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Pauline Louis-Magiste is a Barry University College of Nursing and Health Science graduate with a master's degree in nursing science, Education track. She is a full-time nursing instructor and Director of the Undergraduate On-Campus Baccalaureate of Science Nursing (BSN) Program at St. Thomas University in Miami Gardens, FL. Before transitioning to academia, Ms. Louis-Magiste worked as a full-time staff nurse at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach.

Ms. Louis-Magiste's nursing career started 25 years ago when she became a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) after receiving her Practical Nursing diploma from Lindsey Hopkins Technical School in 2000. As her love for the profession grew, Ms. Louis continued her path to scholarship and obtained an Associate degree in Nursing Science in 2004 from Miami-Dade College (MDC) while working full-time as an LPN. Inspired by her colleagues and her love for the nursing profession, She went onto earn her bachelor's degree in nursing from Florida Atlantic University (FAU) in 2009, in which she graduated Cum Laude. Ms. Louis-Magiste's clinical nursing background includes cardiovascular surgical intensive care, cardiac step-down, med-surgical telemetry, clinical nurse educator, community healthcare nurse, and coordinator of the nurse preceptor-ship program for Mount Sinai Medical Center.

In 2019, Ms. Louis-Magiste was elected as the 16th President of the premiere Haitian American Nurses Association of Florida, Inc. (HANA), A role that became particularly challenging during the devastating COVID-19 pandemic. During the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, Ms. Louis-Magiste took care of COVID-19 patients in extremely critical conditions requiring more than your usual intensive care treatments. As a front line COVID-19 nurse, seeing the devastation COVID-19 had on the patients she cared for, the community at large, and her follower nurses, Ms. Louis-Magiste decided to use her position as the President of HANA to advocate for the proper personal protective equipment (PPE) and provide much-needed education on COVID-19 prevention and care. During the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown, to keep the HANA's member spirit up and continue membership engagement, Ms. Louis used social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, ZOOM, and WhatsApp to connect with the members and the community to provide up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19 and other relevant information. Ms. Louis's efforts were recognized by the Mayor's Office of Miami-Dade County, who called upon Ms. Louis to participate in the "MaskUp" COVID-19 prevention county-wide campaign to record a PSA in Haitian Creole language.



Before becoming the President of HANA, Ms. Louis served as first Vice President of HANA, 2017-2019, Second Vice President, 2015-2017, assistant treasurer and chair of recruitment for the association, 2013-2015, and as co-chair of Public Relations and Legislative Affairs committees. Ms. Louis-Magiste is the current Chair of the Education Committee for HANA, the hosting the weekly health talk radio show “Koze Santewith HANA,” Co-Chair of the Health Committee, and past treasurer for the Haitian American Professional Coalition, Inc. (HAPC). Ms. Louis-Magiste is the Newly elected Treasurer for the Haitian Alliance Nurses Association-International (HANA-I). As an active association member, she received numerous accolades for her service and dedication to the association and the community. She also served as a Florida Nursing Advisory Council member representing St. Thomas University.

Ms. Louis Magiste is the recipient of the Outstanding Service Award from the Foyer Mt. Carmel Educational Center, Inc., 2024, Extraordinary Leader Daisy Champion Award, given by the administrative staff of St. Thomas University School of Nursing in December 2022 and inducted into Sigma Alpha Beta Epsilon at Large Miami Dade College Chapter, December 2022. The recipient of The Marie Claire Heureuse Leadership Award by Family Action Network Miami (FANM), Frontliner of the Year 2020 award by the Prestigious Haitian Music Award, Balancing Life Women in Nursing Award 2020, the first recipient of HANA’s Rookie of the Year award in 2012, Nurse of the Year award in Pauline Louis, MSN-Ed, RN 2013, the prestigious Presidential Choice award in 2015, and a two-time finalist for the March of Dimes Nurse of Year for Critical care and Nurse Educator awards. In 2008, she was awarded Nurse of the Year for the step-down unit by her peers for her compassionate and exceptional patient care. She has shown her passion for nursing and her community through her voice and actions: “If you see a need and you’re in a position to help, don’t wait for someone to ask; volunteer yourself.”

Being thankful to God for all the incredible accolades, the most important thing of all is her being a proud mother to her four beautiful daughters, being the best grandmother, and having the ability to help mold the next generation of nurses. Ms. Louis-Magiste is an active member of St. James Catholic Church, the Florida Nurses Association, the American Nurses Association, the Miami Black Nurses Association, and the National Black Nurses Association. Her passion for nursing has made her a true leader, a mentor, and an advocate for the nursing profession and her community.