

2020s

More than 50 NHSC Faces Celebrated the NHSC 50th Anniversary!

Click on a decade to view clinicians from across the NHSC's history, and each clinician to learn more about their service.

A horizontal timeline with a white line and arrow pointing right. It features ten circular portraits of clinicians, each connected to a dark blue box containing their name, title, location, and a link to their quote. The years 2020 and 2021 are indicated by a plus sign icon.

- + 2020**
Gabbie Rowilson, MD
NHSC Scholarship Program
Michigan
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Michael Needham, PA-Peds
NHSC Scholarship Program
California
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Hilary Patterson, DMD
NHSC LRP
North Carolina
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- + 2021**
Onyema Nwanaji Enwerem
NHSC S2S LRP
North Carolina
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- + 2021**
Thelma Wadsworth, PA
NHSC Scholarship Program
California
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- + 2021**
Trisha Contarino, HSP
NHSC LRP
California
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Aliyah Bell, PA
NHSC Scholarship Program
California
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Erika Guerra, NP
NHSC SUD Workforce LRP
North Carolina
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Sashamara Perez
NHSC Scholarship Program
Washington, D.C.
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2010s



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+ 1993

Wendel Ellis, DO
NHSC LRP
Kansas

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+ 1998

Corina Buzard, PA
NHSC Scholarship Program
North Carolina

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+ 1997

Divya Sharma, MD, MS, FACP
NHSC Scholarship Program
and NHSC LRP, New Mexico

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+ 1980

Margaret Flinter, FNP
NHSC Scholarship Program
Connecticut
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+ 1984

Karen Gedney, MD
NHSC Scholarship Program
Nevada
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+ 1981

Greg Dever, MD
NHSC Scholarship Program
Guam
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+ 1987

Beatrice Szantyr, MD
NHSC Scholarship Program
California
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In 1970, Congress passed the Emergency Health Personnel Act establishing the National Health Service Corps (NHSC), a new scholarship program for health professional students who agreed to serve in areas experiencing significant provider shortages.

Shortly after, in 1972, the first NHSC-supported clinicians began caring for underserved communities across 13 states through an interim NHSC loan repayment program with a two-year service obligation while NHSC scholars finished school and residencies. The very first of these clinicians was Joseph Viglotti, MD, who along with his wife, Monique, a registered nurse, began serving the residents of Jackman, Maine, providing care to the small, rural town of 3,500 and gaining a lifetime of experience. And so the NHSC began.



+ 1972

Joseph Viglotti, MD
NHSC Class of 1972
and his wife
Monique Viglotti, RN, Maine

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