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**Honorary Membership, NSNA's Highest Honor, Conferred Upon
Joseph Duffy FNSNA President**



**NSNA immediate past president John Arce
presents FNSNA President Joseph Duffy with Honorary Member pin at April Convention**

Brooklyn, NY. June 29, 2005. Joseph Duffy received NSNA's highest honor, Honorary Membership, at NSNA's gala Awards Ceremony in Salt Lake City, on April 9, 2005, during the Annual Convention. Mr. Duffy was formerly president of Chase Manhattan Trust Company of California, and chief investment officer for Bank of America. He was most recently director for the U.S. Trust Company. He joined the Board of Trustees of the Foundation of the National Student Nurses Association (FNSNA) in 1993, and became president of the FNSNA in 2001.

Throughout his tenure on the Board of Trustees, Mr. Duffy has contributed his time and talent to advance the mission of the FNSNA. His commitment to nursing students and to the FNSNA is evident in his leadership in establishing a Capital Campaign which created an endowment fund for nursing scholarships. Thanks to his efforts, the success of the Campaign grows every day, ensuring future funding for nursing education. Mr. Duffy has also assisted the FNSNA in developing a close working relationship with Johnson & Johnson and its "Campaign for Nursing's Future."

Students know Mr. Duffy as the host of fundraising events at the MidYear Conference. As the Master of Ceremonies for the "Critical Thinking Challenge" for many years, students laughed so hard they cried as he tried to pronounce medical terms that were as foreign to him as financial terms are to nursing students. He hosted the first "Nursing Student Idol" and NSNA Talent Show at the 2004 MidYear Conference in Daytona Beach, Florida, where he challenged students to make a donation to hear him sing "New York, New York." When the price was right, he kept his promise and surprised everyone with his great singing voice.

Mr. Duffy is constantly reminding students that charity begins at home, and he encourages school and state chapters to hold local fundraising events to support the FNSNA scholarship program. Perhaps Mr. Duffy's love for nursing students and nursing education stems from his having grown up with nurses. His mother was a nurse and his sister is a nurse researcher at Boston College. Whatever the reason, he is a perfect example of someone who appreciates what nurses do, and understands what nursing students have the potential to become through education. He is a special individual who believes in students, and in the FNSNA and NSNA. About receiving the honor, Mr. Duffy states: "I appreciate the honor and accept with pleasure and humility."

Other past NSNA Honorary Members include many who have gone on to become leaders in their fields: Thelma Schorr, 1980; Mary Ann Tuft, 1980; Cleo Doster, 1982; Florence Huey, 1988; Cheryl Schmidt, 1989; Erline McGriff, 1999; and Robert V. Piemonte, past NSNA Executive Director.

NSNA is a membership organization representing approximately 45,000 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.

The Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association, in Memory of Frances Tompkins, NSNA's first executive director (1952-1970) was established in 1974 as a 501 (C) (3) charitable foundation. Through its annual scholarship award program, FNSNA has provided over two million dollars in scholarships to undergraduate nursing students.

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