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### **Joe Niemczura to Bring Global Nursing Experience to NSNA MidYear Keynote in Cincinnati**

**Brooklyn, NY, October 29, 2010.** The National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) is pleased to welcome **Joe Niemczura, MS, RN**, as the keynote speaker for the NSNA 28<sup>th</sup> Annual MidYear Career Planning Conference. Mr. Niemczura is a national speaker, author, and nursing instructor. He brings his first hand knowledge of global nursing to "Be the Hero of Your Own Career," an address tailored to inspire NSNA attendees to take control of their own lives. The MidYear Conference heads to Cincinnati, Ohio on November 4-7, 2010 with Mr. Niemczura's keynote address opening the conference on the evening of Thursday, November 4.

For three summers (2007-2009), Niemczura volunteered his time as nursing faculty at the Tansen Nursing School in rural Nepal. There he witnessed the stark challenges that stagger hand-in-hand with healthcare in a lesser developed country with a weakened public health infrastructure. His time in Nepal proved to be a life-altering experience that affirmed his notion of remaining in touch with the motivation to help others as a nurse in everyday life. From severe pediatric burns to victims of malaria, malnutrition, and human trafficking, his experiences are detailed in his latest book, *The Hospital at the End of the World*. "My intention," he says, "is to encourage the great numbers of nurses to find ways to serve in global nursing, helping to improve the standards on the ground. I felt that I would capture the attention of a wider audience by using this strategy. Likewise, when I give talks about my experience I try to convey practical ideas of what it's like."

Niemczura is an instructor at the University of Hawaii at Manoa with 15 years of ICU nursing experience, including a period serving as the nurse manager of a critical care unit. In 1990, he began teaching and has since taught all levels of medical-surgical nursing including critical care, pediatrics, maternity, management/leadership, fundamentals, and psychosocial nursing. He also served two terms as president of the Maine chapter of the American Nurses Association (ANA-Maine).

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