

# MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS & HIGHLIGHTS

**NSNA: THE SKY'S THE LIMIT!** Thanks for making NSNA's stellar membership growth possible. Your creative recruitment and retention campaign have really paid-off – NSNA is 42,000 members strong! Keep up your active recruitment and retention campaign. Now is the time to introduce new students to NSNA's valuable benefits program. According to the membership survey, the most significant reason to join is that NSNA membership demonstrates professional commitment. Participation in NSNA reflects an interest in your career development and shows future employers that you value professionalism.

## Use your Membership Recruitment Guidelines

Check out [www.nсна.org/pubs/guidelines/guide\\_member\\_recruit.pdf](http://www.nсна.org/pubs/guidelines/guide_member_recruit.pdf) for practical tips and proven strategies to get students interested and motivated. Prove to your fellow students that involvement in NSNA is fun and educational!

Spread the word to your fellow students... take advantage of NSNA's online MEMBER SERVICES on [www.nсна.org](http://www.nсна.org)! Let them know that they can join NSNA, renew their membership, update their member profile and address, and register for

NSNA's meetings online. Remind them to have their membership number handy. (Visa and MasterCard only). Contact NSNA headquarters, [nsna@nsna.org](mailto:nsna@nsna.org), if they need assistance in using MEMBER SERVICES.

We hope to see you at NSNA's 54th Annual Convention in Baltimore, April 5-9, 2006. During the Awards Ceremony, many NSNA leaders are recognized for their membership recruitment campaigns. In addition, there will be an Association Activity Seminar on Membership Recruitment on Wednesday, April 5, 2006. Please plan to attend and share your successful recruitment ideas!

Don't forget about the Shining Star Program. NSNA will recognize all new 2006 official school constituents that requested start-a-chapter information during 2005 – 2006. Certificates are presented during the 2006 Annual Convention.

**NSNA Membership Committee**

## CONGRATULATIONS, PIT SUPER RECRUITERS!

ProjectInTouch (PIT) recruiters are on their way to winning valuable prizes for recruiting 10 or more new members. Will you be the Grand Prize winner? The recruiter who recruits the most new members wins the Grand Prize/ an expense-paid trip to the NSNA 54th Annual Convention, April 5-9, 2006 in Baltimore, sponsored by Thomson Delmar Learning and *RN Magazine*. Come to the Awards Ceremony on April 6 and honor all of the membership recruitment leaders!

Sign up for the 2006-2007 PIT Contest. See page 55.

Super Recruiters who recruited 50 or more new members (as of November 30, 2005):

Andrew Hiriart  
San Jacinto College, TX

Autumn Davis  
Clemson University, SC

Jacqueline Thies  
University of North Florida, FL

Jessica Macleary  
Valencia Community College, FL

Kendra Farr  
University of Oklahoma, OK

Michael Lawson  
Florida Gulfcoast University, FL

Renee Havey  
University of Michigan, MI

Sean Russell  
Texas Tech University, TX

Shawn Edwards  
Trident Tech College, SC

## APPLICATION FOR CONSTITUENCY STATUS REQUIRED ANNUALLY

All school and state chapters must apply for official constituency status annually. The deadline for having ten members in a school is eight weeks prior to Convention (February 8, 2006). The Official Application for Constituency Status can be brought to Convention and submitted during delegate credentialing. Schools or states unable to hand-deliver the application to Convention have ten working days after the close of the House of Delegates (postmarked by April 21, 2006) to submit their application. By submitting the application, the school association verifies that their association's bylaws conform to NSNA's mandated areas of conformity.

Schools must have a minimum of ten members on the NSNA roster on the cut-off date of February 8, 2006, and states must have at least two constituent schools to qualify for constituency. All state-approved schools of nursing and their campuses are eligible. The Official Application for Constituency Status can be found in *Getting the Pieces to Fit* on p.20, on NSNA's web site, [www.nсна.org](http://www.nсна.org) (click on "PUBLICATIONS") or you

can request one from the NSNA office. All schools are notified in March of their status and the number of delegates and alternates they are entitled to seat in the 2006 House of Delegates.

### SUBMISSION OF STATE BYLAWS

States are required to submit their bylaws annually with their Official Application for Constituency Status. States that fail to submit their bylaws by the deadline for the application (ten working days following the close of the Convention), will have their constituency status revoked in accordance with NSNA Bylaws Article IV Section 1.e. State presidents receive periodic updates regarding the number of members in schools in their states. If you have questions about constituency, please call NSNA headquarters, (718) 210-0705, and ask for Susan Wong.

### NSNA: ALLIANCE PARTNERS

Purchasing these products and services provides additional support for NSNA. A portion of each purchase and use of service is contributed to NSNA to support program activities such as Breakthrough to Nursing, Community Health, Legislation/Education and Image of Nursing Projects.



### Practical Savings with MBNA

NSNA is proud to offer the Platinum Plus<sup>SM</sup> credit card, a no annual fee MasterCard credit card program that features competitive annual percentage rates, as well as peerless benefits and service. For more information about the costs and terms, or to apply, call 1-866-GET-MBNA and mention priority code ENNX. The NSNA credit card program is issued and administered by MBNA.

### Health and Accident Insurance with Student Resources

NSNA offers group health and accident insurance to members, their spouse, and dependents through Student Resources. The plans include continuation privilege for a period of up to nine months after graduation if eligible. Available in most states. For more information, call 800-643-6688 or visit [www.student-resources.com](http://www.student-resources.com).

### Professional Liability Insurance with NSO

For only \$29.00 a year, nursing students can enroll for up to \$6 million annual aggregate, up to \$1 million per occurrence professional liability insurance protection offered through Nurses Service Organization (NSO), the official NSNA professional liability insurance provider. Recent graduates are eligible for a 50% off regular nurses' rates, for up to one year after graduation. All those insured receive the *NSO Risk Advisor*, a newsletter providing information on how to avoid malpractice suits. Visit NSO at [www.nso.com](http://www.nso.com) or call 1-800-247-1500 for more information. For fast and easy processing,

apply online.

### NCLEX® Review From Thomson Delmar Learning

Now in its fifth edition, the hugely popular *NCLEX-RN® Review* published by Thomson Delmar Learning continues to be the most reliable and practical tool for successful test preparation for the nurse licensure examination. Based on the latest NCLEX-RN® Test Plan from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), this resource provides the clearest path towards becoming a professional nurse. Comprehensive outline-format content review is accompanied by over 2,200 unique and challenging NCLEX-style questions with answers and detailed rationales. The CD-ROM in the back of the book includes two comprehensive tests that simulate the experience of the NCLEX-RN® Examination as well as two bonus tests. Buy it today and find out why it carries the endorsement of the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA). Members of NSNA receive a 25% discount.

Call Thomson Delmar Learning, 800-347-7707 to order and ask for the NSNA member discounted price. Visit [www.delmarhealthcare.com](http://www.delmarhealthcare.com).

### MediQuik Drug Cards From Springhouse

These best-selling cards supply key information for safely administering the most commonly used drugs. Organized alphabetically, these quick-scanning 5-x-7-inch drug cards cover more than 350 generic drugs, 28 drug classes, and 15 commonly used herbal medications. This updated edition includes more pediatric dosages, dozens of entries on newly approved drugs, new indications and interactions, and a new I.V. Administration section for every I.V. drug.

Additionally, two helpful tools are available on [eDrugInfo.com](http://eDrugInfo.com): Construct-A-Card, for creating new drug cards, and Construct-a-Calendar, for creating patient-specific drug administration calendars. NSNA members receive a \$5 rebate off the cards. For more information, see p. 5 of this issue.

### NSNA Bookstore With Barnes and Noble

The NSNA B&N Bookstore features nursing, leadership titles, and other products such as college textbooks, music, videos, prints and posters. NSNA members receive an additional 5% off on all orders, plus free shipping when you spend \$25 or more. To obtain the discount, purchases must be made on the NSNA B&N Bookstore web site linked to [www.nсна.org](http://www.nсна.org). A portion of sales revenue from the NSNA B&N Bookstore helps fund nursing school grants in the Marilyn Bagwell Leadership Development Program.