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Dr. DeWitty earned her Doctoral degree from George Mason University, her Master’s in Business Administration degree from Howard University where she was selected as a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma Business Honor Society. While attending The Catholic University of America, where she earned the Master’s Degree in Nursing, she was selected as a member of Sigma Theta Tau National Nursing Honor Society. Vernell is also a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.

As a Commonwealth Fellow she participated in expanded training in New Programs and Product Development at the Wharton School of Business and the Nurse Executive Training Program. She developed and implemented new health care products and programs, including the workforce advocacy programs for the Center, Consulting Practice for the Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nursing, The Women’s Heart Center at the George Washington University Hospital, and Kids, Infants and Parents Program at the Hospital for Sick Children.

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