

55th ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Wonderful World of Nursing Draws over 3,500 Attendees

Thirty-five hundred participants attended NSNA's 55th Annual Convention in Anaheim, CA, at the Anaheim Convention Center. The Convention brought together students, faculty, and nursing leaders from across the country to network, learn, and discuss today's current trends and issues in healthcare and nursing. The program schedule was packed with educational sessions for students and faculty, included an Awards Ceremony to celebrate the achievements of scholarship recipients and NSNA contest winners, and also featured an Orange County Auction, First Night Party, and over 240 exhibitors.



The Presentation of Colors was performed by St. Catherine's Military Academy.



Endnote Address

Rear Admiral Christine Bruzek-Kohler, 21st Director of the Navy Nurse Corps and the Naval Medical Inspector General, closed the Convention by reminding attendees that nursing is about honor, honesty, courage, commitment, and trust. "You are leaders right now in all you have learned, and all that you are," she commended the audience of student nurses. She concluded to a standing ovation.

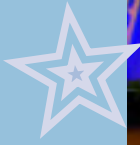
Opening Ceremony & Keynote Speaker



"Students mean the world to nursing," said Dr. Beverly Malone, as she addressed the audience assembled for the Opening Ceremony. Dr. Malone addressed the Wonderful World of Nursing Convention theme and urged students to stand up for themselves, to realize their importance to the profession, and to take advantage of being students. "Every time you are a student," she noted, "care gets better. Nursing is about life-long learning. When we stop being in a student role, we lose something."

The Opening Ceremony also featured official greetings given by Dr. L. Antoinette Bargagliotti, President, National League for Nursing, New York, NY; and Rebecca Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR, President, American Nurses Association, Silver Spring, MD.

The House of Delegates Challenge and the Orange County Auction raised several thousand dollars to benefit the Foundation of the NSNA.



The Orange County Auction (above and below) raised approximately \$9,000 for the Mary Ann Tuft Scholarship Fund and inspired several heated bidding wars.



NSNA's Convention sponsors, Sustaining Members, and deans and faculty were recognized. The Sustaining Members are pictured above.



The NSNA Board of Directors officially opened the Exhibit Hall with the annual ribbon cutting ceremony.



On Saturday, April 14, the House of Delegates pledged over \$19,000 to benefit the Disaster Relief Fund, which is administered by the FNSNA.



Students packed the Exhibit hall to network with health care recruiters, schools of nursing, and publishers, among others.



Awards Ceremony



Honorary Member

President D. Todd Uhlman surprises long-time NSNA supporter and out-going NLN-consultant Dr. Barbara Chamberlain with NSNA's highest honor.



Leader of Leaders

Leader of Leaders award winner, Michael Williams (center), consultant for the Michigan Nursing Students Association, with Dan Hughes, Marketing Project Manager, Mosby/Elsevier, proud publisher of Mosby and Saunders nursing titles, and Jennifer Davis, Membership Director.



Newsletter

Imprint editor Laura Huggens (left) presents the Newsletter Award for Most Outstanding State newsletter to Louisiana Association for "Student Nurses for Horizons," Most Outstanding School Newsletter to California State University, Sacramento for "The Monthly Shot," and the Most Improved School Newsletter to the Saddleback College Nursing Program for "CNSA Newsletter (center).



J&J Scholarship

Andrea Hingham (center) with Johnson and Johnson's Promise of Nursing Scholarship recipients.



Breakthrough to Nursing

Breakthrough to Nursing Director Irma Martin presents BTN awards to: the Most Successful BTN Recruitment Project, Utah Student Nurses Association and University of Arkansas Medical Sciences College of Nursing; the Most Successful BTN Retention Project to Georgia Baptist College of Nursing of Mercer University; and the Most Creative BTN Project to California Nursing Students Association and San Diego State University.



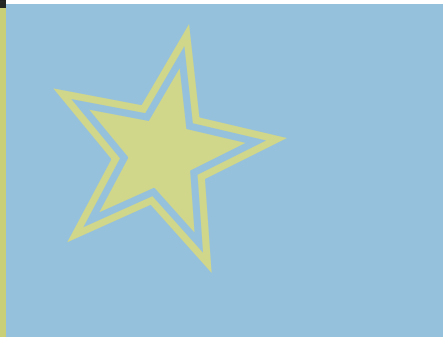
Legislation/Education

Legislation/Education Chair Linda Castles-Smith (right) with NIWI winner, Amy Campora-Perdomo, William Carey College, New Orleans, LA. Amy received a trip to Washington D.C. after submitting the winning entry to the Nurse in Washington Internship Essay Contest.



State Excellence

Jordan Stoner (second from right) presents the Florence Nightingale Lamp to: Student Nurses Association of Guam, New Hampshire Student Nurses Association, Student Nurses Association of Arizona, Utah Student Nurses Association, Ohio Nursing Students Association and California Nursing Students Association.



Robert V. Piemonte Financial Excellence

Secretary/Treasurer Emily Ann Raynor (right) presents the Robert V. Piemonte Financial Excellence Award to the Georgia Association of Nursing Students.

Highlights



Community Health

Community Health Chair, Director Roberta Loufek, presented the Community Health Project Awards to: Most Successful School Platinum Community Health Project to the University of Pennsylvania and the University of North Florida; Most Successful School Gold Community Health Project to Covenant School of Nursing; Most Successful School Silver Community Health Project to Grand Valley State University, and an Honorable Mention to University of Arkansas Medical Sciences; Most Successful State Project to Georgia Association of Nursing Students; and to Pittsburg State University in Kansas for best reflecting the 2007 community health theme.



Precious Metal

Student representatives from the top five winners, Platinum Circle Awards: Oakland Community College, Waterford, MI (right) and the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, IN (center), presented by Jennifer Davis. Palm Beach Community College, Lake Worth, FL; University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA; and Widener University are the other winners (not pictured)



Spirit of Nursing

Major Carolyn Gales presented the 2007 Spirit of Nursing Award to Jeff Doner.



Project In Touch

Grand Prize winner of Project InTouch Theresa Clayton (center), Helene Fuld School of Nursing, Blackwood/Camden, NJ, with Jennifer Davis and William Brotmiller, Vice President of Healthcare, Delmar Learning.



Image of Nursing

Covenant Student Nurses Association received the Image of Nursing school award for their "Drug Proofing Your Kids" project; Honorable Mention School Award went to Marian College Student Nurses Association for their "Presents for Pediatrics" project and the State Award went to California Nursing Students Association for their "Image of Nursing Committee" project, presented by Laura Hudgens (left).



Essay Contest

Dr. Robert Hess and Laura Hudgens (left) pictured with the NSNA/Nursing Spectrum Essay winners. Grand Prize Winner: Jenna Sanders, University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, IN; Second Place: Deborah Beck (right) New Hampshire Community Technical College, Manchester, NH; and Honorable Mention: Melissa Pierce, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS. First Place: Gregory Haas, Indian River Community College, Fort Pierce, FL; and Third Place: Carlee Miller, University of St. Francis, Fort Wayne, IN (not pictured).



Website

Arkansas Nursing Students Association was awarded the Web Site Award for State Association and Med Central College of Nursing received for School Association (not pictured).



Isabel Hampton Robb

The Isabel Hampton Robb Leadership Award winner, Rachel Walker, president, Maryland Association of Nursing Students, with Dan Hughes and Jennifer Davis.