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To: Breakthrough to Nursing Directors/Chairs

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Last year was an awesome year in regards to Breakthrough to Nursing (BTN) Projects. There were so many new and exciting project ideals that left me inspired and motivated. I am looking forward to the upcoming academic year to see the influx of new and motivational projects that are sure to inspire us all. It was my honor to attend The NSNA Board of Directors meeting in New York as the new Breakthrough to Nursing Director. While in New York the BTN committee had several meetings and we were able to plan what promises to be a stimulating year for our Breakthrough to Nursing mission.

This year's BTN Committee has chosen the theme "Building the Nursing of Tomorrow" the BTN Committee has also approved these goals for the year:

1. Increasing awareness of nursing as a profession to males by promoting the many opportunities available especially the possible development of a nationwide Boy Scouts of America Nursing Career Badge
2. Increasing awareness for the increased need for more minority nurse educators. Goal is to inspire more current nursing students to become interested in becoming nurse educators.
3. Increase the awareness of availability current BTN resources from NSNA and outside sources (Johnson & Johnson).
4. Contribute BTN articles to *Imprint* as feasible.
5. Encourage, promote and enlist the continuation of BTN projects and programs at the state and local levels.
6. Address numerous BTN resolutions previously passed by House of Delegate

In the meantime check-out the [NSNA BTN web page](http://www.nsna.org/pubs/awards/) and print out the NSNA Awards and Honors Booklet <http://www.nsna.org/pubs/awards/>. The revised booklet will be updated and posted in the near future. There will be two \$100 BTN awards given out this academic year. An award will be issued to the top state BTN project and one award for the top school BTN project.

Look for the BTN column in upcoming issues of *Imprint* magazine for updates. Please feel free to contact me anytime you have any questions or would like to share your experiences.

I look forward to meeting and speaking with everyone at the NSNA Midyear Conference, November 13-16, 2008, Reno, NV. I am planning to host an exciting BTN seminar for everyone to share ideals for BTN projects.

CC: State Presidents, State Consultants, State Staff and NSNA Board of Directors