



### **Mission**

NAHSE Florida exists to cultivate a strong, connected, and purpose driven community of primarily but not exclusively Black health professionals across the entire health ecosystem. We believe that progress in healthcare begins with people coming together, sharing knowledge, uplifting one another, and building relationships that translate into meaningful change for the communities we serve.

Our mission is rooted in the belief that leadership grows when individuals feel seen, supported, and valued. We work to create opportunities where professionals at every stage, from students to executives, can learn, collaborate, and elevate their careers. Through intentional programming, authentic mentorship, statewide partnerships, and sustained service, we create pathways for members to develop as leaders and contributors in healthcare.

We are driven by a shared commitment to improving healthcare for all communities by empowering those who are shaping its future. We strive to nurture leadership that reflects empathy, accountability, and a deep sense of responsibility to those we serve.

This collective spirit is captured in our guiding philosophy, This is HOME.

HOME represents the essence of our chapter
Humanity in how we treat each other
Ownership in how we lead and serve
Mentorship in how we lift as we climb
Empowerment in how we inspire others to thrive

NAHSE Florida is more than a chapter. It is a community.

A network of leaders growing together.

A space built with intention, connection, and purpose.

A place where we celebrate who we are and who we are becoming.

This is **HOME**, where we grow together, serve together, lead together, and rise together.





Jayson Forbes, Ph.D.

President

Jayson Forbes, Ph.D. is a health policy and systems researcher, award-winning public health professor, and committed community leader whose work spans academia, healthcare quality, and statewide leadership. For the past seven years, he has played a central role in shaping NAHSE Florida, beginning as Co-Chair of Membership, then Chair of Membership, followed by Founding Chair of Student Services. He later served as President-Elect and now leads the chapter as President, driving statewide growth, collaboration, and leadership development for Black health professionals across Florida.

Dr. Forbes serves on the Executive Planning Committee for Leadership Miami through the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Chamber's Healthcare Committee. Nationally, he is the Immediate Past-Chair of the Committee on Health Equity for the American Public Health Association and was recently appointed to APHA's Action Board, extending his influence on national policy and health equity initiatives.

As a Golden Apple Award-winning Assistant Professor at Nova Southeastern University, Dr. Forbes teaches and mentors hundreds of students in the foundations of public health and research. His research focuses on patient safety culture, healthcare quality, and hospitals' responsibilities in addressing social determinants of health, with published work in *BMJ Leader* that has been cited in the *2024 CMS Final Rule*.

Across every role, Dr. Forbes is driven by a commitment to community and developing the next generation of health leaders.

## Brandon A. Buchanan, MHA in



#### **President-Elect**

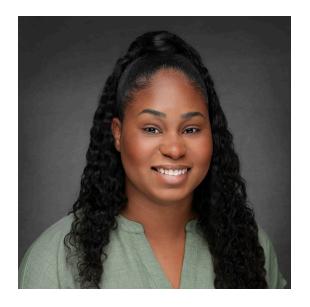
Brandon A. Buchanan, FACHE, is Associate Chief Operating Officer at Orlando Health Dr. P. Phillips Hospital, where he advances operational excellence, patient experience, and community health. He previously served as System Assistant Vice President of Health Equity and Operations at Endeavor Health in Chicago, leading initiatives that improved quality, equity, and access across a Level 1 Trauma Center. Recognized by Becker's Healthcare as a Top 40 Diversity & Equity Executive to Know, he is also deeply committed to mentorship and developing future leaders. Brandon holds a Bachelor of Science in Community Health from the University of Illinois and a Master of Health Administration from The Ohio State University.

## Kendra Auguste-Vincent, PhD in



#### **Treasurer**

Kendra Auguste-Vincent is a public health and marketing consultant with over 14 years of experience supporting nonprofit, private, and public organizations in identifying critical public health needs, developing targeted solutions, and effectively reaching their audiences. Her work and research focus on health communication, crisis communication, and determinants of health behavior change, both locally and abroad. Kendra also leads technical writing and bid management efforts at Carter Development Group, supporting strategic growth initiatives. She earned her doctoral degree in Mass Communications (Advertising) in 2020, her M.A. in Mass Communications in 2014, and a Master of Public Health in 2013, all from the University of Florida. Her career is driven by a passion to empower underserved communities and promote healthier, more productive lives.



## Sana Imam, MPH in

## Florcie Thelicieux, MBA in

#### Secretary

Florcie Thelicieux is a healthcare and operations professional with an MBA in Healthcare Administration and experience in graduate medical education, patient care, and administrative leadership. As the Budget and Contract Analyst at Sarasota Memorial Health Care System, she supports clinical research operations by managing study budgets and collaborates with an array of industries, such as, finance and compliance. Known for her collaboration, clear communication, and organized execution, Florcie aims to bring these strengths to the role of Secretary for NAHSE Florida.

#### Parliamentarian

Sana Imam is a social impact entrepreneur and operations consultant specializing in governance, strategic redesign, and healthcare operations. She currently serves as COO of ThriveLink, an healthcare tech company that leverages telephonic AI to simply access to social safety-net programs and healthcare resources. As Founder of Community

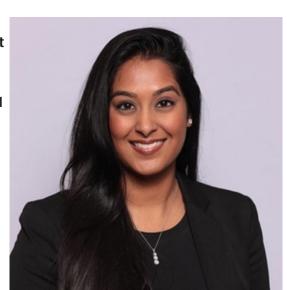
Healthcare Solution, she advises health systems and healthcare tech start-ups, drawing on experience with Accenture, Navigant, and Guidehouse. She is committed to improving access to healthcare and education and serves as a policy advisor to local and state governments. Sana sits on the boards of Nicklaus Children's Hospital Young Ambassadors and the South Florida Arthritis Foundation. She holds a Bachelor's in Psychology and Economics from Georgetown University and a Master of Public Health from





#### **Immediate Past-President**

Dr. Kadesha Nicholas is a healthcare leader, community advocate, and 40 Under 40 honoree with more than 17 years of experience in healthcare operations. She serves as Director of Operations at TeamHealth and is the Immediate Past-President of NAHSE Florida. Dr. Nicholas holds a Master of Healthcare Administration and a Doctorate in Public Health, using her expertise to address health disparities and improve patient experience. Her career includes leadership roles at Columbia University Medical Center, Mount Sinai Medical Center, Tenet Health, and UHealth Tower.







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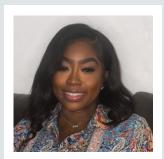
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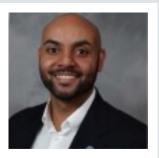
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