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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Shelby Jones/President

Hello FNSA Members!

Our meeting on the 28th was packed! I would like to thank all of the members who came out, on a holiday weekend, to participate in our meeting; we had seven different schools represented. Make sure you all come to our next meeting; July 9th at 11:00 in Orlando. Although it seems so far away, start planning for state convention in October. The board is hard at work creating the schedule of events to make sure you all get to hear what you are interested in! If you have any topics or specific speakers you wish to hear make sure you contact any of your board members to let us know. Now is the time to start planning your convention trip; fundraising is the key! Pull your local chapter together and get creative to get the funds necessary to make sure every member gets the opportunity to come. Let us know what kinds of fundraising you do to support your chapter so that we can share it with others and you can get some ideas that may work for you.



If you are thinking about running for office talk to your local board member to get any information you may need to be prepared to run. We will be accepting applications following preconvention, being held in September in Orlando. Make sure to put Preconvention on your calendar as well; it will be the day after FNA Student Day, which is an excellent opportunity to peek into this wonderful professional organization. For all new grads, don't forget as a member of FNSA you get your first year of FNA FREE, this is a \$283.00 value. Your professional journey does not start once you enter the working world; it starts now, while you are in school. Come out and join us at our next meeting and get involved!!!

Yours truly,
Shelby Jones

Dudley Deshommes
1st Vice President

Hello fellow members and consultants.

The summer is finally here and we are half way through the year, which means our state convention is just around the corner. The E-board has a lot in store for you all.

For those of you participating in the House of Delegates please be aware of the credentialing process. In order to have delegates for your school, I, the Bylaws Chairman, must have a current copy of your chapter bylaws. Please begin now, update your bylaws, and send them to me via e-mail, which is preferred, or by mail to the Florida Nurses Association office building at 1235 E. Concord St., Orlando, FL 32803. Please mark ATTN: Bylaws with address. This will help make the credentialing process during convention more efficient. If sending by mailing, please provide a contact person in case I have any questions or concerns regarding your chapters bylaws. I would like to have all chapter bylaws in by September 1, 2011.



Once your bylaws are complete, you will also need to fill out and attach an application for constituency form, found on the FNSA.net website. This form must be received 2 weeks (October 12, 2011) prior to state convention on October 26, 2011 or you can present it at convention during credentialing. There will be more details and information given at the pre-convention workshop on September 24, 2011 and upcoming Hotlines. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me via e-mail: fnsa_1stvp@yahoo.com or (904) 535-4325.

Thank you and take care.

Dudley L. Deshommes, RN

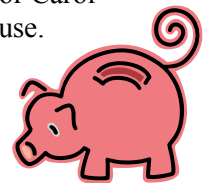
FNSA 1st Vice President/Bylaws Chairman

University of Central Florida RN-BSN

Help Raise Funds for a New Scholarship!!!
Carol Petrozella Scholarship

Mariana Ortigosa
Treasurer

Carol Petrozella, EdD, RN is an instructor at Miami Dade College. She has served as both a school consultant and a State Consultant, respectively for over 19 years. She is a past recipient of the Honorary Lifetime Membership in FNSA as well as the FNA Heather Scaglione Award for her support of students and FNSA over many years. She has been the backbone of the FNSA CAPS program, being the only certified trainer in the state. Even after her retirement from the FNSA consultant role, she continues to support the students by facilitating CAPS training sessions. She was also instrumental in introducing the March of Dimes Community Health project to FNSA. She served as the FNSA NLN consultant and kept NLN involved in FNSA providing sponsorships and scholarships for many years. We would like to honor Carol Petrozella by naming a new FNSA scholarship after her. Please help us in raising funds for this great cause.



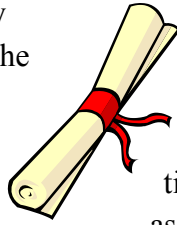
Don't Forget about Pennies PRN Scholarship Challenge

Raise money for nursing scholarships! Collect as much as you can for Pennies PRN at your schools this summer and bring it to the Pre-Convention Workshop in September. You can announce your totals during Pre-Convention in September and the money collected and submitted at the FNSA Convention. An award will be given to the school that has collected the most Pennies at the FNSA Convention. The Race is on!

Region Director 1/Membership Chair

Tami Williams

Congratulations to all of our new graduates!! All the hard work, long nights and dedication finally paid off and you made it!! Thank you for all of the support and the help you provided to make our state so well represented on the student nurse level. Good luck to all of you as you venture into the world as a professional and face the challenging and respected profession we all hold dear to our hearts. I am confident that you will represent Florida well. Although we must say goodbye to our graduates, this also means that we are happy to welcome a new incoming class of nursing stu-



dents. Congratulations! You have chosen a profession full of dedicated and caring individuals who are respected around the world. Please also consider joining your local chapter of the Florida Student Nurses Association and become active. This is your chance to become involved in an association that serves you as a student and is a gateway into the profession. It is a place to find friends, mentors, learn cutting edge information, travel, and of course network!!

REGION 2 DIRECTOR / COMMUNICATION CHAIR

Murielle Joseph

Dear Florida Nursing Students,

FNSA State Convention is right around the corner, and Pre-Convention/FNA Student Day will be even sooner. Come to Pre-Convention to network with other schools and get ideas for the new school year, as well as to get up-to-date information regarding the Convention and what you will need to do to prepare. Any discussion about conventions must also include information about funding. The theme for Convention has been created, and the keynote speaker will be great! Go to www.fnsa.net to find out more!

If your chapter would like some fundraising ideas or how to effectively gather the support of your college, please contact me at fnsa_region2@yahoo.com. I am looking forward to seeing you in September and again in October!



REGION 3 DIRECTOR / BTN CHAIR

Nicole Couzzo

Hello everyone!

I hope you are all enjoying your summer and finding some time to enjoy the weather and relax! I did however want to give you a few "to do's" in your down time. As I mentioned to you before we have posted several BTN tips and ideas for you on the FNSA website so I hope you take a look over that. Also, be sure to keep up with the awards and scholarships that will be available at the next state convention in October. Information regarding both are be found on the website as well. There are some great opportunities available, so look in advance to get an idea of some you may be interested in!

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions!

Region 4 / Community Health

Lisa Fussell

Take Care of Yourself and Your Local Communities This Summer

Hello, fellow nursing students. Congratulations to all of you who are graduating this summer. What an amazing accomplishment! You're an inspiration to me and other nursing students who are working toward their own graduation goals. I hope you will all continue to stay involved and active within the profession of nursing and will continue to grow in knowledge and skill throughout your professional career.



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Summer is a time when some students will be on break and others still in classes. I hope that, regardless of which situation you are in, you will continue to actively reach out within your communities. Natural disasters have caused much devastation throughout various areas in our nation this year, and there is still so much to be done to assist them. Not to mention, Floridians will enter the dreaded hurricane season toward summer's end, and there is no time like the present to start preparing those in our own communities.

Many community outreach activities dissipate during the summertime. However, students actually tend to have more time in the summer to get involved, so please take advantage of this fact and organize summer community outreach activities. Disaster preparedness is especially important at this time, but please don't forget to take care of yourselves. Take time to read a book that's not a nursing textbook, relax with family and friends, eat healthier, drink plenty of water, and add some exercise to your life.

Most importantly, have a fabulous summer!

Region 5 Director/NEC Chair

Jenny-Lyn Buster

Hello Fellow FNSA members,

First of all, I want to say congratulations to all the new graduates! I hope you all are enjoying our beautiful sunny weather this summer and taking some time to relax. While you are catching some rays don't forget about our upcoming annual FNSA convention in October. Although the convention is five months away, it is not too early to start thinking about running/pre-slating for a state position. For those of you interested in running for an Executive Board position of the FNSA please refer to our website or feel free to contact me at FNSA_region5@yahoo.com.

Good Luck with the NCLEX!

Corresponding Secretary/ Hotline Editor

Denise Knapp

Hi follow members!

I hope everyone is enjoying his or her summer break. Pre-convention is just around the corner and the state convention is not far behind, I encourage you to start getting ready now. We are planning many interesting events for everyone. I attended my first convention last year and it was a wonderful experience. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact any of the board members, we all enjoy hearing from you.

On another note, we would like to hear what your school is doing and share it with the rest of FNSA in the spotlight article, submit your article and pictures to FNSAcorrespondingsec@yahoo.com.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Region 6 Director/Legislative Chair

Limor Weinberg



First, I would like to say Congratulations to all of the class of May 2011! All the hard work has finally paid off and you've accomplished your goal!!! Second, I would like to commend the students in region 6 for going the extra mile. While most schools are out for summer, many nursing students in South Florida from schools such as Barry University, University of Miami and Miami Dade Community College are working hard in the community. Several students are planning mission trips in August as well as health & wellness fairs at the end of June and during the entire month of July. Students are also starting to think about fundraising ideas that will enable them to raise enough money to attend State convention this October. From the traditional fundraisers like the car wash, selling t-shirts, bake sales to some not so traditional ideas like Nurses SPF, which is raising money for a local skin cancer foundation in S. Florida. Region 6 is full of great ideas and will definitely have a large presence at State convention.

FNA

Leah Nash

New Grad Leadership Opportunity

The Florida Nurses Leadership Academy (FNLA) is a partnership program of FNA and FNF with the purpose of developing future nursing leaders. The goal is to provide tools, education, and opportunities to new graduates to assist them in becoming active members and skillful leaders in their professional organization. Those selected will receive mentoring into proactive roles in the FNA and then become a mentor over a period of two years. Eligible applicants must have graduated from a School of Nursing in Florida within the past three (3) years or be eligible to graduate on or before June 15, 2011. Fellows will be required to complete specific activities and will receive benefits stated above, as well as a FNLA lapel pin, tote bag, FNA recognition, etc.

Applications are due July 15, 2011 to FNA Headquarters. Applications may be found at floridanurse.org on the "Resources" page. You may also request one from info@floridanurse.org or from your FNSA Consultant.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: FNA MEMBERSHIP ASSEMBLY

The FNA Membership Assembly will be held on September 23 and 24 at the Hilton Orlando Altamonte. Students are invited to attend for free on Friday, September 23rd, to learn more about association business and current nursing issues, as well as to network with nursing professionals. See you there!

What's on the agenda for students and new grads?

- Florida Nurse Leadership Academy Information
- New Grad Regional Ambassadors to help make you feel comfortable.
- Pinning Ceremony for new grad members.

- Round table forum for students/new grads and seasoned FNA members.
- Learning sessions about issues that affect your practice.
- More activities to network and get to know your nurse colleagues!

FNA Webinar Series

Learn and earn 1 CH of ANCC Continuing Education through FNA's 2011 EMPOWERMENT webinar series. Registration is \$20 for Members/Students/New Grads. New Grad Scholarships are available. Email conferences@floridanurse.org for an application. Applications must be received at FNA Headquarters at least one week before the webinar that you would like to attend. See below for the list of upcoming webinars. Visit floridanurse.org and click on "Conferences" to register.

June 21 (7-8 pm): Laurie Stark, PhD, RN is a previous Florida Nurses Foundation research grant recipient. During this webinar, Laurie will present her findings and how art therapy empowered breast cancer patients to cope with their illness.

July 13 (11 am – Noon): Patricia Posey-Goodwin, RN, has a passion for engaging nursing students and new graduates. During her webinar on Generational Diversity, Patricia will instruct attendees on different age groups and their tendencies, as well as retention issues.

Attendees will be empowered by the knowledge of how to interact with colleagues of different age groups.

August 4 (9-10 am): Debbie Hogan, RN will give an update on immunizations, empowering attendees to learn more about the trends of current possible epidemics and treatments.

November 8 (1-2 pm): Denise McNulty, DNP, ARNP will present an evidence based comprehensive review of literature on nursing empowerment in the workplace. The presentation addresses the nurse's perception of his/her psychological empowerment and impact this has on patient care and outcomes.

Florida New Graduates: FNA Wants Your Input

Please go to <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22BVGP3CAZM/> to complete a short survey about your experience as a new grad! Your participation will help us create services and activities for new grads.

FNA Updates

Want to know what else FNA is up to? Here are some easy ways to keep track of FNA initiatives:

- Check out FNA on Facebook at facebook.com/floridanursesassociation
- Follow FNA on Twitter at [twitter.com @FLNurses](http://twitter.com/@FLNurses)
- Become a friend of FNA on MySpace at myspace.com/floridanursesassociation



