



Press Release

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NSNA's 58th Annual Convention Draws Over 3,200 Attendees

Brooklyn, NY. June 3, 2010. Over 3,200 participants attended the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) 58th Annual Convention at the Disney Coronado Resort and Convention Center in Lake Buena Vista, FL. The Convention program included various focus sessions, faculty workshops, two outstanding plenary sessions, 130 exhibitors, an American Red Cross certification program, and the Drexel University NCLEX[®] EXCEL! Mini-review course.

Opening Ceremony Keynote Addresses the Magic of Nursing



Keynote speaker **Jennie Chin Hansen, MS, RN, FAAN**, President of AARP, Senior Fellow UCA-SF, led a journey into the magic of nursing as she addressed the healthcare landscape, nursing's contemporary contributions to healthcare, and highlighted the healthcare reform legislation and its impact on nursing. Ms. Hansen pointed out that today's nursing students are in a unique position to change the course of healthcare and healthcare delivery. "Work in teams," she advised, "Be curious. Care deeply. Work within and outside our neighborhood of nursing. Engage the science, but do not be a slave to science. Understand others' ways of thinking."

During the Opening Ceremony, national nurses association leaders, state nursing student association presidents, convention sponsors, sustaining members, and other NSNA[®] supporters were recognized and applauded. The American Nurses Association (ANA) President, **Rebecca Patton**, and the National League for Nursing (NLN) President, **Dr. Cathleen Shultz**, extended greetings from their associations. NSNA Scholarship Sponsors and Recipients were recognized, the Marilyn Bagwell Leadership Development Grant was presented to Oral Roberts University

Anna Vaughn School of Nursing, Tulsa, OK. Honorary Membership was awarded to **Dr. Beverly Malone**, CEO, National League for Nursing. The Spirit of Nursing Award was presented to **Becky Arand** of University of Missouri Sinclair School of Nursing, Columbia, MO.

The Opening Ceremony was sponsored by the **Johnson & Johnson Campaign for Nursing's Future**, New Brunswick, NJ. The Keynote Address was sponsored by **Nurses Service Organization**, Hatboro, PA.

Plenary Sessions

Rebecca Patton, MSN, RN, ANA President, moderated the Thursday Plenary Session, “The Q Word—Quality Transformation in Nursing Education and Practice” on April 8, 2010. “Q is one of the most paramount healthcare concerns today,” she observed. The Thursday session further discussed tools and data collections that can be used to demonstrate the connection of nursing care and quality outcomes. Additional speakers included **Marybeth Farquhar**, PhD, RN, Vice President, Performance Measures, National Quality Forum, Washington, DC, and **Beverly Malone**, PhD, RN, FAAN, NLN Chief Executive Officer. Thursday’s plenary session also featured award presentations to the Project InTouch winner, **Hilary Mendel**, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC, and the Leader of Leaders honoree, **Donna C. Otto**, Clinical Instructor of Nursing, University of Missouri Sinclair School of Nursing, Columbia, MO. Thursday’s session was sponsored by the **American Nurses Association**, Silver Spring, MD.

In the Friday’s Plenary Session, “When Disaster Strikes—What Will Your Role Be?” students had the opportunity to hear the disaster experiences of nurses working with the American Red Cross (ARC). Opening the session, **Sharon Stanley**, PhD, RN, Chief Nurse and Director, Disaster Health and Mental Health Services, American Red Cross (ARC), advised students interested in helping disaster victims to plan and train. Also present for the discussion were **Janice Springer**, MA, RN, ARC Disaster Services, and **Candy Iha**, ADN, RN, Hawaii Red Cross and Disaster Health Services. Friday’s plenary session also featured award presentations to the Isabel Hampton Robb Leadership Award winner, to **Deirdra Weinert**, Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland, OR. Ms. Weinert is the President of the Oregon Student Nurses Association. Each year the Isabel Hampton Robb Leadership Award is presented to a state president who has shown exemplary leadership. Also announced during Friday’s plenary session was the NSNA/*Nursing Spectrum*/*NurseWeek* Writing Contest winner, **Carrie Thompson**, Roane State Community College, Harriman, TN. Friday’s plenary session was sponsored by **Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI)**, Stilwell, KS.

Endnote Address

NSNA’s Top Program Awards were presented at the Closing Ceremony, along with introductions of the incoming 2010-2011 Board of Directors and Nominating and Elections Committee. The endnote address was given by **Corey Ciocchetti**. Mr. Ciocchetti presented an inspiring message encouraging attendees to chase the important things in life, such as solid character, strong personal relationships, and a sense of contentment. The Closing Ceremony and Endnote Address were sponsored by **Catholic Healthcare West**, San Francisco, CA.

Election Results

Elections were held on the morning of Saturday, April 10. Following elections, the new officers were installed during the closing session of the House of Delegates meeting. NSNA would like to congratulate the following individuals on their election to the 2010-2011 Board of Directors and Nominating and Elections Committee.

2010-2011 Board of Directors

Carylin M. Holsey, President, Lee College, Baytown, TX.

Kelsey L. Scanlon, Vice-president, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

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Danielle Miller, Director (East), Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

Elizabeth Newcomb, Director (South), East Carolina University, Greenville, NC

Erin Zundel, Director (West), Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

Bobby Schnittker, Ex-officio and Chair, Council of State Presidents Planning Committee, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX



*Sitting (left to right): Kelsey L. Scanlon; Carylin M. Holsey; Laura Lunsford
Standing (left to right): Danielle M. Miller; Bobby Schnittker; Erin Zundel; Elizabeth P. Newcomb; Reneka Turner;
Kindra Scanlon; Kelsie LeAnn Guehler*

2010-2011 Nominating and Elections Committee

Chair: Jeffrey A. Goodhart, Southern Election Area, University of Arkansas for Medical Science, Little Rock, AR

Laurie Holmes, Northern Election Area, Pratt Community College, Pratt, KS

Colleen Brophy, Eastern Election Area, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA

Evan McCord, Western Election Area, Saddleback College, Mission Viejo, CA



Left to Right: Evan McCord; Laurie Holmes; Jeffrey A. Goodhart; Colleen Brophy

Fundraising for Scholarships

The Annual Challenge and Sunshine City Auction raised several thousand dollars to benefit the Foundation of the NSNA (FNSNA). On Friday, April 9, 2010, The Sunshine City Auction raised over \$9,000 for the Mary Ann Tuft Scholarship Fund and inspired several heated bidding wars. On Saturday, during a House of Delegates break, attendees pledged over \$3,000 to support the Haiti Nurses Foundation. The FNSNA is still accepting donations to benefit the Haiti Nurses Foundation. Donations may be made at www.nсна.org.

Resolutions Adopted

The House of Delegates passed 23 resolutions, in support of:

- Policy Development and Increased Funding for Research on Lateral Violence in Nursing
- Promotion and Awareness of the Effects of Human-Animal Interaction on Chronic Disease
- Increased Awareness of Public Health Nursing and Population-Based Health Initiatives

- Increasing Awareness of Child Abuse Identification and the Inconsistencies of Mandated Reporting
- Increasing Awareness of Human Trafficking
- Increased Primary Care Health Access Among The Geriatric Population
- Education of Augmentative Assistive Communication Devices to Aid Independence of Patients with Communication Disabilities
- Increased Education in Self-Care Awareness for Nursing Students and Nurses
- Increasing Awareness and Advocacy for the Priority Patient Safety Areas from the Institute of Medicine (IOM)
- Cleaning Stethoscopes Between Patients
- Increasing Culturally Competent Education About Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Individuals
- Increased Awareness for Patient Education Related to Medications for Post-Myocardial Infarction Patients to Prevent Recurrent Cardiac Events
- Increasing the Amount of Healthy Food Options and Providing for More Informed Choices in Health Care Facilities
- Hospitals Adopting Standardized Emergency Codes
- Legislation Banning the Use of Bisphenol-A in Pediatric Products
- Advocacy for Nurse Home Visits to First-Time, Low-Income Caregivers
- Increasing Awareness and Education on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Guidelines for the Prevention of Intravascular Catheter-Related Infections
- Increasing Awareness for Postpartum Depression Screening
- Increased Awareness and Advocacy for Homeless Youth in the United States
- Increasing Awareness of Mental Healthcare Treatment Outcomes
- Management of Assaultive Behavior Against Healthcare Workers
- Increasing Awareness for Prescription Drug Take-Back Facilities for the Private Person
- Increased Awareness of Bone Marrow Donation and Donor Registration

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