

**The Foundation of the
National Student Nurses Association**
In Memory of Frances Tompkins

Press Release

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**The Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association (FNSNA)
Appoints two new trustees to the Board of Trustees**

Brooklyn, NY – December 1, 2009. The Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association[®] (FNSNA) has elected **Sharon Brigner, MS, RN** and **Jenna Sanders, BSN, RN** Jenna Sanders, BSN, RN to serve on the FNSNA[®] Board of Trustees.



Sharon Brigner, MS, RN serves as Deputy Vice President for the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) in Washington, DC. She is a health policy expert and registered nurse with extensive experience in policy development, legislative analysis, lobbying, project management, media and public relations, public speaking, research, and direct patient care. She is an advocate within the healthcare policy stakeholder community. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Texas Woman's University, Houston, Texas, and her Master of Science in Health Systems Management, from George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia. Ms. Brigner is a past president of NSNA[®] (1996-1997), prior to which she served as the Ex-Officio and Chair of the Council of State Presidents as well as the president of the Texas Nursing Students Association (1995-1996).

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Jenna Sanders, BSN, RN is a registered nurse at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN. With over 5 years of close involvement in NSNA[®], she is well on her way to becoming a prominent nurse leader with experience in project management, team leadership, fundraising, international relations, and public speaking, with a background in business and marketing. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, IN and is currently pursuing a Master of Science in Nursing from Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA. Her leadership involvement with NSNA[®] began as treasurer of her school chapter at the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, IN (2005-2006) and was then elected to president of the Indiana Association of Nursing Students (IANS). She then served two years on the national Board of Directors. She is the immediate-past president of NSNA[®], prior to which she served as vice president (2007-2008).

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The FNSNA[®] was created in 1969 to honor Frances Tompkins, the Association's first Executive Director. The Foundation is organized as a 501 (C) (3) charitable foundation and contributions are tax deductible.