



**FOUNDATION** of the NSNA®

**In Memory of Frances Tompkins**

The Foundation was created in honor of Frances Tompkins, NSNA's® first Executive Director.

**Board of Trustees Appointed**

**Sharon Brigner and Jenna Sanders**

The Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association® (FNSNA®) has appointed two new trustees to the Board of Trustees.



**Brigner**

**Sharon Brigner, MS, RN,** serves as Deputy Vice President for the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA in Washington, DC). She is a health policy expert

and registered nurse with extensive experience in policy development, legislative analysis, lobbying, project management, media and public relations, public speaking, research, and direct patient care. She is an advocate within the healthcare policy stakeholder community. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Texas Woman's University, Houston, Texas, and her Master of Science in Health Systems Management, from George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia. Ms. Brigner is a past president of NSNA® (1996-1997), prior to which she served as the Ex-Officio Director and Chair of the Council of State Presidents as well as the president of the Texas Nursing Students Association (1995-1996).



**Sanders**

**Jenna Sanders, BSN, RN,** is a registered nurse Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN. With over 5 years of close recent involvement in NSNA®, she is well on her way

to becoming a prominent nurse leader with experience in project management, team leadership, fundraising, international relations, and public speaking, with a background in business and marketing. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, IN and is currently pursuing a Master of Science in Nursing from Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA. Her leadership involvement with NSNA began as treasurer of her school chapter at the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, IN (2005-2006) and was then elected to president of the Indiana Association of Nursing Students (IANS). She then served two years on the national Board of Directors. Ms. Sanders is the immediate-past president of NSNA®, prior to which she served as vice president (2007-2008).

**John F. Garde, CRNA, MS, FAAN 1935 - 2009**



**Garde**

Here at NSNA® and FNSNA® we were stunned and saddened by the unexpected passing of John F. Garde this past summer. Mr. Garde was the Interim Executive Director of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA). In 2008, he was appointed as a trustee on the Board of Trustees for the FNSNA®. On July 21, he passed away from complications related to pancreatic cancer, which was diagnosed just a week prior.

AANA President Jackie S. Rowles, who has assumed the role of Interim Executive Director since Mr. Garde's passing, stated: "Not only was John an inspiration to nurse anesthetists throughout his career, he also made a lasting impression on healthcare professionals in all fields with his wisdom, thoughtful demeanor, calming influence, and unmistakable leadership qualities. During my term as AANA president, John was always there to provide wise counsel and gentle encouragement. He was one of a kind."

## 2009 APNA Janssen Student Scholarship Winners Announced

Through the generous support from an educational grant from Janssen, L.P. administered by Ortho-McNeil Janssen Scientific Affairs, LLC, the American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA) offers scholarships for undergraduate nursing students to attend the APNA Annual Convention. Deans and directors of schools of nursing were invited to nominate one or more NSNA® members who are interested in this specialty. The APNA Janssen Student Scholarship included all travel and lodging expenses for the APNA 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference in October, as well as a stipend for meals and the registration fees for the entire conference. In addition, winners receive one year complimentary membership in the APNA. Promotion of the scholarship to nursing students is provided by the National Student Nurses' Association® (NSNA®). Congratulations to this year's winners! Check back with [www.nсна.org](http://www.nсна.org) or [www.apna.org](http://www.apna.org) for information about next year's application.

### Graduate

**Alan Amberg**, DePaul University  
**Marco Belluardo-Crosby**, University of Massachusetts  
**Susan Blaakman**, University of Rochester  
**Dannette Eveloff**, University of Nebraska Medical Center  
**Sally Hough**, Ohio State University  
**Donna Rolin-Kenny**, New York University  
**Jason Lai**, Ohio State University  
**Carol Marchetti**, Boston College  
**Andretta Randall**, Immaculata University  
**Rita Ray-Mihm**, University of Minnesota  
**Brandon Respress**, Case Western Reserve University  
**Stephanie Rodriguez**, University of California at San Francisco  
**Joyce Sasse**, Creighton University  
**Patricia Sayre**, Pace University  
**Nancy Wolf**, University of Alabama Birmingham

### Undergraduate

**Ebony Anderson**, North Dakota State University  
**Maureen Bradley**, New York University  
**Courtney Dewart**, Indiana University  
**Tranika Eaton**, Medical College of Georgia  
**Brittany Evans**, University of Louisville  
**Alexis Krieger**, Rockhurst University/Research College of Nursing  
**Elizabeth Leppert**, Virginia Commonwealth University  
**Magdalena Majcher-Tascio**, New York University  
**Margaret Ashley McLaughlin**, Virginia Commonwealth University  
**Sarah Miner**, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
**Melissa Morris**, Medical College of Georgia  
**Erin O'Reilly**, Valparaiso University  
**Gia Santoro**, Yale School of Nursing  
**Melanie Singh**, Catholic University of America  
**Megan Walsh**, University of Scranton

## Apply for an FNSNA® Scholarship Deadline: January 15, 2010

The 2010-2011 FNSNA® scholarship application is now available on [www.nсна.org](http://www.nсна.org) (click on Foundation) or you can email the Foundation at [nsna@nsna.org](mailto:nsna@nsna.org), ATTN Scholarship Information. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and funds may be used for tuition, books, and academic fees. Scholarship recipients and sponsors will be recognized during NSNA's® 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Orlando, FL on April 7-11, 2010. For specific eligibility requirements please see the Foundation section on the website.

### Scholarships Awarded by FNSNA:

**General Program** – Approximately \$125,000 is awarded annually to nursing and pre-nursing students who meet the eligibility requirements. Membership in the National Student Nurses' Association® (NSNA®) is not required; however some scholarship sponsors require NSNA® membership for eligibility.

**Career Mobility Scholarships** – Career Mobility Scholarships are awarded to nursing or pre-nursing students who are registered nurses (RNs) enrolled in RN-to-BSN and RN-to-MSN completion programs; or licensed practical/vocational nurses (LPN/LVN) enrolled in programs leading to RN licensure.

**Breakthrough to Nursing® Scholarships** – Awarded to racial and ethnic minority students underrepresented in the nursing profession.

**Specialty Nursing Scholarships** – Awarded to students interested in pursuing specialized areas of nursing practice. Refer to the Eligibility Checklist at the end of the application for list of specialties.

**McKesson Scholarships** – Open to all students enrolled in accredited programs leading to RN licensure.

**Promise of Nursing Scholarships** – Promise of Nursing scholarship funds are raised at regional gala events sponsored by Johnson & Johnson's Campaign for Nursing's Future. Scholarships are awarded to qualified applicants attending nursing programs in selected regions throughout the country. (Check the website for the eligible regions). ∞