

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

Press Release

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FNSNA Scholarship Established to Honor Terri Tonsetic

Brooklyn, NY - November 17, 2011. The Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association (FNSNA) is pleased to announce a scholarship in honor of Terri Tonsetic, RN.

The scholarship continues the legacy of Terri to support the education of student nurses. It is open to nursing students with a 3.0 GPA pursuing a bachelor's degree in flight nursing, critical care, emergency nursing or informatics, and residing in the Pittsburgh or Atlanta areas.

Terri grew up in Monaca, Pennsylvania, and had always dreamed of becoming a nurse. After attending Beaver County Community College for two years, she enrolled as a Nursing major at Slippery Rock University in Slippery Rock, PA. After graduating Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing, Terri started a life of service as an emergency room staff nurse at Aliquippa Hospital and then went on to become a flight nurse, renal staff nurse and critical care nurse at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She continued her

career as a successful sales executive with Hewitt Packard Corp. & McKesson Corporation where she promoted medical equipment and medical software utilizing her experience and background in the health care industry until her passing in February 2011.

Terri was an energetic, thoughtful, caring person that had a passion for her role in the nursing community. She was passionate about education and nursing and giving back to the community. If you asked her to help you, she would not hesitate. She served as a leader in both her professional and personal lives, as well as mentor. She was a true advocate for care improvement and greeted everyone with enthusiasm, quickly offering her experience and expertise. During her career, Terri forged lifelong friendships and partnerships with all whose lives she touched. Most importantly, she influenced all that knew her as a person who lived life to the fullest.

Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in April 2012 at the FNSNA Annual Convention to be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The FNSNA, along with the James Sagan (Sponsor) and Tonsetic family, invite all to make a contribution.

To support the Terri Tonsetic RN Nursing Scholarship Fund please visit the Foundation & Scholarships page at www.nсна.org or call (718) 210-0705.

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The Foundation of the National Student Nurses Association (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. Since 1974, the FNSNA has awarded over \$3.4 million dollars in scholarships to undergraduate nursing students. The Foundation is organized as a 501 (C) (3) charitable foundation