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Jenna Sanders Elected 2008-09 NSNA President

Brooklyn, NY. April 11, 2008. Jenna Sanders was elected as the 2008-09 president of the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) during the 56th Annual Convention in Grapevine, TX, March 26-30, 2008. Mrs. Sanders is a junior pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) at the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, IN, and a minor in business administration. She brings a wealth of leadership experience and enthusiasm to her new position.

Mrs. Sanders served as the 2007-08 Board of Directors vice-president and was responsible for chairing the Legislation/Education Committee, and the Disaster Relief Task Force, which became the permanent Disaster Preparedness Committee on the Board. Under her direction, the committee worked to define the role of the nursing student in disaster situations. She published "Disaster Relief and the Role of the Nursing Student" in the September/October 2007 issue of *Imprint* magazine, and was instrumental in the creation of the *Guidelines for Establishing and Implementing Disaster Preparedness, Recovery, and Relief Projects*, which was published in December 2007. To create the comprehensive *Guidelines*, Mrs. Sanders served as a research assistant on the NSNA Disaster Relief Study, a first-of-its kind survey to the organization's membership, asking students and faculty to rate disaster preparedness at the individual and school levels.

While she always had a strong interest in science and health growing up, Mrs. Sanders had a self-admitted "strong aversion to blood and needles." It was an aversion that she has overcome since going into nursing school. She became interested in nursing after having three children and having the support of several Registered Nurses while her children underwent surgery. "I saw the impact that the educated, strong support of one

person could have on a family in an incredibly vulnerable situation,” she said of the situation. “The opportunity to be a part of a profession that had such a profound effect on someone’s life was attractive.”

Mrs. Sanders is looking forward to an active year with NSNA, and intends to focus on the issues at the forefront of the minds of the organization’s membership. “This Board is determined to accomplish as much as possible during our term of office. We want to energize our membership and strengthen our bonds with other professional nursing organizations.”

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NSNA is a membership organization with over 50,000 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.