



## MidYear Preview

# Welcome to Louisville!

## NURSING ISSUES, TRENDS, AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES HIGHLIGHT NSNA'S 23RD ANNUAL MIDYEAR CONFERENCE

THE GALT HOUSE HOTEL, LOUISVILLE, KY  
NOVEMBER 10-13, 2005

NSNA's 23rd Annual Midyear Conference, known as its "Career Planning Conference," takes place November 10-13, 2005, in Louisville, KY. It offers nursing students a unique opportunity to hear nationally known speakers discuss trends and issues relevant to nursing today, and offers a broad selection of activities, including workshops, panels, exhibits, and an NCLEX® Review, to help prepare them for careers as professional nurses.



### MIDYEAR AT A GLANCE



**Thursday, November 10: The Mini Review** offers tremendous value to graduating seniors, as well as all nursing students, covering selected topics frequently questioned

on the NCLEX-RN® exam. Special attention is given to challenging content and test-taking skills. Learn strategies that work on all tests, including the NCLEX-RN®. The 9-hour course begins with information on scheduling the test, scoring, and helpful hints for taking the test.

Keynoter **Dr. Gloria Donnelly** will motivate you to become truly excited about the nursing profession. Dr. Donnelly, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions at Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA, is also a national speaker and author with an interest in psychiatric-mental health

and nursing education. Her presentation, "Countdown to Career Launch: Blast Off, Orbits, Trajectories!" is sponsored through an educational grant from Anthony J. Jannetti, Inc., Pitman, NJ.

**Friday, November 11: The New Directions in Nursing Panel** features interactive dialogue with the audience about the latest trends and issues in the nursing profession. The panel, moderated by Jean Logan, PhD, RN, professor of nursing, Grand View College, Des Moines, IA, includes many renowned speakers. Friday's agenda also includes comprehensive workshops for student leaders on areas such as: membership, recruitment, running for national office, managing chapter finances, and public relations.

**Saturday, November 12: A leadership presentation** by Major General Gale Pollock, 22<sup>nd</sup> Chief of the Army Nurse Corps, and a continental breakfast, are sponsored by the U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Army Nurse Corps. Two interactive panels entitled "Nursing Specialty Showcase," explore career opportunities in a broad range of specialty nursing areas. The day also offers a variety of workshops, including: Pharmacology Insanely Easy, Passing your Exams, Global Health Issues, Nurses as Advocates, and others on writing resolutions and graduate school. Plus, you will have the opportunity to meet the 2005-2006 Board of Directors at the afternoon Roundtable Discussions.



### ADDITIONAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Orientation for first-time attendees.
- ◆ Exhibit Hall offers students the opportunity to visit exhibitors such as hospitals, schools of nursing, and publishing and apparel companies.
- ◆ If you are coming to Louisville for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mid Year Conference, you must come to the FNSNA Fundraiser! Join your fellow nursing students on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, for an evening of laughter and excitement, and help raise funds for scholarships for undergraduate nursing students. See [www.nsna.org](http://www.nsna.org), future issues of *Imprint*, or call NSNA for further details.
- ◆ Faculty Workshops for Continuing Education

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For more information about Keynoter Gloria Donnelly, visit [www.nsna.org/meetings/pdf/MidYear05/gloriadonnely.pdf](http://www.nsna.org/meetings/pdf/MidYear05/gloriadonnely.pdf)

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## BUDGETING INFORMATION MIDYEAR CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 10-13, 2005

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

### MINIMUM

<b>Career Planning Conference Registration Fee</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>
(NSNA Members registering in advance)	
<b>Hotel</b>	
(3 nights, quad room, at the Galt House Hotel includes 15.01% tax)	<b>\$103.51</b>
<b>Breakfast</b>	
(\$10 per day, including tip)	<b>\$40.00</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	
(\$12 per day, including tip)	<b>\$48.00</b>
<b>Dinner</b>	
(\$18 per day, including tip)	<b>\$72.00</b>
<b>Shuttle</b>	
(airport/hotel) round trip	<b>\$13.00</b>
<b>Baggage tips at airport and hotel</b>	
(\$1 per bag based on 2 bags)	<b>\$8.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$344.51</b>

### MAXIMUM

<b>Career Planning Conference &amp; NCLEX Mini Review Course</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>
(NSNA Members registering in advance)	
<b>Hotel</b>	
(3 nights, single room, at the Galt House Hotel includes 15.01% tax)	<b>\$379.53</b>
<b>Breakfast</b>	
(\$12 per day, including tip)	<b>\$48.00</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	
(\$15 per day, including tip)	<b>\$60.00</b>
<b>Dinner</b>	
(\$20 per day, including tip)	<b>\$80.00</b>
<b>Taxi fare round trip</b>	
(hotel/airport)	<b>\$56.00</b>
<b>Baggage tips at airport and hotel</b>	<b>\$8.00</b>
(\$1 per bag based on 2 bags)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$711.53</b>



### SPIRIT OF NURSING AWARD

The Spirit of Nursing (SON) Award Program is a joint effort between the U.S. Army Recruiting Command and NSNA, and serves as a great way to reach out to all nursing programs. The SON Award program, which began in 1991, provides accredited schools of nursing the opportunity to recognize exceptional students. Deans and directors of nursing programs are encouraged to nominate one student at their school who demonstrates a commitment to excellence through community, professional, and academic achievements. A selection committee is convened once a year, and consists of one Army Nurse Corps officer and two NSNA representatives. Selection Committee members review all nomination forms and select the winner, based on the following criteria:

- a. Statement by school's dean or director
- b. Candidate's statement
- c. Community involvement (community projects or volunteer work)
- d. Professional involvement (candidate's involvement in the nursing profession ie., membership in NSNA, in other professional organizations)
- e. Leadership experience (office or committee positions held by candidate in school or professional organization)
- f. Academic achievements (scholarships, academic awards, honor societies)
- g. Cumulative grade point average

Candidates can receive up to 5 points in each category (7 categories), for a total of 35 points. The student selected for this national honor receives an award at the NSNA Foundation Awards Ceremony on April 6, 2006, and the USAREC awards the winner free registration, lodging, and an airline ticket for the Annual Convention.

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Information about the award program is mailed to schools in the late fall, or can be obtained from local Army Nurse Corps recruiting stations. All applications are due by **January 31, 2006**. For more information, email **nsna@nsna.org**, attention Judith Tyler.



## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The NSNA Board of Directors met in New York City June 15-16, 2005. The following are highlights of their actions:

- ◆ Accepted the reports of the following committees: Finance, Membership, Convention and Program Planning, Legislation/Education, Bylaws, Image of Nursing, *Imprint*, Community Health, and Breakthrough to Nursing.
- ◆ Accepted the following program themes for 2005-2006:
  - Convention:** "Setting Sail for a World of Wellness"
  - Membership:** Continuation of: "NSNA—The Sky's the Limit"
  - Image:** "Nursing – Forging a Healthier Future"
  - Community Health:** "The Care of a Community's Mind, Body, and Spirit"
  - Legislation/Education:** "Your Career! Your Clients! Your Community! Embrace Politics!"
  - Breakthrough to Nursing:** "Celebrating 40 Years-Discovering the Diversity in All of Us"
  - Bylaws:** "Tools of the Trade"
- ◆ Approved the following *Imprint* focuses for 2006:
  - February/March 2006:** Cultural Competence
  - April/May:** Global Health
  - September/October:** Back to School and Mental Health
  - November/December:** Image of Nursing
- ◆ Approved the following appointed representatives:
  - Imprint* Up Close reporter:** Andrea Glyzewski, Bellin College of Nursing, Green Bay, Wisconsin
  - Imprint* Happenings reporter:** Heather Vernillo, Monmouth University, West Long Branch, New Jersey
  - Chair Resolutions Committee:*** Jennifer Timony, Widener

University, Chester, PA;

**Committee Members:** Matthew Armenta, Cypress College, Cypress, CA; Echo Frederickson, Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing at Emory University, Atlanta, GA; Kathryn Bayne, Tennessee Technical University, Cookeville, TN; Alicia Sanchez, Beckfield College, Florence, KY.

- ◆ Approved the appointment of Jennifer Tucker and Jennifer Jordan to the Student Health Alliance and the Primary Care Group, respectively.

- ◆ Approved the appointment of Kathryn Mawn to attend the 2005 Northeast Leadership Conference in New York City in July, and Tara Patton to attend the Oklahoma Student Nurses Association Convention.
- ◆ Reviewed and revised the awards program and contests.
- ◆ Established an essay contest through the Legislation/Education Committee the winner of which will receive funds to cover expenses to attend the Nurse in Washington (NIWI) Internship.
- ◆ Established “The Shining Star” award to recognize chapters newly formed in 2006.
- ◆ Approved Reno, Nevada, as the site of the 2008 MidYear Conference.
- ◆ Approved revised e-mail policy.
- ◆ Approved new *Investment Guidelines*.
- ◆ Adopted the “Principles and Elements of a Healthful Practice/Work Environment” as proposed by the Nursing Organizations Alliance.



## HELENE FULD HEALTH TRUST, HSBC BANK USA TRUSTEE, AWARDS \$500,000 GRANT TO NSNA FOUNDATION

The Foundation of the NSNA (FNSNA) is pleased to announce that it has received a \$500,000 grant from The Helene Fuld Health Trust, HSBC Bank USA Trustee, which will go toward a permanent endowment fund to provide financial aid for students enrolled in baccalaureate nursing programs. The fund, named the “Helene Fuld Health Trust Scholarship Fund for Baccalaureate Nursing Students,” is the largest grant ever awarded to the FNSNA.

The Helene Fuld Health Trust is the nation’s largest private funder devoted exclusively to nursing students and nursing education, with over \$130 million in assets and an annual grant budget of nearly \$6 million.

In 1935, Dr. Leonhard Felix Fuld, a New York City physician, editor, and civil servant, and his sister created a Foundation in honor of their mother, Helene, a health care crusader in the 1880s. Helene sparked Dr. Fuld’s interest in public health, and in 1961, he redefined the purpose of the Foundation to “the improvement of the health and welfare of student nurses.” In 1965, the Foundation was converted to the Helene Fuld Health Trust, and in 1969, HSBC Bank USA (formerly Marine Midland Bank) became its corporate trustee, and is responsible for overseeing and administering the Fuld Trust today.

The FNSNA Scholarship Program awards thousands of dollars annually to deserving undergraduate nursing students who are recognized each spring at the NSNA Convention Annual Awards Ceremony.



## NSNA AWARDED GRANT FROM NURSE COMPETENCE IN AGING PROGRAM



NSNA has received a \$13,000 grant from Nurse Competence in Aging, a five-year initiative funded by The Atlantic Philanthropies (USA) Inc., awarded to the American Nurses Association (ANA) through the American Nurses Foundation (ANF). This funding initiative represents a strategic alliance between the ANA, the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), and the John A. Hartford Foundation Institute for Geriatric Nursing, New York University, Steinhardt School of Education, Division of Nursing. As a grant recipient, NSNA is officially an *American Nurses Association – Specialty Nursing Association Partner in Geriatrics (ANA-SNAPG)*.

The grant is timely, given the current nursing shortage and the increasing population over age 65. As the baby boom generation ages, both the number and percentage of elderly in the United States is rapidly increasing. With 45,000 nursing student members and 3,500 deans/director and faculty, NSNA is uniquely positioned to impact awareness about competence in aging in undergraduate nursing education.

Implementation of the grant includes: publication of relevant articles in *Imprint* and other NSNA publications; programming at NSNA’s upcoming MidYear Conference and Annual Convention; the establishment of a mentorship program and scholarships for students interested in geriatric study; encouraging advocacy for health care for older adults through NSNA’s programs; a web page highlighting resources and related links; a school or state chapter award for a community health project focusing on older adults; a poster contest, and more. The grant completion date is January 31, 2007.

NSNA provides leadership education and career guidance to undergraduate students through programs and publications. According to Executive Director, Dr. Diane Mancino, the grant will provide resources for NSNA to stimulate greater interest in this area of nursing practice: “Whether a nurse specializes in gerontology or not, nurse competence in aging must be on the curriculum agenda of every undergraduate nursing program in the U.S. By raising the awareness of students and faculty, we can better prepare nurses to face the many health challenges of our aging population.”

## INTRODUCTIONS FROM THE NSNA 2005-2006 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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**Nell Hodgson Woodruff School**  
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I am honored and thrilled to be your 2005-2006 president! I am just beginning my senior year of nursing school. I am originally from

Connecticut, and attended Middlebury College in Vermont, where I studied Spanish. I became a language teacher, and taught English in Spain and Spanish in the United States. After eight years in Atlanta, I became restless. I think nursing is a perfect segue from teaching as I will be able to apply my language skills toward helping those who don't speak English when it matters most – when they are sick or hurt. It's been tough going back to school, but also very rewarding!

It is my distinct pleasure to report that our first board meeting in June was a great success. You elected a group of people that works well together and has great energy and creativity. You should have already noticed a change in *Imprint* – articles in Spanish! You can also look forward to additions to [www.nsna.org](http://www.nsna.org) that will provide all kinds of information. There will also be some changes to the awards, so be sure to check the *Awards Booklet* on the web site so you and your school can apply. We are off to an excellent start and are looking forward to a great year!

*¡Es un honor y placer ser su presidenta para el año escolar 2005-2006! Este año empiezo mi último año en la escuela de enfermería Nell Hodgson Woodruff en Emory University en Atlanta, Georgia. Originalmente soy de Connecticut y asistí a Middlebury College en Vermont donde estudié español. Después me hice profesora de lenguas, de inglés en España y español en los Estados Unidos. Después de ocho años en una escuela en Atlanta, me di cuenta de que estaba inquieta. La enfermería fue la opción perfecta para una segunda carrera porque puedo emplear mis habilidades con lenguas para ayudar a los que no hablen inglés cuando lo es más importante – cuando estén enfermos o heridos. Ha sido difícil volver a estudiar, pero también divertido.*

*Como verán, hay algo nuevo en Imprint - ¡artículos en español! Hay tanta gente que habla español (o quiere aprenderlo) que decidimos que ya era hora de incluir artículos en español para que todos puedan disfrutar. ¡Claro que nos encantaría recibir cartas o incluso artículos breves de ustedes también! Y siempre queremos ideas o*

*recomendaciones de ustedes para cosas que podemos hacer durante los congresos. ¡Es el comienzo de algo grande! Espero que les guste. Otros cambios que verán son adiciones al website para darles más información sobre muchos asuntos de enfermería y la escuela. También habrán algunos cambios en los premios, así que ¡manténganse informados!*



**SHELLEY RAY**  
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I am excited about my leadership position and I hope to effectively represent NSNA and my fellow members throughout my activities

this year, and I want to share my passion for nursing with all of you. I am currently a senior, and I look forward to this year's experiences. I know that they will further my preparation for the nursing profession.

In addition to serving as your Vice President, I also sit on the Executive and Finance Committees, and chair the Convention Program Planning Committee. One of our convention committee goals this year is to promote wellness. Our theme for this year, "Setting Sail for a World of Wellness", reflects that goal. We would also like to provide guidelines for students regarding professional dress, and encourage them to demonstrate professionalism.

I believe in the importance of staying informed on nursing issues in order to make a difference. By demonstrating enthusiasm, commitment, and motivation within the nursing profession, I hope to give back to nursing what nursing has given me.



**KATHRYN MAWN**  
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Hello NSNA members! I am Kathryn Mawn, the newly elected Secretary/Treasurer. It was such a pleasure to meet so many of you in Salt Lake City; I hope you had as wonderful a time as I did!

For those that I did not meet at convention, allow me to introduce myself. I am originally from Georgia, and am currently a senior nursing student at Villanova University in Villanova, Pennsylvania. I am very excited about this coming year as I have so many ideas and plans! I am hoping to focus on membership education of financial issues. By working to familiarize NSNA members with financial terms and processes, I hope to help each and every school

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# Now Available From The National Student Nurses' Association!

**"I'm Richard Carmona.  
I'm the U.S. Surgeon General,  
and I'm a Registered Nurse."**

Dr. Richard Carmona, RN, MD, MPH, FACS, U.S. Surgeon General, led the audience on a journey recounting his personal hardships and professional achievements—a journey that mirrored the NSNA 53rd Annual Convention theme, "Breaking the Mold: Breakthrough to Nursing." He recalled quietly reminding President Bush who had introduced him as a "former nurse," that there is no such thing as a former nurse. "I am a nurse. The past, present, and future of nursing are my passion."

As Surgeon General, he has three priorities: health problem prevention, improved health literacy, and elimination of health disparities. "The country needs to convert from embracing treatment to embracing prevention," he stated. "When we prevent health problems, we will have more money for the underserved." Another top priority is to decrease health illiteracy. "Health issues are complex. People don't understand what to do, where to go, how to manage their health. The U.S. has great science, but lacks the transitional element to be accessible," he noted.

"Now is the best time to be a nurse," he concluded, to a rousing standing ovation.



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and state chapter run more successfully and efficiently.

Please check out my page on [www.nсна.org](http://www.nсна.org) for information regarding finances and communication. You will find links to helpful financial terms, as well as slides outlining duties and helpful hints for secretaries and treasurers. I encourage all of you to take the time to visit the web site and see the resources available to you. By educating yourself and other members, you will have the added benefit of getting much more out of any workshops you attend at conventions, including the Finance Forum!

Please feel free to email me at any time, whether you have a question or just want to say hello and introduce yourself. I love to meet new people, and am looking forward to working with you!



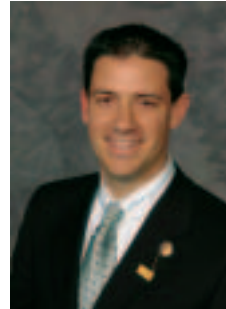
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**G**reetings NSNA members and future of the nursing profession! Words cannot describe how much pride I take in serving on the

Board this year. First, and always foremost, I would like to give much love and gratitude to the Lord for His will and my life, which has been so wonderful and rewarding thus far! I am grateful for all of my blessings, one of which was my Aunt Jenny's powerful influence, and the other, which was being raised by the strongest, most beautiful woman I know – my mother.

Only four years ago, I entered a community college, undecided on which career path to choose and taking remedial classes. Yet, with the right attitude and a strong work ethic, I earned a 3.7 GPA and a spot at Widener University's School of Nursing in Chester, PA. One of the strongest influences in my life in choosing nursing was my Aunt Jenny, who graduated from Widener with a BSN. Not only did she help me through the application process, she also mentored me through my chemistry and pathophysiology days! Upon entering school, I was directly influenced by my faculty advisor, Dr. Anne Krouse, who introduced me to Widener University's SNA. I became involved immediately, serving as Legislative Coordinator in 2003-2004, and as the chapter president in 2004-2005. During this time, I attended my state convention in Pennsylvania, and NSNA's conventions in Nashville and Salt Lake City. My experiences, mentors, and ambition all prepared and inspired me to run for national office. Now that I serve in such an honored position, I am prepared and ready to share my experiences, knowledge, and skills to accomplish my goals this year, and to help you with yours. Now is the time to open our eyes to all the opportunities that stand

before us, and to prepare ourselves to take on the new world of nursing. I invite you all to share the unique qualities you have within yourselves, so that we may unite them all and create our own image of nursing.



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**H**ello, fellow diverse nursing students! Thank you for the opportunity to serve you within this great organization. I am excited to

be on the Board this year, and hope to share and spread my passion for nursing with all of you. I am currently a senior, and I look forward to my final year in nursing school. I serve as my school's Breakthrough to Nursing Director, and as a student representative on the Student Affairs Committee.

As a third generation nurse, I have seen the evolution of the nursing profession, and I am thrilled to see today's opportunities expanding. It is important to remain committed to the recruitment and retention of minorities in nursing, so that we may close our cultural gaps as much as possible.

This year, we continue to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the NSNA's Breakthrough to Nursing Project. The BTN committee will encourage, assist, and inspire the development of BTN Directors in all states. We will maintain open, proactive communication with all members and also focus on recruiting men into nursing by helping to provide a positive image of men in nursing. The BTN project will remain committed to developing student-to-student mentoring programs to augment retention of nursing students.

I want to thank Paul Hude and Diana Torres for their support and mentorship, as well as my nursing instructors who have educated me so well and prepared me for the future. Most of all, I want to thank my wife for her unyielding support while we go through nursing school together. I'm eager to meet as many members as I can, so feel free to approach me at the MidYear Conference and at Convention. Please contact me if you have any questions, concerns, ideas, or just want to introduce yourself. I look forward to a great year.



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# NSNA Leadership Shining Light on the Future of Nursing

The NSNA Nominating and Elections Committee stands ready to help you chart your course to becoming an elected leader.

The 2005-2006 Nominating and Elections Committee (left to right)

Marie Dinger, Western Election Area

Joseph Kozak, Eastern Election Area

Mary Luther, Chair, Southern Election Area

Alli Simon, Northern Election Area



To receive additional information about running for office, complete form below and FAX it to (718) 210-0710 or mail to:

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45 Main Street, Suite 606, Brooklyn, New York 11201

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Are you interested in running for a state office?  Yes  No Or national office?  Yes  No  
NSNA will notify the state association of your interest in running for a state position.

Office of interest if known \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Completed applications for office must be received at NSNA by **January 17, 2006**. You may also run from the floor of the House of Delegates. **This form is not an application for office.** For information about the roles and responsibilities of the elected positions on the Board of Directors and Nominating Committee, visit [www.nsna.org](http://www.nsna.org).



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Hello! I live in Plano, Texas with my husband, Kent. I grew up in West Texas with my family in the small town of Idalou. I attended West Texas A&M, and then Texas Tech University before starting at the Covenant School of Nursing. I recently transferred to Collin County Community College in McKinney, Texas, to finish my nursing education in December 2006.

Thanks to all of you who helped me with my journey through nursing school. My committee and I have set out numerous goals for the year, some of which include increasing memberships, seeking out new member benefits, and recognizing newly started chapters.

I am excited about the upcoming year and serving on the Board of Directors, and am certain that with such a wonderful board and staff, we will achieve our goals and make great strides for NSNA. I look forward to meeting all of you at the MidYear and Annual Conventions. Always know that I am here for you, and I am willing to assist you as much as possible.



**JENNIFER TUCKER**  
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Hello, fellow NSNA members, and welcome to a new adventure-filled year! I am a senior in a BSN program, and chose nursing as a profession largely because of my mother, who has been a nurse for over 25 years. When she worked as a home health nurse, I sometimes got the chance to see her with her patients, and she served as a great role model and inspiration for me. My family also includes my father, my two younger sisters, and our dog, Ben. I am also blessed to be welcoming a godchild this coming February. I grew up just north of the La Crosse area in Wisconsin, and in my rare free time I enjoy crafts and photography.

I feel very privileged to have been elected to the Board this year and am truly looking forward to the year ahead. Some of my goals for the year include publishing a governance resource guide for new and established chapters, working with my committee to update the *Student Bill of Rights*, and to promote this along with the Codes of Conduct. I would like to work with the rest of the board in

helping to promote governance and the important role it plays in running any organization.

I hope that you all will take advantage of all NSNA offers, and that you have a productive school year. Please feel free to contact me anytime with any questions, concerns or comments. Remember, nursing is not just a job that you need to work hard at to love, but should be a *job that you love to work hard at*.



**NICOLE MARCY**  
**DIRECTOR**  
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Greetings! I grew up in Minnesota, and I am earning my bachelor's in nursing from San Diego State University School of Nursing. I felt the calling to go into nursing at age 11. I had two major influences: first, my grandfather explaining his medical encyclopedia to me! And second, volunteering at the local nursing home. In high school, I joined the Young Medical Explorers Club and became a certified nurse's assistant. At 18, I studied nursing at the University of Wisconsin in Eau Clair. However, I ended up with a bachelor's in public health from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis...that is another story! Luckily, I had the energy to return to school to obtain my nursing degree.

I feel extremely fortunate to be where I am today. In my two decades of health care experience, I have realized how important it is for nurses to be involved with health care policy development and financing.

Today is a significant time for the nation's health care, which is undergoing deep and rapid transformations. RNs are the largest group of health care providers, and more jobs are expected to be created for the RN than any other occupation. We constantly hear news reports about growing concerns over safe, affordable, and quality health care for millions. Nurses have many of the answers. For example, nurses know how to improve hospital conditions so there will be decreased morbidity and mortality. We know which systems work and which do not, because we are on the front lines of health care delivery. We must advocate for ourselves, for our patients, and communities.

My goals this year are to provide materials for future nurses to learn the legislative process; give presentations at MidYear and Convention that will educate members and provide networking opportunities; create an internship in Washington, D.C. for members; write legislative articles for *Imprint*; and help interested state associations start political internships at their state capitols.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you this year. Please visit my web page and the Legislation Program

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page on [www.nсна.org](http://www.nсна.org) for legislative resources throughout the year. See you at MidYear!



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All my life I have loved people and helping others. This love helped me complete the ADN program at Midlands Technical College (MTC) in Columbia, SC, this past May. I am now pursuing a BSN at the University of South Carolina (USC). I serve as President of the Student Nurses' Association of South Carolina (SNA-SC). I am passionate about nursing and being an advocate for my clients and peers. Critical care nursing is my career goal and I also plan to become a nurse educator before I retire.

I entered nursing school in January 2002 and soon discovered that MTC did not have a school NSNA chapter. Nursing school is quite challenging and I felt that every nursing student, including myself, could benefit from being a member of the NSNA. With the support of the chair of the nursing department and faculty, I began attending monthly SNA-SC meetings. After forming the MTC-SNA that same year, I was elected President of the newly formed school chapter and I was also appointed to fill a vacant position on the SNA-SC board of directors serving as the Community Health Director. It was very gratifying to hold this position on the SNA-SC executive board and I enjoyed serving our members!

In October 2004 I was elected president of SNA-SC, and in this new role, I attended my first NSNA Council of State Presidents (COSP) at the MidYear Conference in Daytona Beach, FL. The state presidents were impressive and I enjoyed communicating and networking with them. COSP is a valuable forum that provides an important link between state constituents and NSNA. Through COSP I found ways to share my love for the NSNA and to benefit our members. I was honored to be elected to Chair the Council of State Presidents Planning Committee at the 2005 NSNA annual convention. In this role, I also serve as an ex-officio member of the NSNA board of directors.

Improving communication between state presidents and the NSNA board of directors is my goal for this year. By creating a state president's page on the NSNA website, holding monthly chat sessions for state presidents on the NSNA Leadership University website, and planning relevant and exciting COSP meetings at the MidYear Conference and Annual Convention, I hope to foster communication and to reach my goal.

I am excited to be working with this year's NSNA board of directors. They are a highly motivated and conscientious group of future nurses! Please feel free to e-mail me. I look forward to a great year!

## NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE 2005-2006



**MARY LUTHER, CHAIR**  
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I had always contemplated nursing, but I did not decide for certain until my father became ill in the summer of 2002. The competent and attentive care he received from nursing staff during his illness convinced me that this was the profession for me. At twenty-four years old, the decision to change my profession from a masters-prepared educator to nurse, was both exciting and frightening. With the encouragement of my husband, I applied to Delta State University School of Nursing. Who could have known what an amazing journey of personal and professional growth lay before me!

Throughout my educational journey, I have been active in professional organizations, and currently represent Delta State University School of Nursing's Student Nurses Association, not only as treasurer and fundraising chair, but also as student senator. This involvement allows me to have a voice not only in SNA activities, but also in university legislation that affects the School of Nursing. I am also privileged to serve as my class president, and was recently inducted into the Pi Xi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau. As a former educator, I enjoy serving the community through health education projects, and frequently participate in health screenings sponsored by my SNA chapter.

I believe that in order to move nursing forward as a profession, it is essential for nursing students to become involved in their professional organization, fostering the development of future nursing leaders. It is only by uniting in our professional organizations that nurses can fully realize their potential to influence their environment. I look forward to serving you in this capacity—as advocate and consultant in your journey to become the most effective nursing leader you can be. Feel free to contact me with any questions you have concerning running for NSNA office. See you in Louisville at MidYear!

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**JOSEPH KOZAK**  
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I decided to pursue nursing after working for a summer for my father's construction company. Instead of entering into the construction business, I chose to follow my

mother's footsteps and become a nurse. Nursing has led to much personal growth in my life. From my first nursing course, I have been taught to "think like a nurse." The challenge of mastering clinical knowledge and critical thinking skills, along with the strong interpersonal requirements of the profession, have left an indelible mark on my life. As a nurse, you learn something new every day, and I am looking forward to continued learning and growth throughout my nursing career.

I am a senior, and will graduate in May with an associate's degree in nursing. I have held a position at my college SNA, and I plan on being active again this year by recruiting new members and letting them know the benefits of NSNA membership. One of my goals is for my chapter to be eligible to apply for NSNA constituency status so my school can send delegates to the Annual Convention in Baltimore, MD.

I have been a member of the Delaware Army National Guard for six years, and have been working at Christiana Care in Newark, DE, since 2002. I currently work as a unit clerk on a medical teaching floor, and my primary areas of interest are critical care and pediatrics. I plan on pursuing a doctoral degree in nursing so that I may someday educate future generations of nurses.

Additional goals this year include developing close working relationships with state presidents, being accessible to all members interested in running for national office, and helping to ensure that campaigning and elections are fair. I look forward to working with you, and I challenge you to run for national office. The experience is truly worth it!



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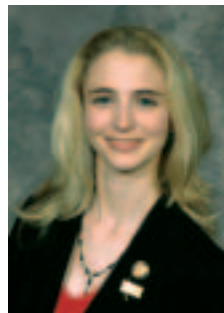
The path that led me to nursing was a bit unconventional. I first received a bachelor's in apparel and textiles from Utah State University. After working for a year, I decided

that I needed to pursue a career that would allow me to serve others. I had never thought of being a nurse, but after working as a Certified Nursing Assistant, I fell in love with nursing.

I am entering my second year in an associate degree program, and work as an LPN for a hospice company. My family has been incredibly supportive throughout my education, and I could not be where I am today without them. My future plans include working with pediatric oncology patients. I would also like to incorporate my love of travel with my love of nursing and become a traveling nurse.

A professor in my nursing program approached me and introduced me to NSNA. After getting involved in my school chapter, I decided I wanted to make NSNA a major part of my nursing education, so I decided to run for national office at the NSNA convention. I encourage every NSNA member to attend the Midyear or Annual Convention. I was amazed at how much I learned at the 2005 NSNA Convention in Salt Lake City—it was an inspiring and invaluable experience.

This year, I would like to generate enthusiasm for leadership throughout the organization, and to inform students of opportunities to serve as leaders on the local, state, and national levels. To accomplish this, I hope to work closely with the Council of State Presidents to disperse and gather information about leadership opportunities. I am honored and excited to have been elected, and hope that you will feel free to contact me throughout the year should you need any assistance.



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I am 23 years old, and a senior nursing student. I am very excited to be serving on this year's NEC. I have had many leadership roles, including vice president of convention for the Kansas

Association of Nursing Students, junior leader in 4-H, and leadership roles in theatre. I was the first teenager in Arizona to be a certified therapy dog handler! I believe all of these roles have helped to prepare me for leadership in NSNA.

I knew from a very young age that I wanted to be a nurse. My mother, stepfather, and stepmother are all nurses, and my father is a respiratory therapist. They taught me from a young age about empathy and compassion for others, and there is no better way to share that with the world than by being a nurse. I work as a nurse technician at Via-Christi St. Francis Medical Center in Wichita, which has been a great experience and has enhanced my clinical skills. I am the oldest of the children in my family, and I have two stepsisters and two stepbrothers. My greatest goal for this year is to provide a full slate of candidates for next year's elections. I want to provide information for potential candidates as early as possible, and to be as available as

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possible to provide information. I also want to see the elections run smoothly.



## REBECCA WHEELER ELECTED 2005-2006 NSNA PRESIDENT

Rebecca Wheeler, a senior nursing student pursuing a BSN at Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, Atlanta, GA, was elected President at NSNA's 53rd Annual Convention in Salt Lake City, April 6-10, 2005. She comes to NSNA with solid leadership experience and a rich and varied background.

NSNA President

Rebecca Wheeler Brings Greetings to ANA House of Delegates on June 17, 2005

Ms. Wheeler became interested in health care and nursing through her family – her mother is a nurse and father and sister are physicians. What appeals to her about nursing is “the incredible variety of professional opportunities nursing offers. As someone who enjoys challenges, I know I will never run out of avenues to explore and will always be able to expand my knowledge.”

Ms. Wheeler has a strong academic record, with an overall GPA of 4.0. Her mentors and faculty praise her critical thinking abilities, initiative, and leadership skills. In 2004, she was awarded the Georgia Association of Nursing Students (GANS) Leadership Scholarship and she currently serves as GANS second vice-president. She is also a member of the Emory Student Nurses Association and the Emory International Student Nurses Association, and has attended many of NSNA's meetings.

Ms. Wheeler, who graduates in May 2006, currently resides in Atlanta, Georgia. In recent years, she has participated in study abroad programs in Spain and France, and other specialized programs in Greece, Cuba, Croatia, and Mexico. She obtained a Master's in “Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages” from Teachers College Columbia University. She also taught Spanish for eight years at Pace Academy in Atlanta. She feels strongly about increasing diversity in the nursing student population, combating global HIV/AIDS, nursing image, and the nursing shortage.

In her role as president, Ms. Wheeler represents NSNA at conventions and meetings throughout the year, including those of the American Nurses Association, the National League for Nursing, and the Nursing Organizations Alliance. This past May, she traveled to Taipei, Taiwan, for the International Council of Nurses Quadrennial Congress, where she represented U.S. nursing students at the Student Assembly and met with the presidents of nursing student organizations from throughout the world.

Goals for her future nursing career include working with the underserved and being involved in policy development. As NSNA president, her main goal is “to make NSNA the

premier organization for nursing students by providing members with unique resources to enhance their education and encourage their future involvement in shaping the profession.”



## RUN FOR OFFICE

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As the school year gets underway and you begin to set your calendars, now is the perfect time to begin thinking about running for NSNA office! Not only is campaigning for office a great way to get involved in your professional organization, but it is also an excellent opportunity to hone your leadership skills and network with other student nurse leaders. When contemplating running for office, you may wonder about the benefits of being an NSNA officer. Besides the obvious networking and skill-building opportunities, the NSNA Board and Nominating and Elections Committee has opportunities to grow both personally and professionally, while learning to work as a team with other NSNA officers and staff. So if you are ready to run for office, what do you do next?

Although the deadline for pre-slating is not until January 17, 2006, it is never too early to begin reviewing the responsibilities of each position (as detailed in Articles V and VI of the NSNA Bylaws), or to request your application for office from NSNA Headquarters. You can do this by contacting NSNA via e-mail, completing the form on page 21, or by calling and requesting a candidate packet. Because the application is rather lengthy, and requires letters of reference, obtaining it early in the year gives you plenty of time to select and ask the appropriate individuals for their assistance, and in turn, allows them time to comply with your request.

Another benefit of making the decision to run for office early is the opportunity to participate in the Nominating and Election Committee's “Running for Office” workshop at the MidYear Conference in Louisville. This exciting session will help you to better understand the application and campaigning process, as well as give you opportunities to ask specific questions related to running for office and how and why to get pre-slated.

For me, the process of running for NSNA office was an experience filled with great personal and professional growth. I encourage all of you with the desire to run for office to pursue your goal, and I look forward to aiding you in the process! You may contact me or any member of the NEC via the NSNA website. I hope to see you at our “Running for Office” workshop in Louisville at Midyear!



## Legislative Update



### PLAN NOW FOR VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK

September 19-23, 2005 is NSNA Voter Registration Week. To prepare for Election Day, Tuesday, November 1, 2005, NSNA encourages members to plan now to conduct a "Voter Registration – Get Out the Vote Campaign." The Campaign is designed to help

nursing students conduct voter registration drives at their schools. The drive is not limited to registered nursing students; all non-registered eligible people should be included.

NSNA is asking that students from each nursing school throughout the country conduct a campaign for one week in September. Keep in mind that cut-off dates for voter registration can vary from state to state and township to township, so you may need to adjust your dates.

Encourage those out of town during the elections to apply for an absentee ballot and vote by mail. Absentee ballots must be obtained ahead of time. Visit

[www.declareyourself.com](http://www.declareyourself.com) to apply for an absentee ballot online, review valuable information about the voting process, and download online informational brochures.

NSNA has prepared *Guidelines for Planning Legislative Activities* which includes a *Voter Registration Manual*. The manual details the Campaign in nine easy steps. The guidelines are available on

[www.nsna.org](http://www.nsna.org).

Nicole Marcy, Chair  
Legislation/Education Committee



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### COVERING KIDS AND FAMILIES BACK-TO-SCHOOL 2005



At least 8.4 million children in the U.S. are uninsured, but

many are eligible for low-cost or free health care coverage. Medicaid or the State Children's Health Insurance Programs (SCHIP) are available in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Covering Kids & Families (CKF) works to inform uninsured families about these health care coverage programs through paid advertising, earned media, and corporate, organizational, and media partnerships, to get the word out to working families that they may be eligible for health coverage programs.

NSNA has signed on again this year as supporter for "Covering Kids and Families – Back to School 2005," which kicked off in August. The CKF Communications Team offers free materials to assist in your efforts to enroll children in your state's Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program. (SCHIP) The Covering Kids & Families Back-to-School Action Kit was developed

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to facilitate your participation in this national grassroots effort. The materials in the Action Kit are designed to help groups and individuals organize local activities, publicize these events and build support for outreach efforts within their community. All of the products are available online, and some products are available for order. Visit [www.coveringkidsandfamilies.org/](http://www.coveringkidsandfamilies.org/) for additional information on the Covering Kids and Families Campaign, and [www.coveringkidsandfamilies.org/communications/bts/kit](http://www.coveringkidsandfamilies.org/communications/bts/kit) for information about events in your area and how you can get involved.



## International News

### ICN ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT



Hiroko Minami, outstanding nursing leader in Japan and internationally, was elected the 25th President of the International Council of Nurses (ICN) during the 23rd ICN Quadrennial Congress. Four thousand nurses from more than 148 countries gathered at

the Congress in Taiwan to share knowledge and discuss global health care priorities.

Dr. Minami, vice president of the University of Hyogo, will serve as ICN President for the next four years. She is immediate past president of the Japanese Nursing Association (JNA) and director of the Japanese Academy of Nursing Science. She has worked extensively in psychiatric nursing, education, research, and administration.

Dr. Minami played an active leadership role in developing a nursing network system at the time of Hanshin-Awaji earthquake. From this experience, she established the Japan Society of Disaster Nursing to promote disaster nursing in Japan. She also assumed leadership in the JNA activities supporting disaster victims in Taiwan, Turkey, India, Iran and countries hit by the recent tsunami disaster.

The International Council of Nurses (ICN) is a federation of 126 national nurses' associations representing the millions of nurses worldwide. Operated by nurses for nurses since 1899, ICN is the international voice of nursing and works to ensure quality care for all and sound health policies globally.



**imprint** seeks your articles! We are looking for a wide variety of feature articles and columns by nursing students for possible publication. The listing below highlights the editorial focuses for upcoming issues. Keep them in mind if you are thinking of article ideas. The suggested length for features is 1500-2000 words, and for columns is 800 --1000 words.

#### Submitting a Column



We are seeking submissions for:

- ✦ “Reflections” column, which highlights memorable or emotional experiences with patients.
- ✦ Poetry about a nursing experience
- ✦ “Happenings” which highlights state and school chapter activities
- ✦ Nominations for the “Up Close” column, in which an outstanding nursing student is interviewed.
- ✦ “Image of Nursing” column, dealing with image of nursing issues;
- ✦ “Write On,” the Letters to the Editor column, in which you may express your views on any nursing related issues.

To submit, e-mail articles to [nsna@nsna.org](mailto:nsna@nsna.org), att: Larisa and be sure to include your name, address, and phone #. MS Word or Text Only format preferred. Or, mail submission and photos to:

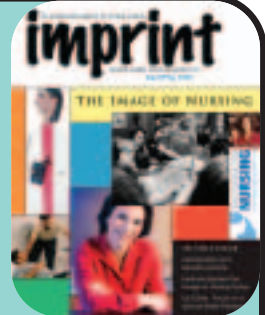
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Please contact Larisa or *Imprint* Editor Tara Patton at [nsna@nsna.org](mailto:nsna@nsna.org), if you have questions or article ideas!

#### Sending Photos



- ✦ You are welcome to send photos to accompany your articles. Photos of state and school activities in particular will be considered for the Happenings column.
- ✦ All recognizable individuals in photos must sign official NSNA photo disclaimers before being published. NSNA will provide these upon request. Electronic photos or jpegs need to be high resolution, publishable quality (300dpi).
- ✦ Copies of web site photos do not reproduce well and are not accepted.



#### Editorial Calendar and Focuses 2005-2006



**September/October 2005**  
Back to School & Geriatric Nursing  
*deadline* *June 1, 2005*

**November/December 2005**  
Mentoring  
*deadline* *July 1, 2005*

**January**  
Career Planning Guide  
*deadline* *September 1, 2005*

**February/March**

Cultural Competency  
*deadline* *November 1, 2006*

**April/May**  
Global Health Issues  
*deadline* *January 3, 2006*

**September/October**  
Back to School & Mental Health Issues  
*deadline* *June 1, 2006*

**November/December 2006**  
Image of Nursing  
*deadline* *July 1, 2006*

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## In the Media

### NSNA RELEASES “MENTORING: THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME” VIDEO

Mentoring is a simple yet powerful relationship that is often deep and long-lasting. The aim of mentoring is to empower and nurture others by investing the wisdom, skills, and time needed to expand the protégé’s knowledge and help them grow personally and professionally. *Mentoring: The Experience of a Lifetime*, is a 25-minute video for nursing students, nurses, and faculty, which explores the world of mentorship and the dynamic relationship between mentor and protégé.

Produced by Envision, Inc., Nashville, TN, the video will: help nurse educators prepare students for their role in nursing practice; teach hospital staff nurses and nurse managers how to optimize these roles in the workplace; engage nurses in professional organizations to mentor and nurture future association leaders; and inform nurses and nursing students on how to model the role of mentor and protégé.

Diane J. Mancino, EdD, RN, CAE, NSNA executive director, is executive producer of this motivating video. She has also produced other award winning videos such as, *Not for Ourselves, But for Others*, based on her doctoral research on NSNA’s history; *To Advance We Must Unite*, an important documentary highlighting 100 years of the American Nurses Association; and *Nursing The Ultimate Adventure*, which highlights nursing careers.

The video features interviews with nursing students, past NSNA leaders, and distinguished nursing faculty, including expert consultant on the video Connie Vance, EdD, RN, FAAN, professor of nursing, College of New Rochelle, New York.

The video is available in either DVD or VHS format, and includes a comprehensive resource guide. To order and check pricing, contact NSNA at (718) 210-0705, ext. 100, see the order form in this issue or on the web site at [www.nсна.org/pdf/MentorshipVideo.pdf](http://www.nсна.org/pdf/MentorshipVideo.pdf).

**Primary video sponsors include:** Johnson & Johnson, New Brunswick, NJ; Kaiser Permanente; American Nurses Association, Silver Spring, MD; Catholic Healthcare West; Lenox Hill Hospital, New York, NY; and Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY.

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Everyone has a story to tell, but reading about nursing students is even more interesting, since most of us can relate to our peers. That is why I am excited to be serving as the “Up Close” reporter this year, which highlights outstanding nursing students.

I am a senior nursing student pursuing my second bachelor’s degree. I also have a communication processes/print journalism degree. I am an active member of NSNA, as well as our state chapter, and serve as secretary for my school chapter.

Having a passion for a career is rare, and I know we are all striving to reach our goals as students. If you know of nursing students or individuals in the community who inspired you and made a difference, please nominate them for the “Up Close” column. Show them appreciation, and share your admiration with fellow nursing students around the country.

To nominate a special NSNA member for the column, please e-mail me at [andreamae@new.rr.com](mailto:andreamae@new.rr.com), or [nsna@nsna.com](mailto:nsna@nsna.com) att: Larisa. Be sure to include the nominee’s contact information and a few lines describing his/her contributions. Hard copy nominations may also be sent to *Imprint*, Up Close Reporter, c/o NSNA, 45 Main Street, Suite 606, Brooklyn, NY 11201, or fax to (718) 210-0710, to the attention of the managing editor.



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Hello, everyone. I have met many of you over the years through various NSNA activities, and hope to meet many more with the upcoming conventions. I currently serve on my

state board as the Membership/Nominations Director, and am pursuing my BSN. I am looking forward to serving as your Happenings reporter this year, and I want to hear from you! We are looking for short articles (300-500 words) that highlight your current and upcoming school and state chapter activities, such as conventions, newly elected officers, community activities, award winners, etc. We are also always looking for photos of your activities. Please e-mail high quality images (300 dpi) to either myself or **nsna@nsna.org**, **attn Larisa**, throughout the year, so that we can promote your chapter. Remember to include photo credits and captions. I look forward to hearing from you this year.

Deadlines are: January 3 for April/May 2006  
 June 1 for September 2006  
 July 1 for November/December 2006



## Online News

### GERONURSEONLINE.ORG

GeroNurseOnline is a comprehensive website run by Nurse Competence in Aging providing current best practice information on care of older adults.

Nurse Competence in Aging is a 5-year initiative funded by The Atlantic Philanthropies (USA) Inc., awarded to the American Nurses Association (ANA) through the American Nurses Foundation (ANF), and represents a strategic alliance between ANA, the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) and the John A. Hartford Foundation Institute for Geriatric Nursing, New York University, The Steinhardt School of Education, Division of Nursing.

NSNA recently received a \$13,000 grant to further education on this topic. See story earlier in News section, or online at **www.nsna.org**.



### CHAT WITH THE NSNA BOARD

The NSNA Board of Directors will host live chats on **www.nsnaleadershipu.org** on a variety of topics throughout the year. Watch for announcements on **www.nsna.org**



### PROJECT TO SPOTLIGHT NURSE ENVIRONMENTAL HEROES

National Nurses Week 2005, celebrated in May, marked the launch of the Luminary Project, the first-ever web-based tool to promote the work of nurses advocating for safe hospitals, clean communities, and toxic-free births. The project, jointly sponsored by Health Care Without Harm, the University of Maryland School of Nursing, and the American Nurses Association, with support from the Beldon Fund, kicked off on May 6. An interactive web site, **www.theluminaryproject.org**, highlights nurses across the country working to improve our health and the environment.



“From eliminating mercury to improving the quality of indoor air, reducing waste to educating other nurses about the links between health and our environment, luminary nurses’ efforts are marked by their diversity and creativity. In inventive and strategic ways, these nurses are lighting the way to a healthier world,” said Barbara Blakeney, MS, RN, president of the American Nurses Association.

Visit **www.TheLuminaryProject.org** to read stories of luminaries across the country who are brilliantly lighting the way toward safe hospitals, clean communities, and a healthy environment.



### NEWS FROM DECISION CRITICAL, INC. AUTOMATED PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT REPLACES COSTLY PAPER PROCESS

Decision Critical, Inc. (**www.decisioncritical.com**) unveiled Critical Portfolio,™ a solution aimed at the management and monitoring of professional portfolios, during the NSNA 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, in April. Decision Critical was honored at an awards ceremony marking the fifth anniversary of the NSNA Leadership U web site. During the ceremony, Kenneth W. Dion, RN, president and CEO of Decision Critical, announced that the Critical Portfolio was making its premier launch on the Leadership U site.

“I am pleased that Decision Critical chose to launch the new Critical Portfolio at the NSNA Convention. Building a nursing curriculum vitae begins in nursing school and

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# 2005/2006 **NSNA** CALENDAR

## Important Dates for Members

- October 17, 2005 ❖ Deadline for MidYear Conference pre-registration (mail/fax)
- October 24, 2005 ❖ Deadline for MidYear Conference pre-registration (online on website)
- November 10-13, 2005 ❖ NSNA MidYear Conference, Louisville, KY
- January 9, 2006 ❖ Last day NSNA Foundation Scholarship Applications distributed by mail
- January 13, 2006 ❖ Foundation of the NSNA Scholarship Application Deadline
- January 17, 2006 ❖ Application for National Office Deadline
- February 8, 2006 ❖ Project InTouch Deadline
- March 13, 2006 ❖ Deadline for Convention pre-registration (mail/fax)
- March 20, 2006 ❖ Deadline for Convention pre-registration (online on website)
- April 5-9, 2006 ❖ NSNA Convention, Baltimore, MD
- May 8, 2006 ❖ Application for Resolutions Committee and *Imprint* reporter positions Deadline

## Important Dates for State and School Constituents

- November 8-9, 2005 ❖ NSNA Board of Directors Meeting, Louisville, KY
- November 10-11, 2005 ❖ MidYear Conference Council of State Presidents and Newsletter Workshop, Louisville, KY
- November 10-13, 2005 ❖ MidYear Conference, Louisville, KY
- November 11, 2005 ❖ MidYear Conference School Presidents' Forum and Secretary/Treasurers' Workshop, Louisville, KY
- January 25, 2006 ❖ Deadline for submission of proposed amendments to the NSNA Bylaws
- February 8, 2006 ❖ Mosby/WB Saunders Leader of Leaders Award Nominations Due
- February 8, 2006 ❖ Delegate/Membership Cut-Off Date: At least 10 members must be recorded by NSNA for schools to qualify for delegates.
- February 8, 2006 ❖ Winners' Way Deadline
- February 22, 2006 ❖ Deadline for Receipt of Resolutions: State constituents with conventions after this date must submit resolutions within two weeks from last day of their convention. All school constituents must meet deadline.
- March 1, 2006 ❖ Mosby/WB Saunders Isabel Hampton Robb Leadership Award Application Deadline
- March 1, 2006 ❖ NSNA Activities Award Application Deadlines (see below for details)
- April 3, 2006 ❖ NSNA Board of Directors Meeting, Baltimore, MD
- April 4, 2006 ❖ Council of State Presidents, Baltimore, MD
- April 5-9, 2006 ❖ NSNA Convention, Baltimore, MD
- April 21, 2006 ❖ Applications for constituency status must be postmarked by this date.
- April 30, 2006 ❖ States must notify NSNA of dues plans for 2006/2007

## Nationally Sponsored NSNA Events

- November 10-13, 2005 ❖ MidYear Conference, Louisville, KY
- April 5-9, 2006 ❖ National Convention, Baltimore, MD
- November 2-5, 2006 ❖ MidYear Conference, Atlanta, GA
- April 11-15, 2007 ❖ National Convention, Anaheim, CA
- November 15-18, 2007 ❖ MidYear Conference, Kansas City, MO
- March 26-30, 2008 ❖ National Convention, Grapevine, TX
- April 15-19, 2009 ❖ National Convention, Nashville, TN

## Imprint Deadlines

- June 1** – Sept/Oct Issue
- July 1** – Nov/Dec Issue
- Sept. 1** – Jan Issue
- Nov. 1** – Feb/Mar Issue
- Jan. 3** – Apr/May Issue

## Compendium of Contests

NSNA members and official school and state constituents are eligible to enter contests sponsored by NSNA. Many contests are supported by NSNA's loyal sponsors. You can easily download the *Awards and Honors Booklet* from [www.nsna.org](http://www.nsna.org). Click on PUBLICATIONS on the home page.

### NSNA/Nursing Spectrum Writing Contest

Prize: cash/prizes; Open to NSNA members; *Deadline: February 4, 2006*

### Contest: Leader of Leaders

Prize: trip/plaque\*; Open to faculty/deans  
*Deadline: February 8, 2006*

### Contest: Project InTouch

Prizes\*; Open to individuals  
*Deadline: February 8, 2006*

### Contest: Winners' Way

Prize: cash/plaque; Open to states  
*Deadline: February 8, 2006*

### Contest: Precious Metal

Prize: plaques/certificates; Open to schools  
*Deadline: February 8, 2006*

### Contest: Robb Leadership Award

Prize: \$1,000; Open to state presidents  
*Deadline: March 1, 2006*

### Contest: Community Health

Prize: cash/certificates; Open to states/schools  
*Deadline: March 1, 2006*

### Contest: Breakthrough to Nursing

Prize: cash/certificates; Open to states/schools  
*Deadline: March 1, 2006*

### Contest: Legislation

Prize: cash/certificate; Open to states/schools  
*Deadline: March 1, 2006*

### Contest: Newsletter Contest

Prize: cash/certificate; Open to states/schools  
*Deadline: March 1, 2006*

### Contest: Image of Nursing Project

Prize: cash/plaque; Open to states/schools  
*Deadline: March 1, 2006*

### Contest: Financial Excellence Award

Prize: cash/certificate; Open to states/schools  
*Deadline: March 1, 2006*

\* Grand Prize includes expense-paid trip to the Annual Convention in Baltimore, Maryland, **April 5-9, 2006**

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having the opportunity to create at Critical Portfolio online is a perfect fit for our technology savvy members," said Dr. Diane Mancino, NSNA executive director.

Today's health care organizations are required to maintain professional portfolios in order to attain and keep Magnet status. Most organizations still maintain portfolio records in hardcopy form. This first of its kind, web-based portfolio management solution provides health care organizations with a single, automated and organized repository for all professional portfolios. The Critical Portfolio will replace existing hard copy processes with the ability to maintain, access and report on portfolios electronically. The Critical Portfolio solution allows for personal, customized portfolios that can include all work history and education, selected committees and memberships, case logs and outcomes, certifications, skills and training.

"The nurses' professional portfolio is the standard by which professional nurses and the organizations employing them will be evaluated. The current paper-based process for managing this documentation is a hassle for all involved. The Critical Portfolio will act as the online safety deposit box for all this documentation available anytime, anywhere. Additionally, the Critical Portfolio will provide the owner with reminders of up coming education, credential, and license renewal requirements," says Mr. Dion.

This newest solution is a part of the ongoing strategy of Decision Critical to provide flexible, scalable and easily accessible competency management solutions designed to integrate easily into any existing IT environment. As such, the Critical Portfolio can seamlessly interface with Decision Critical's Enterprise Learning Management System or can be implemented as a stand-alone solution.

#### **ABOUT DECISION CRITICAL, INC.**

Decision Critical specializes in providing a web-enabled learning management system to health care organizations across the United States. Customers who have implemented Decision Critical's technology to deliver, track and maintain up-to-date records on the continuing education of their health care professionals include The Texas Children's Hospital System, MedCath, Inc., and Huntington Memorial Hospital. Decision Critical's system serves over 150,000 users in more than 170 healthcare organizations from Alaska to Kuwait. Decision Critical is a privately held company headquartered in Austin, Texas.

#### **AUDRA CARSON NAMED WINNER OF DECISION CRITICAL, INC. \$2000 SCHOLARSHIP**

Decision Critical, Inc. announced that Audra Carson of Jamestown, North Dakota, was named this year's recipient of the Decision Critical Nursing Student Excellence Scholarship. A committee composed of faculty and students appointed by the FNSNA chose Ms. Carson, a student at Jamestown College in Jamestown, North Dakota, as this year's recipient. Kenneth W. Dion, RN, president and CEO

of Decision Critical, presented the \$2,000 scholarship at the NSNA 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention Awards Ceremony in Salt Lake City, in April.

"Decision Critical is proud to be able to offer this scholarship to deserving future nurses like Audra," said Mr. Dion. "Supporting education has long been, and will continue to be, a critical part of Decision Critical's culture."

"I am honored to be selected as this year's Decision Critical Scholarship Award winner," said Carson. "I am really excited about receiving the scholarship. It will help me with my studies in nursing."

The Decision Critical Nursing Student Excellence Scholarship program is awarded to one student annually. Recipients are chosen based on academic performance, community and nursing student activity.



#### **NEW NSNA BOOKSTORE SPONSORED BY**



NSNA is pleased to announce the NSNA Bookstore, sponsored by **Barnes & Noble.com**. NSNA members receive an additional 5% off on all orders, plus free shipping when you spend \$25 or more. The NSNA Bookstore features nursing and leadership titles and other eligible products such as college textbooks, music, videos and prints and posters. To obtain the discount, purchases must be made on the NSNA Bookstore web site linked to **www.nsna.org**. A portion of sales revenue from the NSNA Bookstore will help fund nursing school grants in the Marilyn Bagwell Leadership Development Program.



#### **NSNA RECOGNIZES BERNARD HODES GROUP HEALTH CARE TEAM**



In June, Bernard Hodes Group received a special award from NSNA in recognition of the pro bono services provided for the organization in 2004. Karen Hart, senior vice president, Health Care Division, Bernard Hodes Group, received the award from the NSNA Board of Directors during their meeting in New York.

"On behalf of Bernard Hodes Group, we gratefully accept this honor and recognition, and appreciate the opportunity to work with NSNA," said Karen Hart.

Bernard Hodes Group's contributions included donating all services needed to survey nursing school faculty and students on the obstacles diverse candidates encounter when seeking nursing careers. In addition, pro bono services included the creative development of NSNA's Breakthrough to Nursing 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo, which was embossed on the award presented to Karen Hart. Breakthrough to Nursing is an NSNA program that seeks to increase participation in nursing careers, with an emphasis on diverse candidates.

The results of the two recent surveys of 2,057 nursing students and 126 nursing school faculty sponsored by NSNA ([www.nsna.org](http://www.nsna.org)) and the Bernard Hodes Group, are available at: [www.hodes.com/healthcarematters/index.html](http://www.hodes.com/healthcarematters/index.html)

## ABOUT BERNARD HODES GROUP

A leading provider of integrated talent solutions, Bernard Hodes Group ([www.hodes.com](http://www.hodes.com)) offers solutions which often combine multiple service offerings from the company's core competency areas: Recruitment Marketing; Sourcing/Response Management; Hiring Process Re-engineering; and Staffing Technology (see [www.hodesiq.com](http://www.hodesiq.com)). All solutions are developed and measured within the company's 360-degree process methodology. The company's **Health Care Division** is staffed by RNs with clinical, managerial and recruiting experience. In addition, Bernard Hodes Group has health care strategists in many of its offices nationwide. The company is headquartered in New York, with over 80 offices around the globe. Bernard Hodes Group serves thousands of clients in virtually every industry, helping them to attract and retain talented workers in every skill set. Bernard Hodes Group is part of Omnicom Group, Inc., (NYSE – OMC) ([www.omnicomgroup.com](http://www.omnicomgroup.com)). Omnicom is a leading global advertising, marketing and corporate communications company.

## APNA ANNOUNCES 2005 JANSSEN SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA) announced the recipients of the 2005 APNA/Janssen Scholarship Program, and NSNA joins APNA in congratulating the 15 winners. The Scholarship Program, available through the generosity of Janssen Pharmaceuticals, supports the participation of the nursing student winners in the Annual APNA Convention.

This year's convention takes place in Nashville, TN, November 2-5, 2005. The purpose of the Scholarship Program is to stimulate the continued interest in Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing. The convention promotes an understanding of the specialty, and its many roles and opportunities available to students following graduation. The convention also offers opportunities to meet with many of the leaders and experts in the field and to increase their knowledge-base regarding research, practice, and education in Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing.

Deans and directors of nursing programs that are official NSNA chapters preparing students for registered nurse licensure were invited to nominate one student for the Scholarship. Membership in NSNA was a prerequisite for the nominees as well as a 3.0 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale). All nominees also have exhibited leadership to their peers and faculty.

By the end of the conference the winners will: understand the role of the psychiatric-mental health nurse; expand concepts related to the role and function of professional nursing organizations; be empowered to be involved in patient and nurse advocacy; participate in mentor-protégé developmental relationship.

For more information, download the APNA scholarship application from [www.nsna.org](http://www.nsna.org), under PUBLICATIONS.

## 2005 JANSSEN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



**Letitia Anderson**, Brenau University, Gainesville, GA  
**Tameika Anderson**, The Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC  
**Emily Donelson**, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL  
**Heather Gephart**, Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA  
**Anna Jones**, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT  
**Andrea Laffler**, Mesa State University, Grand Junction, CO  
**Nicole Lisk**, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD  
**Anna Long**, Oregon Health Science University, Portland, OR  
**Gina Marie Malfeo**, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL  
**Michelle Orcutt**, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI  
**Sonia Pak**, Bowie State University, Bowie, MD  
**Jared Rogge**, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI  
**Rebecca Skolnik**, University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME  
**Kimberly Spectre**, University of Maine, Orono, ME  
**Janette Taylor**, Dickinson State University, Dickinson, ND