Instructor and Lecturer positions at College of DuPage, and the University of Illinois.

Dr Tucker-Allen graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree from Hampton University, and received her Masters of Science Degree from Hunter College. Following her doctoral coursework she completed post-graduate studies in financial accounting, personnel management, and leadership and corporate social responsibility in the M.B.A. program at Benedictine College.
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