



Xeneida E. Nettles, VP of Donations

Xeneida E. Nettles (Haywood), VP of Donations for the Pan Canal Alumni Association, was born and reared in the Republic of Panama, Pedro Miguel Canal Zone. An alumna and member of the Paraiso/Balboa Senior High Class of 1978 and a founding member of the Pan Canal Alumni Association, she is dedicated to fulfilling the mission of the organization and the previous generations of Panama Canal workers who forged a history of sacrifice, passion and vision. Her commitment to the Association is driven by her desire to unite with her fellow alumni to realize the values, philosophy, and ideology of the Association while revitalizing relations with the Panamanian communities in the USA, Panama, and beyond. The daughter of Ivan & Linda Haywood, former General Foreman of the Motor Transportation Division, Pan Canal Commission and former nursing assistant at Gorgas Hospital, Ancon Canal Zone respectively, Xeneida is the descendant of altruistic laborers that dedicated their lives to the operation and functioning of the Panama Canal, a key conduit to international shipping and a vital link in world trade. If she has been able to see further it's because she stood on the shoulders of giants, her parents.

Xeneida has been a registered nurse for over 25 years. In her years of nursing experience, she has worked in a variety of health care settings with a foundation in neonatal intensive care units, case management, and patient & clinical nursing education. She obtained her nursing diploma at Interfaith Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York in 1980. After relocating to Miami, Florida she continued her education at the University of Miami where she obtained her Bachelor's of Science in Nursing and subsequently her Master's of Science in Nursing Education from Florida State University. Xeneida is presently a nurse educator at Jackson Health System in Miami Florida and clinical faculty at the University of Miami and Saber Nursing School, Inc. Her love of the nursing profession is reflected in her work with patients and students, along with her dedication and commitment to the empowerment of nurses globally. With her career experiences and knowledge gained as a Nurse Educator in South Florida, it is Xeneida's vision and long term goal to assist nurses worldwide to become sensitive to the needs of others beyond their communities and nation. She is a member of the Florida Nurses' Association, American Nurses Association, International Childbirth Education Association, and Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing.

Xeneida now resides in Miami, Florida with her husband Alan and son Kyle. Her older son Marcus resides in Atlanta, Georgia. She enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, basketball (GO HEAT! GO CANES! GO NOLES!), music, volunteering in outreach programs, mission trips, and she especially loves the Lord Jesus Christ. One of her favorite quotes is "Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers." – Tennyson