



## National Nurses Week

**N**ational Nurses Week is celebrated annually, May 6-12, in commemoration of Florence Nightingale's birthday. National Student Nurses Day is celebrated on Thursday, May 8 and it's a great time to emphasize how important nurses are to their communities.

If you're organizing events to celebrate this week, tell us about it! Here are some activities you can do with your chapters.

### State Chapter Activity

- ★ Collaborate with the state nurses association in promoting and participating in Nurses' Week activities. Encourage recognition of state student leaders.

### School Chapter Campus Activities

- ★ Plan a recognition reception for faculty, nursing students, pre-nursing students and students in other health discipline programs. This is a great opportunity to network while highlighting the accomplishments of nurses and nursing students.
- ★ Set up nursing and health information tables in the school's student center. Decorate with balloons and a banner announcing National Student Nurses' Day.
- ★ Offer health screening in various locations on campus to groups such as sororities, fraternities, and athletic teams. Decorate area with balloons and a banner.

### In the Community

- ★ Plan a "Teddy Bear Clinic" for young children and conduct a "well bear" exam to allay children's fears of health exams.

- ★ Visit nursing homes and children's hospital units. Visit senior centers and conduct a health screening.
- ★ Have a Health Fair!
- ★ Invite students to spend a day with a student nurse and/or to visit the school of nursing.

### Media attention

- ★ Two weeks before the event, send press releases to all media announcing National Student Nurses' Day.
- ★ Offer to speak on talk radio and interview-format television programs.
- ★ Ask local newspapers to do a special story about nursing education and the profession of nursing.

### Election News, Analysis, and Events from the Kaiser Family Foundation

With health care emerging as the top domestic issue in the 2008 presidential election, the Kaiser Family Foundation launched **health08.org**, providing analysis of health policy issues, regular public opinion surveys, and news and video coverage from the campaign trail. The site includes side-by-side comparisons of reform proposals, webcasts of debates and speeches, interviews with candidates, dedicated pages for the candidates with easy-to-access links to their health positions and other resources, as well as a calendar of events around the country and links to studies and resources from other organizations. **Health08.org** is one of a number of projects the Kaiser Family Foundation will undertake during the election season.

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## Are you Planning to Specialize in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing?

Apply for the APNA Scholarship and win a trip to attend the APNA Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota! 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) is pleased to announce the availability of 15 scholarships for undergraduate nursing students to attend the APNA Annual Convention, October 15-18, 2008 in Minneapolis, MN. Deans and directors of schools of nursing are invited to nominate one or more students who are interested in this specialty. The APNA-Janssen Student Scholarship includes all travel and lodging expenses to attend the 2008 APNA Convention, as well as a stipend for meals and the registration fees for the entire convention. In addition, winners will receive one year complimentary membership in the APNA. Administration for the nomination and selection process is coordinated by the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA). **Deadline for application is May 12, 2008.** For complete information and an application, visit [www.nсна.org](http://www.nсна.org) or call (718) 210-0705. ☺

