

# **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **\$125,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO NURSING STUDENTS NATIONWIDE AT NSNA'S 51<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION**

**Brooklyn, N.Y. April 14, 2003.** On April 24, 2003, The Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association (FNSNA) awards \$125,000 in scholarships to nursing students nationwide during NSNA's 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention Awards Ceremony at the Phoenix Civic Plaza, Phoenix, AZ. The winners and scholarship sponsors are recognized at the Ceremony, which is followed by a gala reception sponsored by the U.S. Army Recruiting Command. Over 3,000 nursing students are expected at the Convention, which runs from April 23-27, 2003.

The FNSNA was created in 1969 to honor Frances Tompkins, the Association's first Executive Director. Organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, the Foundation awards scholarships to qualified nursing students. Contributions to the FNSNA are tax-deductible. The Foundation thanks all contributors to the Mary Ann Tuft Scholarship Fund and the Promise of Nursing Regional Scholarships, and expresses sincere appreciation to those participating in the Sun City Auction taking during the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention.

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**Candy Dato, PhD, RN, CS, NPP, faculty advisor, Long Island University, Brooklyn Campus, Brooklyn, NY;**

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