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Carylin M. Holsey Elected as 2010-2011 NSNA President



Brooklyn, NY. May 19, 2010. The National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) is pleased to announce the election of **Carylin M. Holsey** as the 2010-11 NSNA President. Elections were held during the 58th Annual Convention in Orlando, FL, April 7-11, 2010.

Last year, Ms. Holsey was elected to the 2009-10 Board of Directors as the Breakthrough to Nursing[®] Director during the 2009 Annual Convention in Nashville, TN. As Breakthrough to Nursing[®] (BTN) Chair, she attended the annual conventions for the Oklahoma Nursing Students Association (ONSA) and Texas Nursing Students' Association, Inc. (TNSA). During her tenure as BTN Chair, she facilitated a customizable "blueprint" for BTN awareness events, helped increase global health awareness, and promoted the use of BTN resources. During the 2009-2010 term, she also served on the Image of Nursing and Community Health committees. Prior to being elected as BTN Director, Ms. Holsey served as parliamentarian, then later as president, of her school's student nurse chapter at Lee College in Baytown, TX.

Ms. Holsey describes herself as passionate, not just about nursing in her community and on the national level, but also in the area of global healthcare. Her interest in nursing began at a very early age when a missionary from Africa visited and showed her church the poor conditions and unrelenting sickness in his country. She became determined to get involved in the fight against healthcare disparities and to help those in need. “I genuinely care about people and their quality of life,” she says. “I have the innate ability to affect people in general, but the sick are in great need without a corresponding number of those willing to come to their assistance.” As someone called to step into the gap for healthcare disparities, she plans to gain practical experience by increasing her skill sets in the hospital setting while rotating areas of specialties to become an expert generalist. Ms. Holsey will continue her education through to the doctoral level. She hopes to use her education to work, facilitate opportunities, and staff clinics and medical missions in third world countries.

In May 2010, she graduates with an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) and now looks forward to earning a Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN) in an RN-to-BSN completion program. As a Lee College student, Ms. Holsey received numerous scholarships including the Assist-Med Merit Scholarship, Harvey Clemons Jr. International Scholarship (South Africa 5 week Fellowship), the James Fayle Nursing Scholarship, Memorial Hermann Medical Auxiliary Scholarship, Merrill Snyder Memorial Scholarship and Thamann Textbook Scholarship. She also holds memberships in Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Ms. Holsey was honored and inducted into the Lee College’s Hall of Fame and 2009-2010 Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities.

“As NSNA President,” she says, “I will empower, educate and encourage NSNA members to pursue nursing with passion and compassion, and to mentor individuals one at a time, over and over.”

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