

2008 MidYear Conference

The 26th Annual MidYear Career Planning Conference was held at John Ascuaga's Nugget Casino Resort in Reno, Nevada on November 13–16, 2008.



From left to right: Lauren Brewer, Heather Hyatt Dolan, Laura Chapman, Grant Tyler, David Horner, Dr. Patrick Hickey, Jenna Sanders, Candace Biberston, Fikile Mpofu, Marie Cassels, and Kenya Haney.

The Board of Directors with Patrick Hickey, who kicked off the 26th Annual MidYear Conference on November 13, 2008.



Dr. Hickey with members of the Nominating and Elections Committee, before preparing for his keynote speech.



ANA-appointed NSNA consultant, Cheryl K. Schmidt (left) with Brigadier General Margaret Wilmoth, who spoke on November 15 during the Leadership Breakfast sponsored by the U.S. Army Nurse Corps.



Students watched and participated in demonstrations at the U.S. Army Nurse Corps tent.



The COSP Planning Committee pictured with NSNA President Jenna Sanders (second from right) and Donna Herrin (third from right) of the American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE) who spoke at this year's COSP Leadership Luncheon.



The Council of State Presidents (COSP) gathered for a photo with the Board of Directors and the Nominating and Elections Committee. The COSP met on November 13 & 14 for Board & Committee updates, leadership workshops, and an exchange of networking and planning ideas.



Mandy Young, past *Imprint* Editor (2003–2004), joins the MidYear Conference as an exhibitor promoting healthy lifestyles.



The Exhibit Hall is a highlight of each MidYear Conference. Students met and spoke with prospective employers, nursing schools and publishers.



Student Activity Tables were filled with nursing students raising funds for their chapters.



Always in great spirits, NEC Chair Gerardo Melendez-Torres (right) received a seal of approval from Dain Percifield who spoke at the Nursing Image and Public Relations Workshop where he staged mock interviews with Gerardo, as well as NSNA President Jenna Sanders and *Imprint* Editor Lauren Brewer.



On November 15, members of the 2005–2006 Board of Directors spoke in a workshop on diverse paths in nursing. Here they are pictured during the Association Roundtables, where students met with the 2008–2009 Board and received more information about NSNA committees. From left to right: Paul Padilla, Jennifer Tucker, Shelley Ray, and Rebecca Wheeler.



NSNA Members dressed as their favorite TV personality for the FNSNA fundraiser on Friday, November 13. Attendees raised over \$1,950 for the Disaster Relief Fund.