

NSNA**National Student Nurses' Association
62nd Annual Convention · Nashville, TN**

CONVENTION NEWS

Saturday, April 12

NSNA 62nd Annual Convention

April 9-13, 2014
Opryland Resort & Convention Center
Nashville, Tennessee

Today's Highlights:

8:00 – 9:30 am
Voting for 2014-2015 Officers

9:00 am – 12:00pm
Last Chance to Visit Exhibit Hall and
Career Development Center

9:45 am
House of Delegates Closing Session

2:00 pm
Focus Sessions, Part 5

3:15 pm
Focus Sessions, Part 6

4:30 pm
Closing Ceremony &
Awards Presentations

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2013-2014 Award Winners!

The NSNA Board of Directors carefully considered all of the entries submitted for the 2013-2014 Program Awards. Here are this year's winners, to be presented at tonight's Closing Ceremony starting at 4:30pm in Delta A. Images of the winners will appear in the September/October issue of *Imprint*. Congratulations to all the winners!

Winner's Way

- Group 1:* Nursing Students of Washington State
- Group 2:* Hawaii Student Nurses' Association
- Group 3:* Wisconsin Student Nurses' Association
- Group 4:* Student Nurses' Association of Illinois
- Group 5:* Michigan Nursing Students' Association

Precious Metal Awards Program

Top School: University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit, MI

Legislation/Education

State: California Student Nursing Association
School: Covenant School of Nursing, Lubbock, TX

Breakthrough to Nursing® Awards

State: Georgia Association of Nursing Students
School: Harding University, Searcy, AR

Community Health Awards

State: Arkansas Nursing Students' Association
School: University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL

Disaster Preparedness Awards

School: University of Texas at Austin
State: Georgia Association of Nursing Students

Newsletter Contest

State Level 1: Michigan Nursing Students' Association
State Level 2: Maryland Association of Nursing Students
School: California State University, Sacramento

Image of Nursing Awards

State: Arkansas Nursing Students' Association
School: Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR

Website Awards

State: New Jersey Nursing Students, Inc.
School: Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR

Robert V. Piemonte Financial Excellence Award

Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR

Bylaws & Policies Award

Student Nurses' Association of Pennsylvania

Empowering Resolutions

Villanova University, Villanova, PA

Global Initiatives in Nursing Awards

State: Arkansas Nursing Students' Association
School: Our Lady of the Lake College, Baton Rouge, LA

International Photo Contest

1st Place: Leonarda Gaige, Polk State College, Winter Haven, FL
2nd Place: Larissa Pinczuk, Harding University, Searcy, AR
3rd Place: Asma Agad, Emory University, Atlanta, GA

NSNA State Excellence Awards

- Group 1:* Student Nurses Association of Guam
- Group 2:* Hawaii Student Nurses' Association
- Group 3:* Tennessee Association of Student Nurses
- Group 4:* Louisiana Association of Student Nurses
- Group 5:* Georgia Association of Nursing Students ■

**Virginia Betts**

Tonight: Endnote Address & Closing Ceremony

4:30 - 6:00 pm in Delta A.

Tonight, the Closing Ceremony starts promptly at 4:30pm. Cheer on the award winners and hear **Virginia**

Trotter Betts, MSN, JD, RN, FAAN, challenge attendees to be the change nursing needs in her presentation, "Your Voice/Your Dream/Nursing's Future." Sponsored by the Association of perioperative Registered Nurses. ■

Thursday's Plenary Examined the Value of Nurses as Leaders of Interprofessional Care



Speakman

Appropriate to a session on interprofessional care, Plenary Speaker, **Elizabeth Speakman**, EdD, RN, was introduced by moderator and pharmacy student **Felix Tran**, BS, president of the Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA). Mr. Tran encouraged attendees to “collaborate to connect.”

In Thursday's Plenary Session—titled, Interdisciplinary Patient-Centered Care: RNs Rally the Team—Dr. Speakman urged nurses and nursing students to “step up, dialogue, and come along with other professionals to provide quality care.” She stressed the importance of teamwork, explaining that “the collective vision of the whole is more powerful than the vision of the individual; we cannot do silo care management.”

She highlighted Institute of Medicine (IOM) reports that have recommended interdisciplinary care—now called interprofessional care—as the best way to reduce errors and improve patient care:

- To Err is Human: Building A Safer Health System, 1999
- Crossing the Quality Chasm: A New Health System for the 21st Century, 2001
- Health Professions Education: A Bridge to Quality, 2003
- The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health, 2010
- Interprofessional Education for Collaboration: Learning How to Improve Health from Interprofessional Models Across the Continuum of Education to Practice, 2013

Dr. Speakman reported that the trend to interprofessional education is designed to increase interprofessional practice. In her multimedia presentation, Dr. Speakman integrated videos to demonstrate the importance of teamwork in a variety of settings. She pointed out that “a team of experts does not mean an expert team.” She described nurses as the natural leaders of the healthcare team.

“Nurses need to rally the team,” suggested Dr. Speakman. “Nurses are the cheerleaders, the people who can move the team forward because nurses are central to all care. Because patients tell nurses things they may not tell others, you will know more about the patient and need to share as you interact with other providers. The buck stops with you: When something doesn't look right, feel right, you need to speak up.”

She concluded by pointing out that, “Teams that work well together and have higher levels of participation are more effective in delivering high quality care.” ■

Thursday's Plenary Session was sponsored by the Oncology Nursing Society.

Career Development Center *The Exhibit Hall and Career Development Center continue today, 9am - 12pm in Ryman Hall C2*

NSNA members had the chance to greet vendors and colleges of nursing representatives during their visits to the Exhibit Hall, which opened Wednesday. The Career Development Center was a great draw — students were advised by nursing faculty mentors and seasoned nursing administrators who gave valuable feedback on resumés, career goals, and other documentation. Students also learned how to best highlight their accomplishments and make themselves stand out in the job-hunting process. ■

Friday Plenary Panel Focuses on Nursing Leadership for Patient Safety

In a panel discussion moderated by **Gloria Donnelly**, PhD, RN, Dean of Drexel University College of Nursing and Health Professions, five nurse leaders addressed the critical role nurses play in protecting patients from adverse events while receiving health care. The panel consisted of **Maureen “Shawn” Kennedy**, MA, RN, Editor-in-Chief, AJN; **Cheryl Taylor**, PhD, RN, NLN-Appointed Consultant; **Rebecca M. Patton**, MSN, RN, ANA-Appointed Consultant; **Deena Brecher**, MSN, RN, APN, President, Emergency Nurses Association; and **Margaret Barton-Burke**, PhD, RN, President-Elect, Oncology Nursing Society

“Patient safety is an issue all the time, and nurses are the forefront,” said Dr. Donnelly who noted that 65% of adverse events are preventable.

Ms. Kennedy set the stage for the panel discussion by noting the shift from a punitive individual approach to errors to the current trend of looking at ways to structure the work environment to reduce error. She cautioned however that nurses who work long hours are prone to make errors. She suggested attendees look up the case of Julie Thao, RN, a dedicated, compassionate nurse who was criminally charged for a medication error that she made after agreeing to work long hours.

Dr. Taylor urged applying love, courage, and honor: “Recognize and admit errors in patient care settings. Don't pass the buck; when an error is identified, be honest and work together with all disciples to fix it. Remember that a mental status assessment of a patient is as important as a physical assessment in preventing injuries.” She suggested learning more about nurses' roles in patient safety from the Nurses Service Organization (NSO), which collects data on malpractice. In conclusion, she urged attendees to review Imprint's February/March 2014 special issue, “Use Your Voice: Ethics in Nursing.”

Ms. Patton examined how faculty can use the clinical environment to teach patient safety. She noted that rotating students through the OR helped them learn communication, advocacy, safety, teamwork, evidenced-based quality care, and patient centered-care.

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Delegates Added 3 Candidates to Slate, Adopted 27 Resolutions at Friday House



The House reconvened on Friday morning, delegates added 3 candidates for the office of BTN Director to the slate:

BTN Director: **Jonathan Cox**, Louisiana; **Kara Heatter**, Illinois; **Paige Weikle**, South Carolina

Before using the voting boxes to act on proposed resolution, delegates responded to questions to test them:

- Do you have a smart phone? 97% yes; 3% no
- Is this your 1st NSNA Convention? 79% yes; 21% no
- How many MidYear conventions have you been to? 73% 1; 15% 2; 7% 3; 4% 4
- How long was your trip here? 1% less than 1 hr; 33% 1-4 hours; 57% 5-12 hours; 9% more than 12 hours

Of the 30 proposed resolutions discussed in the Thursday Resolutions Hearing, the Friday House adopted 26 without changes and one with changes, Resolution 7. The House resumes today at 9:45am to vote on the remaining resolutions and to conclude its business. Look online at nsnaconvention.org for a full list of resolutions. ■

SNAPSHOTS FROM THIS WEEK!

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MUSIC CITY AUCTION



The auction brought in over \$4,200 in funds for the Foundation of the NSNA. The highest bid was \$400 for an NLN Summit registration. A bidding war for a giant Hershey's Chocolate Bar resulted in a total of \$280 raised, when the winning bidder won the enormous treat and her competitor matched it. A beautiful Clara Barton doll sold for over \$300. Thanks to the bidders and buyers and auctioneer **Carl Montgomery** for donating his time—the auction was a great success!

Top to bottom:

Exhibit Hall attendees; Georgia delegates during roll call at Wednesday's House of Delegates; Leader of Leaders winner **Judy Comeaux** (right) from the University of North Florida with sponsor representative **Amanda Wolff** (left), Executive Marketing Manager, Elsevier;

Bottom left: President Jesse Kennedy addresses attendees at the Opening Ceremony; **Bottom right:** Secretary/Treasurer **Christine Shuffield** addresses the House of Delegates.



THE CAMPAIGN FOR NURSING'S FUTURE



Attendees Dream Big in the iDream Room

Sponsored by the Johnson & Johnson Campaign for Nursing's Future, the iDream Room has been a great success. In addition to enjoying the various speakers for each of the lecture series sessions, attendees sat for complimentary headshots to enhance their branding efforts as they begin searching for their first position in nursing. The iDream Room continues today in Governors Ballroom B, 9am – 12pm.



Student Leadership



Above: Winner of the Isabel Hampton Robb Leadership Award, **Jacob Hunter** (left), University of Toledo, with sponsor representative **Amanda Wolff** (center), Executive Marketing Manager, Elsevier and NSNA President **Jesse Kennedy**.

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Use the **NSNA GRADUATION CORD** to celebrate your big day with a distinctive NSNA flair!

Inspired by our popular grad cords, the same blue & white tassel has been fashioned into the **NSNA KEYCHAIN!**

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NURSING—THE CAREER OF A LIFETIME presents accomplished nurses sharing inspirational career journeys.

SATURDAY STORE HOURS:
 7:30am - 3:00pm

See **PAGE 12** of the Program Book for more items!



Above: For the 2014 NSNA/Nurse.com Essay Contest, entrants were asked to submit 1,000 words answering the question, "What does being an effective nurse leader mean to you?" NSNA *Imprint* Editor, **Carson Applewhite** (far right) and sponsor representative **Robert Hess** (second from right), Executive Vice President of Global Programming for Gannett Healthcare Group, presented the awards to Second Place Winner **Sara Hausz** (far left), Indiana University Southeast, New Albany, IN, and **Brodi Willard** (second from left), Midland University, Fremont, NE. Grand Prize Winner **Vivian Anderson** (Glendale Community College, Glendale, CA) was unable to attend.

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Registration count
 as of press time on
 Friday, April 11

3,395

Delegates: 576

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