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An Adventure Awaits You at NSNA's 26th Career Planning Conference Reno, NV, November 13-16, 2008

Brooklyn, NY, August 28, 2008 –The National Student Nurses' Association hosts its 26th Annual MidYear Career Planning Conference, November 13-16, 2008, at John Ascuaga's Nugget Casino Resort in Reno, NV. Attendees will have a broad selection of activities to attend and the opportunity to hear nationally-known speakers discuss trends and issues relevant to nursing today. Specialty panels, workshops, exhibits, and an NCLEX-RN[®] review round out a conference designed to help students prepare for specialty careers as professional nurses.

Midyear At A Glance

Keynote Speaker **Patrick Hickey**, DPH, MSN, RN, CNOR, kicks off the Opening Ceremony with his keynote speech, "Conquering Your Own Everest: Do You Have What It Takes?" Dr. Hickey became the first registered nurse to have climbed all Seven Summits when he reached the top of Mt. Everest on May 24, 2007. The opening session will also include the premiere viewing of NSNA's new career advancement video.

MidYear at a Glance

Thursday, November 13: Drexel University NCLEX[®] Excel! Mini-Review Begins. Drexel University NCLEX[®] EXCEL! offers this 9-hour review, which covers selected topics frequently questioned on the NCLEX-RN[®] exam. Special attention is given to challenging content and test-taking skills. Students will learn strategies that work on all tests, including the State Boards.

Friday, November 14: Nursing's Future: Opportunities and Challenges features interactive dialogue with the audience about the latest trends and issues in the nursing profession. The panel, moderated by **K. Lynn Wieck**, PhD, RN, FAAN, Chief Executive Officer, Management Solutions for Healthcare, and the Jacqueline M. Braithwaite Professor, University of Texas at Tyler, College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Tyler, TX, includes the following renowned speakers:

Donna Herrin, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE, Senior Vice President and Chief Nurse Executive, Methodist Healthcare, Memphis, TN
Sponsor: American Organization of Nurse Executives, Washington, DC

Patsy L. Ruchala, DNSc, RN, Director, Orvis School of Nursing, University of Nevada, Reno, NV
Sponsor: American Association of Colleges of Nursing, Washington, DC

Cathleen M. Schultz, PhD, RN, CNE, FAAN, President-elect, National League for Nursing, Dean, Harding University, College of Nursing, Searcy, AR
Sponsor: National League for Nursing, New York, NY

Mary Jean Schumann, MSN, RN, MBA, CPNP, Chief Programs Officer, American Nurses Association
Sponsor: American Nurses Association, Silver Spring, MD

Nancy Spector, DNSc, RN, Director of Education, National Council of State Boards of Nursing
Sponsor: National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), Chicago, IL

Friday's agenda also consists of comprehensive workshops for student leaders including: membership recruitment, running for national office, managing chapter finances, image and public relations, newsletter production, a state president's forum, Breakthrough to Nursing®, association roundtable discussions, navigating convention as a delegate, writing a resolution and preparing for a disaster.

Saturday, November 15: An outstanding Army nurse leader addresses this year's meeting on nursing and leadership. This inspirational address is one of the highlights of the MidYear Conference. The continental breakfast session is sponsored by the U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Army Nurse Corps, Fort Knox, KY.

The two **Nursing Specialty Showcase** sessions are interactive panels that explore career opportunities in a broad range of specialty nursing areas. The day also offers a variety of workshops on graduate school, networking and interviewing, becoming politically involved and writing resolutions, and includes the opportunity to meet the 2008 Board of Directors at the afternoon Roundtable Discussions.

Don't miss these other highlights at the Conference:

- Orientation for first-time attendees.
- The Exhibit Hall, where attendees have the chance to network and speak with representatives from hospitals, schools of nursing, and publishing and product companies.
- Faculty Workshops for Continuing Education credit.
- Leadership University Treasurer Certificate Program and Disaster Preparedness Workshops – come network and share your ideas.
- **Tube In To NSNA – Capture the talent at your state or school chapter on a DVD!** Showcase your talent and raise funds for FNSNA at the MidYear Fundraiser. Find out how on www.nsna.org, future issues of *Imprint*, call or email nsna@nsna.org.

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