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### **From the Pasture to the Bedside: Joe Twitchell Elected as 2011-2012 President of the National Student Nurses' Association**



**Brooklyn, NY. April 27, 2011.** The National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) is pleased to announce the election of **Joe Twitchell** as the 2011-2012 NSNA President. Elections were held on April 9, 2011 during the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Prior to election as NSNA President, Mr. Twitchell served as president of the Montana Student Nurses' Association (MSNA), participating in fundraising, convention planning and public speaking at schools and nursing conventions in Montana.

As a native of Montana, he worked as a ranch hand on the family ranch before holding various positions as a massage therapist, research assistant, and ultimately, as a Certified

Nurse Assistant (CNA). Mr. Twitchell had intended to prepare for medical school but knew nursing would be his chosen path after a mere 15 minutes on a clinical floor during his first day of a CNA course. He states that he hopes to bring forth “an unwavering passion to learn and promote a field that I feel is undervalued.”

Mr. Twitchell holds a Bachelor of University Studies in Communications from Dickinson State University, Dickinson, ND, and a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from Montana State University, Bozeman, Bozeman, MT. He is currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at Montana State University, Bozeman, Great Falls, MT. Mr. Twitchell has stated that “Education has always been encouraged by my grandmothers, Nadine Long and Jenny Kawasaki. Their support has been unwavering and wonderful.”

As President of the National Student Nurses’ Association, he would like to promote the use of evidence-based practice as a standard in nursing education. He also hopes to bring further awareness to the role that nurses play in healthcare as well as the global community. “Nurses must demonstrate that we are not the stereotypes,” he says. “We are aware of many fields, including but not limited to, politics, economics and social awareness.”

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**NSNA is a membership organization representing over 56,000 students in Associate Degree, Diploma, Baccalaureate, generic Masters and generic Doctoral programs preparing students for Registered Nurse licensure, as well as RNs in BSN completion programs.**