

56TH ANNUAL CONVENTION



Blazing Trails: The New Age of Nursing draws over 3,000 Attendees

Over three thousand participants packed the Gaylord Texan™ Resort and Convention Center for NSNA's 56th Annual Convention in Grapevine, TX, March 26-30, 2008. 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 NSNA contest winners, the Grapevine City Auction, the First Night Party, and over 220 exhibitors.



Opening Ceremony & Keynote Speaker

Major General Gale S. Pollock, Deputy Surgeon General for Force Management and 22nd Chief, U.S. Army Nurse Corps, guided students along the leadership trail she has blazed in her nursing career. She identified key elements of leadership – loyalty, respect, duty, selfless service, honor, integrity, personal courage – and noted that accepting risks and learning from mistakes, being true to your values, and striving to understand others, were crucial to a successful career as a nurse leader. General Pollock also noted how important it is that students find mentors: “One of the most important things we do as leaders is to develop leaders who will replace us. Be a mentor to someone else.” The Opening Ceremony was sponsored by Gannett Healthcare Group, publishers of *Nursing Spectrum/NurseWeek* and Nurse.com, Falls Church, VA, and the Keynote Speaker sponsor was Nurses Service Organization, Hatboro, PA.



Endnote Address

NSNA's Top Program Awards were presented at the Closing Ceremony, followed by the endnote address, which was given by Dr. K. Lynne Wieck. In an often humorous presentation, Dr. Wieck noted that nursing's future technological opportunities are limitless. This future “hyperworld” includes robotics that won't replace nurses but will allow them to prioritize what they truly value. For example, feeding and lifting will be done by robots, while nurses focus on patient care, advocacy, and critical thinking to the betterment of health care. The Endnote Address was sponsored by Baylor Health Care System, Dallas, TX.



NSNA's individual and agency sustaining members are crucial NSNA supporters.



The Annual Challenge and the Grapevine City Auction raised several thousand dollars to benefit the Foundation of the NSNA.



On Friday, March 28, 2008, The Grapevine City Auction raised \$5,500 for the Mary Ann Tuft Scholarship Fund and inspired several heated bidding wars. One of the top bids went to a 1938 *Life* magazine with pictures and an article entitled, "The Student Nurse Prepares for an Arduous but Noble Profession."

First Nite Party



Attendees celebrated First Nite and danced, sang, and partied in true Texas style!



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



Students packed the exhibit hall to network with health care recruiters, schools of nursing, and publishers, among others. The exhibit hall is one of the meeting's biggest draws for students, who often bring business cards to the hall and are ready to speak with potential employers and even interview onsite!



Awards Presentation



Honorary Member Presentation

NSNA President Jennifer Davis surprised long-time NSNA supporter and out-going ANA-consultant **Dr. Anne Manton** with NSNA's highest honor.



Leader of Leaders

Leader of Leaders award winner, **Patricia Dufrene**, MSN, RN, PLNC, (center) a clinical assistant professor, and director of the NLRC/Simulation Lab at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, College of Nursing, Little Rock, AR, with sponsor representative **Dan Hughes** (right), Marketing Project Manager, Mosby/Elsevier, proud publisher of Mosby and Saunders nursing titles, and Jennifer Davis, NSNA President.



Newsletters

Imprint editor Kelley Wilson (right) presented the Newsletter Award for Most Outstanding State Newsletter to Oklahoma Nursing Student Association, for *Pulse Point*; Most Outstanding School Newsletter to Saddleback College - California Student Nurses' Association, for *Bevel Up*; Most Improved State Newsletter to Oregon Student Nurses' Association, for *Vitals* and the Most Improved School Newsletter to Houston Baptist University, for *Nursing Notes*.



Nurse in Washington Internship Essay Contest

Jenna Sanders with NIWI winner, **Zennoma Richardson** (left), Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ. Zennoma received a trip to Washington D.C. after submitting the winning entry to the Nurse in Washington Internship Essay Contest.



Robert V. Piemonte Financial Excellence

Secretary/Treasurer Cherri Holland (right) presented the Robert V. Piemonte Financial Excellence Award to the Student Nurses' Association of Pennsylvania.



Project InTouch

Grand Prize winner of Project InTouch, **Brooke Garrett** (left), from San Diego State University, San Diego, CA, pictured with Arlene Hady and prize sponsor representative, Steve Helba (center), executive director in nursing for Delmar Cengage Learning, Clifton Park, NY.



State Excellence

James Kilpatrick, Ex-officio, Council of State Presidents Chair (far left), presented the Florence Nightingale Lamp to: Student Nurses Association of Maine; Utah Student Nurses Association; Student Nurses Association of Illinois; Arkansas Student Nurses Association; and Georgia Association of Nursing Students.



Precious Metal

Membership Chair, Director Arlene Hady presented student representative, Grant Tyler (left), University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, IN, with the Platinum Circle Award.



Spirit of Nursing

General Gale S. Pollock (2nd left) and Jennifer Davis (far left); presented the 2008 Spirit of Nursing award to **Courtney Kohler** (center), also pictured with two representatives from the U.S. Army Nurse Corps.



Website Awards

Georgia Association of Nursing Students was awarded the Outstanding Web Site Award for State Association and MedCentral College of Nursing, Mansfield, OH, received it for Outstanding School Website.

Highlights



Legislation/Education

Legislation/Education Chair, Jenna Saunders (right), presented Legislation/Education awards to: Georgia Association of Nursing Students for Outstanding State Level and Georgia Baptist College of Nursing at Mercer University, Atlanta, GA, for Outstanding School Level.



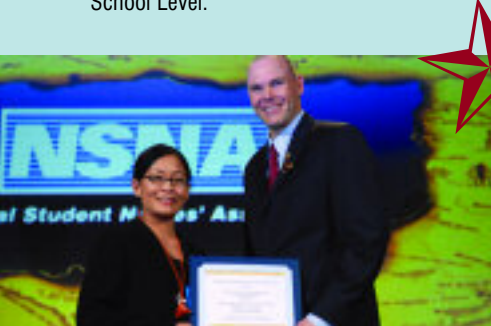
Isabel Hampton Robb

The Isabel Hampton Robb Leadership Award was presented to **Emily Vest**, immediate past-president, Utah Student Nurses Association. Candace Biberston (center) represented Ms. Vest, with Dan Hughes and Jennifer Davis. The award is sponsored by Elsevier, proud publisher of Mosby & Saunders nursing titles.



The Marilyn Bagwell Leadership Development Grant Winner

2008 Marilyn Bagwell Leadership Development Grant recipient, Eastern Michigan University School of Nursing, Ypsilanti, MI, presented by Anthony Jannetti, President, Foundation of the NSNA.



Breakthrough to Nursing®

James Kilpatrick, Ex-officio, Council of State Presidents Chair (right) presents the BTN for Most Successful BTN Recruitment Project (School) to the University of Texas at Austin representative. Also honored (not pictured) were the Student Nurses Association of Pennsylvania for most successful BTN Recruitment Project (State); the Georgia Association of Nursing Students for BTN Honorable Mention Project (State); and the University of North Florida Student Nurses Association for BTN Honorable Mention Project (School) for "Adaptathon."



Community Health

Community Health Chair, Director Emily Little, presented the Community Health Project Awards to: Most Successful Statewide Community Health Project, Georgia Association of Nursing Students; Most Successful School Community Health Project, Platinum: Covenant School of Nursing; Pittsburg State University Chapter of the Kansas Association of Nursing Students; Gold: University of Arkansas at Monticello; Silver: Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing at the Hunter College of the City University of New York; and Honorable Recognition: Pioneer Chapter Student Nurses Association of University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing.



FNSNA Supporters Johnson & Johnson and McKesson Foundation

Long-time FNSNA supporters Johnson & Johnson (right), represented by **Lorie Kraynak** (center) and **Andrea Highham** were recognized for the contributions of the Campaign for Nursing's Future, which has raised over \$13 million in scholarships. The McKesson Foundation (left) was also recognized for contributing \$25,000 in scholarships to the FNSNA in 2007. Represented by **Kathryn Scheidt**, Director of Nursing for McKesson Solutions, McKesson contributed \$50,000 in scholarships in 2008, doubling their impact on the future of nursing education.

Winners Way



Membership Chair, Director Arlene Hady (right) presented the Winners' Way awards to: Group 1: New Mexico Student Nurses Association (not pictured); Group 2: Oregon Student Nurses' Association (far left); Group 3: Wisconsin Student Nurses' Association (not pictured); Group 4: Indiana Association of Nursing Students (2nd left); and Georgia Association of Nursing Students (2nd right).

Image of Nursing



Student Nurses Association of Illinois received the Image of Nursing state award for their "The First Annual SNAI Winter Walk" project; University of Arkansas at Monticello Student Nurses' Association received the Image of Nursing school award for their "AIDE for AIDS in Africa - An Extension of Community," presented by Kelley Wilson (right).