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The Minnesota Chapter of the historic National Black Nurses Association will host its first ever gala on Saturday, March 9, 2013, beginning at 6pm, at the Crowne Plaza Minneapolis North in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota. The “First Annual Springing towards Health Gala” event is a fundraiser for the new chapter to launch its scholarship fund for nursing students. The organization believes that having more nurses interact with communities will improve health outcomes and reduce health disparities. 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. Dr. Irma McClaurin, a former President of Shaw University, University of Minnesota Associate VP and Founding Executive Director of UROC, and Ford Foundation Program Officer, is the keynote. 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.

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