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NSNA's 57th Annual Convention **April 15 – 19, 2009** **Nashville, TN**

Brooklyn, NY, February 18, 2009 – The National Student Nurses' Association's (NSNA) 57th Annual Convention takes place April 15 – 19, 2009 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville, TN. The Convention features renowned nursing leaders, including Keynote Speaker Rear Admiral Carol Romano, Chief Nurse Officer of the U.S. Public Health Service, who will address this year's theme, "Making it Big: Nursing Students Stepping Up and Stepping Out." Closing speaker Carol Grace Anderson, best-selling author of *Get Fired Up Without Burning Out*[®], brings the Convention to a close with her endnote program about getting attendees fired up, to take risks, and cope with all of life's challenges.

The Career Fair at the Gaylord Opryland will be packed with exhibitors waiting to speak with nursing students about summer internships and residency opportunities, finding employment after graduation, or finding the perfect school to continue education. Students will also have the chance to network with students from around the county and develop leadership skills.

Home to the Grand Ole Opry and the Country Music Hall of Fame, the country music capital offers a vast assortment of activities, dining options, shopping locations and attractions. The Gaylord Opryland boasts nine acres of indoor gardens, waterfalls, and even an indoor river.

Drexel University's NCLEX[®] EXCEL!

Drexel University's NCLEX[®] EXCEL! program is NSNA's official NCLEX prep course. The 8-hour review takes place over the span of three morning sessions and will cover health promotion and maintenance, physiological and psychosocial integrity and the nursing process.

Focus Sessions

One-hour afternoon focus sessions will be offered on a variety of nursing and healthcare topics. Each topic is offered twice to give attendees the opportunity to attend the sessions of their choice. Speakers representing national nursing associations, leading healthcare companies, publishers, and healthcare facilities present these educational workshops. There will be over 20 sessions to choose from including: “Marketing Yourself: Finding Your First and Right Job” (Nursing Spectrum); “Nursing Leadership for the New Millennium: Essential Attributes” (Sigma Theta Tau); “Nephrology Nursing” (American Nephrology Nurses Association); “Managing Complex Medical Issues through the Application of Rehabilitation Nursing” (Association of Rehabilitation Nurses); “Oncology Nursing” (Oncology Nursing Society); “Making Pharmacology Insanely Easy” Sylvia Rayfield and Associates; “Care Coordination for Complex Patients” (Gundersen Lutheran Hospital); “Acing Nursing School Exams” (Kaplan Nursing); and “Graduate Programs: Exploring Your Options” (American Association of Colleges of Nursing).

Plenary Sessions

Thursday’s plenary session, “The Politics of Caring,” will be moderated by American Nurses Association president **Rebecca Patton**, MSN, RN, CNOR, and will provide a better understanding of health care policy and regulation. National League for Nursing president, **Elaine Tagliareni**, EdD, RN, will moderate Friday’s plenary session, “Your Nursing Career—Challenges and Opportunities for Advancement.” This session offers expert advice on how to identify and reach potential while finding the right path to success.

Awards Presentations

The top awards in each NSNA program will be awarded during the Closing Ceremony on Saturday, April 18, 2009. The traditional General Scholarship and Promise of Nursing Scholarship recipients will be recognized during the Opening Ceremony on Wednesday, April 15, and the Marilyn Bagwell grant will also be presented during this time. The Isabel Hampton Robb Award winner will be honored during the plenary session on Thursday, April 16, and the Leader of Leaders award presented during the Friday plenary session.

Other Highlights

- Faculty Pre-Convention Workshop—“Moving Beyond Lecture: Principles and Practice of Active Teaching.” This session presents a wide variety of instructional strategies that promote learner engagement and involvement.
- The House of Delegates convenes to vote on resolutions and elect the 2009-10 Board of Directors and Nominating and Elections Committee.
- Council of State Presidents – State presidents, presidents-elect, state consultants, and staff, will join the NSNA Board of Directors for collaborating and networking.
- The FNSNA Auction is one of Convention’s most popular events. Money raised during the event supports the Mary Ann Tuft Scholarship Fund. It features interesting and unique items from across the country donated by individuals, chapters, sponsors, and other contributors.
- Attendees can relax, dance, meet new friends, win prizes and enjoy music at one of Convention’s most enjoyable evenings, the First Night Party. This year’s “Country Jamboree” event offers attendees a chance to show off their dance moves while dressed up in their best western gear.

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