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To: Breakthrough to Nursing Directors/Chairs

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Wow, what a year! The Breakthrough to Nursing® (BTN) Projects displayed during the convention were outstanding. All members should be proud of their submissions as should those schools who did not submit for judging because your initiative were just as wonderful I am sure. The spirit that goes into each project makes them all winners. I am looking forward to the upcoming academic year to work and talk to you, as well as, to see the flood of new and motivational projects that are sure to enthuse us all.

I was so honored to attend The NSNA Board of Directors meeting in New York as the newly elected Breakthrough to Nursing Director. While in New York, the BTN Committee, which also includes Alison Faust and Daniel Krall, met and planned what promises to be a stellar year for this 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of our Breakthrough to Nursing mission.

This year's theme is:

**“Igniting Dreams: Providing the momentum to reach new heights and empowering success**

The BTN Committee has also approved these goals for the 2009-2010 year:

1. Roll-out an activity blueprint at the [MidYear Conference](#) that can be customized by individual states and schools to promote Breakthrough to Nursing (BTN). Watch the [BTN® webpage](#) for commentary on the process including ideas.
2. Publish a column in each issue of [Imprint](#) updating students on BTN as feasible.
3. Support 2009 NSNA Resolution 6: [In Support of Including Global Health in the Nursing Curriculum](#)
4. Promote global health in nursing students

Additionally, we will continue to foster the following key points from past years:

5. Increasing awareness for the increased need for more minority nurse educators. Goal is to inspire more current nursing students to become interested in becoming nurse educators.
6. Increase the awareness of availability current BTN resources from NSNA and outside sources (Johnson & Johnson).
7. Encourage, promote and enlist the continuation of BTN projects and programs at the state and local levels.

Check-out the [NSNA BTN web page](#) and print out the NSNA Awards and Honors Booklet <http://www.nсна.org/pubs/awards/>. There will be two \$100 BTN awards given out this academic year. An award will be issued to the top state BTN project and one award for the top school

BTN project. If you have an idea you want to share with the membership email me so we can get the word out.

Look for the BTN column in upcoming issues of *Imprint* magazine for updates. Please feel free to contact me [btndirector@nsna.org](mailto:btndirector@nsna.org) anytime you have any questions or would like to share your experiences.

I look forward to meeting and speaking with everyone at the NSNA's 27th Annual Midyear Conference in Phoenix, Arizona Oct 29-Nov 1, 2009. I am planning to host an exciting BTN seminar for everyone to share ideas for BTN projects and remember we will be rolling-out the full "Igniting Dreams: Blueprint." Don't despair the blueprint will be available online following the MidYear Conference roll-out, but continue to stay up to date with the blueprint progress online.

CC: State Presidents, State Consultants, State Staff and NSNA Board of Directors