



## Convention Preview

Join over 3,000 nursing students for the 54th Annual Convention of the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) at The Center, in Baltimore, Maryland April 5 – April 9, 2006. The convention theme is “Setting Sail for a World of Wellness” and we want you to be a part of this event. Network with colleagues from all over the country, hear outstanding speakers, learn about nursing issues and trends concerning nursing, develop leadership skills, participate in the House of Delegates, and much more!

Discover your leadership potential and explore career opportunities in the exhibit hall.

With the Chesapeake Bay as a backdrop, Baltimore offers an exciting range of ethnic and cultural diversity. Its Old World charm meets trendy restaurants and shopping along the Inner Harbor and surrounding neighborhoods. It was in Baltimore where ice cream was first invented – yet another great reason to attend convention this year! Come and see the Inner Harbor, Camden Yards, the Maritime Museum, and the National Aquarium. Log on to the Baltimore visitors' website to start planning your activities: [www.baltimore.org/](http://www.baltimore.org/)

The 2006 convention annual meeting will officially begin with the keynote address on Wednesday, April 5, followed by an exciting fun First Night party. Join your fellow students and dance, network, and chill out.

### Focus Sessions

A variety of focus sessions are planned to promote the role of the healthcare provider as a practitioner and teacher of wellness, and to provide ideas for optimal living and wellness in our home, our community and to our patients. The schedule is arranged so each focus session is offered twice. This schedule will enable you to attend more sessions of your choice.

### NCLEX® Review Course

A special highlight of the annual meeting is the availability of an eight hour mini review course for the NCLEX® exam. This course is offered for a nominal fee and is sponsored by NSNA. Judith C. Miller, MS, RN president, Nursing Tutorial and Consulting Services, Henniker, NH will be the presenter.

### Awards Ceremony

NSNA honors its special contest winners, including the Spirit of Nursing Award winner, and the Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association (FNSNA) pays tribute to scholarship sponsors and recipients at the annual Awards Ceremony on Thursday, April 6th. The Awards Ceremony is followed by a reception sponsored by the US Army Recruiting Command, Army Nurse Corps. All convention registrants are invited to attend.

### Exhibits

The exhibits are always an exciting part of the NSNA Convention! You will find hospitals, agencies, schools of nursing, publishers, and many more exhibitors who will be there to speak with you, others who will help you find a summer internship, your first nursing position, or school through which to continue your education. Come to the exhibit hall, visit and learn about the newest books and products, speak with hospital recruiters and plan your future!

### Project Showcase and Poster Sessions

NSNA members and chapters are invited to showcase their achievements by displaying projects related to Community Health, Legislation and Education, Breakthrough to Nursing, Membership, Image, and Newsletters.

All of the award winning projects will be on display for you to view also. Come to convention and share your projects and research – it's a great chance to learn what your fellow students are up to doing nationwide.

Please call Cathy Ramos at NSNA, 718-210-0705 x 116 for more information.

### Student Activity Tables

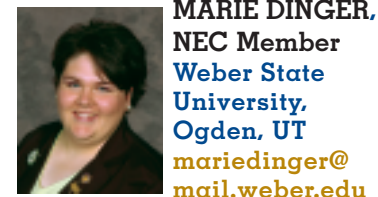
School and state constituents may sell fundraising items at the Annual Convention. Tables are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The cost is \$20.00 for a half-table. Register for tables at the Convention Office when you arrive.

### Auction

The Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association Mary Ann Tuft Scholarship Fund will once again raise money for undergraduate nursing scholarships. Always one of the most enjoyable convention events, the Auction is held on Friday April 7, 2006, 1:30 – 3:00pm. Bring items with you to convention to donate, and come to the auction to bid on your favorite items.



### RUN FOR OFFICE



As nurses we will play a very important role in the future of healthcare. We will be leaders in our community, helping to promote health and wellness. NSNA is designed to prepare us for this role. To ensure that the traditions of

NSNA are carried out, we need strong leadership to guide the organization. The Nominating and Elections Committee (NEC) is dedicated to promoting leadership throughout NSNA and in turn promoting nursing leadership for the future.

The theme for NEC this year is “NSNA Leadership – Shining Light on the Future of Nursing.” The image of a lighthouse was the inspiration behind our theme. A lighthouse is a point of reference for lost sailors, helping to guide them to shore. When a lost sailor sees the lighthouse, it is a source of inspiration and encouragement to keep pursuing his goal. A lighthouse is much like a great leader.

The NEC is already working hard to encourage members to run for national office. We will be presenting a workshop at the Midyear Conference in Louisville, Kentucky on Friday, November 11, 2005 in the afternoon. We want to assist you in preparing to run for national office. The workshop covers topics such as the rules of campaigning, how to prepare for running, the time com-

mitments of a national officer, how to fill out an application, preparing for the Candidates' Forum, and the role of a campaign manager. This workshop is designed to be interactive and motivational. There will be many opportunities for you to have your questions answered. For more details about our workshop please refer to the MidYear Conference program and schedule.

I want to encourage everyone to come to Midyear. I also want to strongly encourage anyone considering running for national office to give it a try! As a national officer you become a “lighthouse” to NSNA membership. You'll have the opportunity to inspire other NSNA members to achieve their goals, and will find that running for office is an opportunity that will open many doors for you. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have. I am extremely excited to talk to you about this great opportunity. See you in Louisville!

To request more information, see form on page 25.

## BUDGETING INFORMATION FOR 54TH ANNUAL CONVENTION APRIL 5 – 9, 2006; BALTIMORE CONVENTION CENTER, BALTIMORE

The following information is being provided to assist with budgeting for the Annual Convention. Estimated expenses (excluding travel) are for 3 nights and 4 days.

MINIMUM		MAXIMUM	
<b>Convention Advance Registration</b>	\$80.00	<b>Annual Convention &amp; NCLEX Mini Review Course</b>	\$100.00
<b>Hotel</b> (4 nights, quad room, at the Day's Inn at the Inner Harbor Hotel includes 12.5% hotel occupancy tax)	\$127.94	<b>Hotel</b> (4 nights, single room, at the Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel includes 12.5% hotel occupancy tax)	\$707.55
(5 days)		(5 days)	
<b>Breakfast</b> (\$8.50 per day, including tip)	\$42.50	<b>Breakfast</b> (\$12 per day, including tip)	\$60.00
<b>Lunch</b> (\$12.50 per day, including tip)	\$62.50	<b>Lunch</b> (\$15 per day, including tip)	\$75.00
<b>Dinner</b> (\$18 per day, including tip)	\$90.00	<b>Dinner</b> (\$21 per day, including tip)	\$105.00
<b>Airport Shuttle round trip</b> (hotel - airport)	\$20.00	<b>Taxi fare</b> round trip	\$24.00
<b>Baggage tips at airport and hotel</b> (\$1 per bag based on 2 bags)	\$8.00	<b>Baggage tips at airport and hotel</b> (\$1 per bag based on 2 bags)	\$8.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	
\$430.94		\$1079.55	

Note: Estimated expenses, excluding travel, are for 4 nights and 5 days, and are based on rates for NSNA members. Food cost estimates are based on annual IRS recommendations for individual cities.

Plan to attend the 54th Annual Convention of the National Student Nurses' Association at the Baltimore Convention Center in Baltimore, Maryland April 5 – 9, 2006

## CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS! GET INVOLVED: WRITE A RESOLUTION!

It's time to start thinking about issues that state and school constituents wish to address as resolutions at the 2006 NSNA House of Delegates. The following guidelines are provided to facilitate participation in the process. Please review the information carefully.

All state and school NSNA constituents may submit one resolution to be considered by the NSNA House of Delegates when it meets in Baltimore during the NSNA convention. The deadline for submitting a resolution is February 22, 2006 and must arrive in NSNA no later than 5:00 p.m. State constituents with conventions that occur after February 22 have two weeks from the closing date of their conventions to submit a resolution. All school constituents must meet the February 22 deadline. Resolutions should be submitted on matters of national importance affecting nursing students, nursing, and the health needs of the public. All resolutions must have a national focus.

Resolutions passed by the House of Delegates become official NSNA policy. Only complete resolutions are accepted for consideration by the Resolutions Committee. To be considered complete, resolutions must include the following:

1. All resolutions must be submitted by mail on a 3 1/2" diskette or cd, along with a hard copy of the resolution.
2. **Four copies** of the following must be included:
  - All documentation used for the "whereas" clauses. Each "whereas" clause must be identified in the body of the resolution and the sentences referenced must be underlined in the documentation. References can be no older than 5 years, unless historical.
  - Names and addresses of all organizations, agencies, and individuals mentioned in the "resolved" clauses, on a separate page.
  - Estimated cost of implementing the resolution, noted on a separate page.
  - A short summary including the purpose of the resolution and the intended outcomes.
  - Checklist for "Complete Resolutions Mailing."

(Completing this important form gives NSNA information about the author). The Complete Resolutions Checklist and the complete resolutions process are described in *Guidelines for Planning Resolutions* and in *Getting the Pieces to Fit*. Both are available from the NSNA office or you can find them on the NSNA web site [www.nсна.org](http://www.nсна.org). If you have any additional questions, please contact Judith Tyler at NSNA headquarters, (718) 210-0705, ext 106.

3. Mail resolutions to Judith Tyler, NSNA 45 Main Street, Suite 606, Brooklyn, NY 11201 to arrive before **February 22, 2006**.

The NSNA Awards and Honors Booklet has been updated. Below is a description of the 2006 APNA Scholarship Program Award and the Spirit of Nursing Essay contest.

2005 APNA winners and the winning Spirit of Nursing Essay were highlighted in the September/October *Imprint!*

Get involved! Go to [www.nсна.org](http://www.nсна.org) to download a copy or call (718) 210-0705 for more information.

Also, check out page 61 of this issue for information about the NSNA/Nursing Spectrum/NurseWeek Student Writing Contest.



## 2006 APNA - JANSSEN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Through the generous support of Janssen Pharmaceuticals, the American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA) is pleased to announce the availability of Scholarships for undergraduate nursing students to attend the APNA Annual Convention, October 11-14, 2006 in Long Beach, CA. Deans and directors may nominate one or more exceptional students from undergraduate nursing programs for the APNA-Janssen Student Scholarship Program. Through this innovative program, nursing students who demonstrate an interest in psychiatric mental-health nursing will be selected. Administration for the nomination and selection process is being coordinated by the National Student Nurses' Association.

A committee of distinguished psychiatric mental-health nurses and nurse leaders will assist the APNA in the selection of the APNA-Janssen Student Scholarship winners. Selection is based on the award criteria including student essay, letters of nomination, and regional representation. The deadline for receipt of nominations is Monday, February 6, 2006. Candidates and the dean/director of the nursing program where the candidate attends school will be notified at the end of April. The application is available on [www.nсна.org](http://www.nсна.org). (Go to PUBLICATIONS and then scroll to awards.)

## SPIRIT OF NURSING AWARD Open to nursing students studying for RN licensure at all NLN and AACN accredited programs Deadline: January 31, 2006

The Spirit of Nursing (SON) Award Program is a joint effort between (USAREC) U.S. Army Nurse Corps, Recruiting Command and the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) and serves as a great way to reach out to all nursing programs. Since 1991, the SON Award Program provides accredited schools of nursing the opportunity to recognize an exceptional student. Deans and directors of nursing programs are encouraged to nominate one student who demonstrates a commitment to excellence through community, professional and academic achievements.

A Committee is convened once a year and consists of one ANC officer and two representatives from the NSNA. Selection Committee members are asked to review all nomination forms and select the winner based on the following criteria:

- Statement by School's Dean or Director
- Candidate's Statement
- Community Involvement (community projects or volunteer work)
- Professional Involvement (candidates' involvement in the nursing profession- ie. membership in professional organizations, health fairs, etc.)
- Leadership Experience (office or committee positions held by candidate in school or professional organization)
- Academic Achievements (scholarships, academic awards, honor societies)
- Cumulative Grade Point Average

Candidates can receive up to 5 points in each of the seven categories and can receive a maximum of 35 points.

U.S. Army Recruiting Command pays for the winner's registration fee, lodging and airline ticket. The SON Winner is expected to attend conference sessions and is recognized at the annual Awards Ceremony.

Information about the Spirit of Nursing award is mailed to schools in the fall or can be obtained from the Army Nurse recruiter in your area.



## ONLINE EDUCATION TO DIVERSIFY AND ENHANCE NURSING PROGRAMS

The School of Nursing at Thomas Edison State College, Trenton, NJ has recently been awarded a \$600,000 federal grant to recruit and prepare minority nurse educators in online education and develop a collaborative network of diverse nurse faculty members to enhance nursing programs nationwide.

The grant, awarded to the school by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), will be used by the School of Nursing to recruit 45 minority nurse educators during the next three years and teach them online pedagogical skills. Upon completion of the program, the educators will introduce and expand online education programs at their local institutions. The funding will also support the creation of a database of nurse educators recruited into the program that will be made available to nursing schools throughout the country and establish an annual lectureship focusing on the importance of diversity in nursing.

## Hotels contracted for the Annual Convention:

Single	Double	Triple	Quad
<b>Day's Inn Inner Harbor</b>			
105.00	105.00	115.00	115.00
<b>Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel</b>			
159.00	179.00	199.00	159.00
<b>Holiday Inn Inner Harbor</b>			
129.00	129.00	139.00	139.00
<b>Wyndham Baltimore Inner Harbor</b>			
139.00	159.00	179.00	199.00
<b>Hyatt Regency Baltimore</b>			
159.00	159.00	179.00	179.00

"The potential benefit of educating minority nurse faculty in online pedagogy is vast," said Susan O'Brien, Ed.D, R.N., dean of the School of Nursing at Thomas Edison State College. "We anticipate that the number of nursing students and nursing schools impacted by this program will increase exponentially as the minority nurse educators recruited and educated through this grant begin to utilize and share their online skills."

According to a 2002 study by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), minority representation among nursing faculty in the United States is at approximately 9 percent. In 2003, U.S. nursing schools turned away 15,944 qualified applicants to entry-level baccalaureate programs largely due to a shortage of nurse educators, according to the AACN.

The potential impact of this grant is multifold: It will allow more nursing students to have access to minority nurse faculty, especially in remote areas of the country, and help reduce the nurse educator shortage by enabling nurse faculty to extend their tenure in the profession, at least on a part-time basis, after they reach retirement age.

Candidates for the program must possess a Master of Science in Nursing degree or higher and will complete the college's 32-week Certificate in Distance Education Program (CDEP). Once the CDEP is completed, the nurse educators will teach one 12-week online nursing course at Thomas Edison State College under the guidance of an experienced online nurse educator from the School of Nursing.