Louisiana Nurses were Recognized in the Legislature on May 7, 2014

Representative Thomas Willmott sponsored HCR 118 which declared May 6-12, 2014 National Nurse Week in Louisiana. Pictured with the proclamation lower row from left: Lisa Deaton, Rita Finn and Clara Earl. Top row from left: Karen Lyon, Rep. Willmott and Cynthia Bienemy

Nurses! Louisiana has a large list of nurses to keep updated and we want to reach you all.

Please be sure to email lsna@lsna.org with address changes / corrections or if the nurse listed is no longer at this address.

Subject Line: Pelican News Address Change / Removal – Last, First Name

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LSNA House of Delegates
April 13th and 14th, 2015
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Announcing the 2014 Joe Ann Clark Graduate Nursing Education Award

by Cynthia Prestholdt, RN, PhD, Chair; LNF Scholarship & Awards Committee

The Louisiana State Nurses Association (LSNA) established the Joe Ann Clark Graduate Nursing Education Award in 2012 to honor Dr. Joe Ann Clark for her distinguished career in professional nursing in Louisiana. This Fall, LSNA launches the third year for her distinguished career in professional nursing in Louisiana. The goal of the award is to provide financial support to a Louisiana registered nurse, preferably an LSNA member, pursuing graduate education in preparation as a nurse educator in an academic environment. It will be offered on an annual basis as possible. Recipients may receive this award one time only. The award this year is $1,000 for graduate nursing academic expenses in Spring 2015. Financial arrangements for this award are managed through the Louisiana Nurses Foundation (LNF).

• The award is made on a competitive basis to a professional nurse enrolled in an accredited graduate nursing program in Louisiana, and who plans to become a nurse educator in an academic environment.

• Application deadline is Friday OCTOBER 17, 2014.
• Complete information may be found on the LSNA website: www.lsns.org
• The recipient will be notified by early January, 2015.

The first two recipients of this award have successfully completed their graduate nursing programs and have received their MSN degrees.

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Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

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The successful tenure track applicant must hold a Masters degree in Health/Medical Informatics, Healthcare/Hospital Administration, Business, Management, Computer Information Systems or other related field. In addition, health IT work experience is required. A degree in Health Informatics and Information Management, credentials from the American Health Information Management Association and a Doctoral degree are preferred. A promise of scholarship, experience delivering courses via distance learning, a commitment to using technology in teaching and scholarship, and a commitment to professional service are highly desirable. Applicants must possess excellent oral and written communication skills to be considered.

Louisiana Tech University seeks a new faculty member whose role will focus on the area of Health Informatics and Information Management. This is a tenure-track position, available within the College of Applied and Natural Sciences, Department of Health Informatics and Information Management.

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Who or what influenced you to become a nurse leader?

When I was in my diploma program, I became very active in the Philadelphia chapter of the National Student Nurses Association. I attended the NSNA national convention in Salt Lake City during my second year of nursing school. I ran from the floor and was elected first vice president. I then became president of NSNA. I knew that it was going to be really important to be a leader because that’s where change happens.

As I became a staff nurse and then a clinical nurse specialist, I believed in the power and influence that nurses have to influence change. That’s where nurses make a difference. Because that’s where change happens.

Who or what influenced you to become a nurse leader?

I am a strong believer in nurses as decision-makers – whether it is at the national level for changes in health policy, at the bedside, in their local community or even in their family circle. We have an incredible capacity to help people understand what’s happening in health care and to provide excellent direction for the health care transformation that has to occur in this country.

On a personal note, I’ve experienced nursing in many roles – as a staff nurse, clinical nurse specialist, faculty member, nurse manager, chief nursing officer and chief operating officer. I’ve had many opportunities to lead and help develop others.

What are your top priorities at ANA?

I want to maintain and continue to strengthen ANA’s marquee programs and core strengths: political advocacy, our efforts around safe staffing and healthy work environments, and exercising our rights to control our activities at the Department, College, University and Professional levels. Assisting, planning and development of the curriculum in the graduate and undergraduate programs are paramount. Also Scholarship within the department, the preparation of publications, research, service on committees, and participation in official activities at the Department, College, University and Professional levels is expected.

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The 2013 Nursing Education Capacity and Supply Report

This report analyzes trends in Louisiana's nursing education capacity using data from the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) 2012-2013 School of Nursing annual reports which are submitted by pre-RN licensure programs and advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) programs in Louisiana. Data used to describe the size and characteristics of Louisiana's RN and APRN workforce (nursing supply) is taken from the annual licensure renewal applications that were submitted to LSBN on or before January 31, 2014. Major findings from the report include:

- 60,508 Registered Nurses held a license to practice as an RN in Lain 2013
- 52% of the licensed RNs residing in LA have a baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing.
- There was a 24% increase in the number of APRNs holding a license to practice in LA between 2009 and 2013.
- Fifty-five percent of the 2,274 graduates in the 2012-2013 report year were from baccalaureate programs; 44% were from associate degree programs, and 1% was from the one diploma program in the state.
- The passage rate on the NCLEX-RN Exam for graduates from Louisiana's pre-RN licensure programs continues to exceed that of the nation in spite of the higher passing standard implemented in April 2013 by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.

The report in its entirety can be found on the Louisiana State Board of Nursing website http://lcn.lsbn.state.la.us/Portals/0/Documents/2013NurseEdCapacity.pdf.

The 2013 Newly Licensed Registered Nurse Survey

The 2013 Newly Licensed Registered Nurse Survey revealed that:

- The majority (94%) of the 1,239 newly licensed RNs responding to the 2013 Newly Licensed RN Survey were able to find employment as an RN, which continues to be in alignment with findings from the 2011 survey.
- Eighty-four percent (n = 1,049) of the newly licensed RNs indicated that they were interested in pursuing an advanced degree in nursing compared to 76% (n = 850) in 2011.
- When asked what would motivate newly licensed RNs to participate in a nurse residency program, 87% indicated that they would participate in a nurse residency program to increase their skills, competencies, and confidence.
- Acute care hospitals employed 74% of the newly licensed RNs, with long-term care hiring 7% of the newly licensed RNs in 2013, compared to 5% in 2011.

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The 2014 Nursing Supply and Demand Forecasting Model Roadshow

The 2014 Forecasting Model Roadshow entitled: Projecting Nursing Workforce Supply and Demand in Louisiana, was conducted by The Louisiana Center for Nursing in an effort to share an in-depth look at the projected future of the nursing workforce in Louisiana at the regional and statewide level. The roadshow served as a vehicle to facilitate discussions which focused on the Louisiana Statewide Multi-Regional Nursing Workforce Forecasting Model design and key findings. The interactive workshops featured facilitated discussions on the current and future nursing workforce, including simulations reflective of changes in healthcare, regional development, and population growth. The roadshow began in Baton Rouge on Tuesday, June 17th at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, the second meeting was held on Wednesday, June 18th in Lake Charles at the SEED Center, and the third meeting took place on Thursday, June 19th at the Courtyard Marriott in Shreveport. Dr. Cynthia Bienemy, Director of the Louisiana Center for Nursing, and Dr. Craig Moore, Economist and expert in the area of regional economic analysis, forecast modeling, and simulation, were the presenters and facilitators for the Roadshow. The meetings attracted a diverse audience with representatives from nursing education, nursing practice, nursing regulation, workforce and economic development organizations, health care associations, public policy, and hospital executives and administrators. The meetings provided stakeholders the opportunity to learn more about the Nursing Forecast Model and about the Center for Nursing as a resource for information about Louisiana’s nursing workforce.

For additional information about Louisiana's Multi-Regional Statewide Nursing Workforce Forecasting Model, please contact Dr. Cynthia Bienemy at the Louisiana Center for Nursing at lcn@lsbn.state.la.us. The Technical Report on the Forecasting Model can be found on the LSBN website http://lcn.lsbn.state.la.us/Portals/0/Documents/LouisianaNurseWorkforceForecastingModel/TechnicalReportFINAL_10-18-2013Combined.pdf.

Launching of the 2014 Statewide Nurse Employer Survey

The 2014 Nurse Employer Survey will be launched in August of this year. The 2014 Nurse Employer Survey will be used to collect information from employers about the demand for registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and nursing assistants working in major types of health care facilities in Louisiana such as acute care hospitals, psychiatric hospitals, long term care facilities, hospices, and home health agencies. Information obtained from these surveys will better inform policy makers and workforce analysts about the demand for nursing care in Louisiana. We are seeking the continued support of the Nursing Supply and Demand Council, the Louisiana State Nurses Association, the Louisiana Organization of Nurse Executives, the Louisiana Nursing Home Association, the HomeCare Association of Louisiana, the Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners, the Louisiana Association of Nurse Anesthetist, the Louisiana Council of Administrators of Nursing Educators, the Louisiana Action Coalition, and other interested stakeholders in making the 2014 Nurse Employer Survey even more successful than the 2010 Survey.

Stakeholders from across the state are asked to encourage healthcare facilities/agencies to make every effort to complete the surveys and return them to the Center for Nursing by the requested submission date. Administrators, chief nursing officers, directors of nursing and/or human resource directors may complete the survey or delegate and/or collaborate with others at their facility/ agency in an effort to respond to items on the survey with the most accuracy. Louisiana's aging population and the impending retirement of a large cohort of older nurses could lead to a severe and prolonged nursing shortage over the next decade. It is imperative that we are proactive in gathering the most accurate data available relative to Louisiana's nursing workforce.

If you should have any questions about the 2014 Nurse Employer Survey, please contact Dr. Cynthia Bienemy at 225-755-7563 or via email at lcn@lsbn.state.la.us.
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UL Lafayette Nursing Faculty Member Earns Place in Leadership Program

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United Our Voices Can Make A Difference!

Melissa Stewart DNP, RN, CPE and Lisa Deaton, BSN, RN

Plato, the great philosopher once said, “One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by our inferiors.” Webster’s dictionary defines politics as activities that relate to influencing the actions and policies of a government or getting and keeping power in a government. The Louisiana Registered Nurse Practice Act, like that of other states, is statute or law, which is shaped and defined through legislation. During the convening of legislative bodies, interested parties, such as nursing, lobby legislators to influence any prospective new or altered legislation. Federally, the American Nurses Association (ANA), through ANA’s Political Action Committee (PAC), lobbies for nursing interest on the national level. On the state level, each state’s nursing association acts to preserve the sanctity of nursing practice within their state by maintaining a legislative presence through active stakeholder representation and lobbying efforts through a state level nursing PAC. “Politics and policy affect every area of nursing, whether it’s education, practice or research” stated Connie Vance, nursing professor at College of New Rochelle, in a 2012 legislative testimony. Vance went on to say, “Healthcare is political.” (http://www.dnpprogramsonline.com/louisiana-state-nurses-association/)

Louisiana is renowned for its politics and Louisiana’s nurses have been front and center in the political arena, as both a nurse and a patient advocate, since 1904 when Louisiana State Nurses Association’s (LSNA), in their first year of existence, created what is today’s equivalent of a political action committee to influence legislation affecting nursing and health care in Louisiana. (http://www.dnpprogramsonline.com/louisiana-state-nurses-association/) Since conception, Louisiana Nurses Political Action Committee (LANPAC) has gone through many seasons of change. Today’s LANPAC is a voluntary, unincorporated, non-profit organization of nurses and others that are interested in political action involving nursing and the health needs of Louisiana citizens.

LANPAC is politically non-partisan and operates in conformity with the bylaws, policies and platforms of LSNA. As the political action arm of the LSNA, LANPAC is allowed to raise money to contribute to candidates running for political office. The purposes of LANPAC is to:

• Promote the improvement of the health care of people by raising funds & contributing to the support of candidates for office who have demonstrated an awareness of nursing & health needs of the citizens of Louisiana
• Disseminate unbiased information on current issues, and on candidates for elective office, their voting records, backgrounds and platforms
• Encourage nurses to become a part of the political process by actively participating in election campaigns.
• Encourage nurses to seek elective office
• Assist nurses in organizing to become a powerful, political force
• Publicly endorse candidates

Contributors to LANPAC can influence improvement of the healthcare system in Louisiana by combining their contributions with the contributions from nurses, family, friends and other supporters of nursing. Contributions to LANPAC are voluntary and may be made by any nurse or other interested party. Every dollar LANPAC raises is one more dollar that can be used toward the purposes of LANPAC, including contributing to candidates who support nursing and access to quality healthcare.

As the volatile issue of healthcare continues to consume daily conversations and multimedia headlines, nursing, as the largest provider of healthcare services, has to maintain a strong political voice. Nursing not only wants to speak, but needs to be heard. LANPAC can help Louisiana nurses strategically and legislatively align to strengthen their voice and garner political allies to the message Louisiana nurses need to move forward. The time has come to add volume to Louisiana nurses voice. LANPAC needs financial support from contributors to help carry nursing’s advocacy forward. LANPAC understands that like most Americans, many nurses are living on tight budgets. As we try to build up LANPAC funds for imminent political action, LANPAC asks you to consider contributing what you can. Even a small contribution is a big investment when it comes to protecting our profession and the health of the population we serve. As healthcare reform continues to unfold, nursing’s role as patient advocate is being challenged daily! Each Louisiana state senator represents about 115,000 people. If you have a chance, your seat has about 40,000. Imagine how your contribution to LANPAC could influence any prospective new or altered legislation. Contributors to LANPAC can contribute to any prospective new or altered legislation.

If you would like more information please contact Melissa Stewart, DNP, RN, CPE, current President of LANPAC at mstewart1m@yahoo.com or (225) 301-5504 or Lisa Deaton, BSN, RN, current LSNA Trustee to LANPAC at farmas1@aol.com or (225) 933-3242.

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Announcing The 50th Anniversary Gala Celebration Of Southeast饲e’s School Of Nursing!

Cynthia Prestholdt, RN, PhD, Member of 50th Anniversary Planning Committee, Southeastern Louisiana University School of Nursing

Southeastern Louisiana University School of Nursing proudly celebrates 50 years of Building a Legacy of Nursing Excellence. A Gala Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for Friday evening, October 10, 2014. This evening will be a showcase of our history, a treat for the eyes, a hors doeuvres and a cash bar from 6-7 PM, followed by a brief ceremony at 7 PM, and a celebration until 9 PM. Music representing all five decades of the school’s history will be featured. Smart casual dress attire is recommended. Students, alumni, faculty and retirees, state and local government agencies related to the school, and guests are most welcome. All events will be held in the main ballroom of the beautiful new Student Union building on the Hammond Campus. Persons who can donate silent auction items, share memorabilia, vignettes of experiences and stories of milestones, as well as provide information about reaching alumni are encouraged to contact Sandra Williams in the Southeastern School of Nursing Office at 985-549-3772. Additional information is available on the school’s website at: www.southeastern.edu/nursing.

Ticket ordering and memorabilia information for the event are available at the following website: https://connect.southeastern.edu/53.

A 50th Anniversary Planning Committee has been developing the event for the past several months under the direction of Dr. Ann Carruth, Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at Southeastern. Nursing alumni, past and current faculty and staff, and representatives of affiliating clinical agencies have all been involved in plans to create a uniquely memorable event. Retired Deans Donnie Booth and Ellenette Tate are researching the history of the School of Nursing, along with input from many others, including Dr. Barbara Moffett, also a retired nursing program dean. A document with highlights of the Nursing Program’s development is planned along with recognition of the accomplishments of fifty distinguished nursing alumni from both the baccalaureate and graduate programs. The Southeastern Alumni Association and the Office of Public Information have also been significantly involved during this planning process. The Advisory Planning Committee wishes to contact all School of Nursing alumni, especially Class presidents, in order to reach as many graduates as possible. Additionally, graduates, faculty, and others with historical memorabilia are encouraged to contact the School of Nursing to share materials for a display. A silent auction is planned, along with presentation of commemorative awards and materials related to the School’s ongoing development during the past half century.

This gala anniversary celebration promises to be an exciting, entertaining, and professionally memorable event. It will especially honor the graduates and all those who have contributed to the development of an exemplary Louisiana nursing program over the past five decades.

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Louisiana Council of AORN Chapters – Treasurer

On July 12th, 2014, the Louisiana Council of AORN Chapters met for their annual elections and a communion with members from around the state, representing perioperative nurses on the local Chapter level. The LCAC liaises and provides a regional arm to the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (a large non-profit membership association based in Denver, Colorado), to bring the most current standards, research, legislation, and perioperative nursing education to Louisiana perioperative nurses, leaders, and managers. Louisiana AORN members also provide educational support to sister organizations, like the LASN (Louisiana Association of Student Nurses), and legislative support to the LANP (Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners), with the goal of staying positively connected within the community to support positive change in healthcare.

AORN’s network of over 300 chapters nationwide provides local members with a valuable connection to peers. Through the Chapter Excellence Awards program, AORN has the opportunity to recognize these valuable contributions at the chapter level. The Baton Rouge Chapter of AORN recently won the Bronze Chapter of the Year award at the 2014 Annual AORN Conference and Expo, in Chicago, IL. This award recognizes chapters which achieved professional and personal growth by offering educational programs; inspiring students interested in the perioperative field; promoting the value of AORN membership; and seeking to increase public awareness of perioperative nursing by involvement in community activities.

AORN meets the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 at Woman’s Hospital. The next chapter meeting will be Thursday, September 4, 2014 at Woman’s Hospital @ 100 Woman’s Way starting at 6:30 pm in conference room 1-3. The topics will be on Nursing Issues Behind the Closed Doors and Taking Safety in Your Own Hands.

The Baton Rouge Chapter of AORN recently elected and installed new officers for the 2014-2015 year. They are as follows:

President Ms. Kristy P. Simmons, MSN, RN, CNOR Woman’s Hospital
President Elect Pollie A. Harris, RNC Woman’s Hospital
Vice President Karen F. Smith, BS, RN, CNOR
Secretary Annette F. Savoy, RN,BSN Woman’s Hospital
Treasurer Jessica P. Sonnier, RN,BSN Baton Rouge Area
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Board Mrs. Stephanie K. Powers, RN,BSN

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Sailing date on Thursday, November 6th, 2014 and returning Monday, November 10th, 2014. Sails from New Orleans to Cozumel, Mexico

"Making the Invisible Visible: the Role of the RN in Care Coordination"
Speaker: Rhonda Finnie, DNP, APRN, AGACNP-BC, RNFA

Session 1 & 2:
Program Purpose:
"The purpose of this activity is to enable the RN to identify care coordination as a core professional role and responsibility."

Target Audience:
Registered nurses in all areas of practice. Other health care professionals are invited to attend.

Objectives:
Upon completion of the program, attendees will be able to:
"Session 1 (Friday)"
1. Describe current concepts of care coordination,
2. Identify the evidence base for the role of the RN in care coordination.

"Session 2 (Sunday)"
1. Identify systems-related challenges and opportunities associated with care coordination,
2. Apply models, concepts and framework to individual practice settings

• 2.5 contact hours will be awarded each day. A total of 5.0 contact hours may be earned by attending both days,
• Separate certificates will be awarded at the end of each session. Must attend entire session and complete the evaluation in order to receive certificate,
• South Central Accreditation Program is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

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AORN of New Orleans Chapter 1902-2014/15 Board of Directors
Fall is upon us this month. I think this is my favorite time of the year. SCAP has been very busy over the last three months. We approved several provider units using the 2013 ANCC criteria. I was in Little Rock with Dr. Debra Jeffs (ARNA) providing a continuing education activity on Providing a Quality CNE Program – about 40 individuals attended the activity. And Diane Graham-Webb (LSNA), Nancy Darland (LSNA) and I traveled to Monroe to do the same program to 12 individuals attending. We are working on doing the program October 2014 in south Louisiana either in New Orleans or Lafayette. Anyone interested in hosting us? Diane, Nancy and I are looking at dates. I will also be attending the ARNA Fall Convention in October to present an update on continuing nursing education.

Some news from ANCC — Received July 10, 2014 — It is with great pleasure that ANCC announces the promotion of Dr. Kathy Chappell to the position of Vice President, Accreditation and Research. Kathy joined American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) in 2010 as the director of the Accreditation Program and is credited with leading its dramatic turn-around. She has more than 25 years of experience including clinical practice as critical care nurse; hospital administration and system strategic planning; and quality management in support of professional nursing practice.

In her new role, Kathy is responsible for the Institute for Continuing Education Research and the Accreditation Programs including Primary Accreditation of continuing nursing education for providers and approvers, Joint Accreditation of organizations providing interprofessional continuing education, accreditation of courses validating nursing skills and skill sets (Nursing Skills Competency Program), and accreditation of residency and fellowship programs for registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses (Practice Transition Accreditation Program®). Research ensures that the standards for all programs have a strong evidence base, are applied consistently, and without discrimination.

Kathy is in-demand as a speaker and an accomplished author. She is a board member for the Alliance for Continuing Education in the Health Professions, and since 2012 served as a reviewer for its William Campbell Ffich Award for Outstanding Research in Continuing Education (CE). She is also a member of the Joint Committee on Continuing Education.

Kathy received her baccalaureate in nursing with distinction from the University of Virginia and her masters of science in advanced clinical nursing from George Mason University. She completed her doctorate in nursing at George Mason University in February 2014.

Outcome Measures — I have received several questions about outcome measures for Provider Units. I am providing a suggested list of outcome measures for the organization and nursing professional development.

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Annual Reports — The SCAP Annual Report will be sent to all approved Provider Units and anyone that has had an Individual Education Activity approved during 2014. The document is an excel form asking for information on dates presented, contact hours awarded, attendance, communication support and sponsorship. Also, Provider Units will need to notify SCAP of any changes in the organization, annual goals for nurse planners, complaints received by participants, etc. We will send out the form early in 2015. In addition to the annual reporting needed, we will be doing some Interim Monitoring of the Provider Units. You may be asked to send an Activity File, a CE certificate, brochure, or some other document from an activity. As an approver, we have to ensure that the Provider Units are following ANCC Criteria year round.

Summative Evaluations — all activities done as IEAs or by Provider Units need a summative evaluation completed. After tallying the evaluations for an activity, the planning committee needs to analyze the activity. Were the objectives met? How were the speakers? Did a speaker cancel? Were there any problems with the activity? Look at any issues with doing the activity. If you repeated the activity, would you do anything differently? All activity files need this document.

Boundary rule for Approved Providers from ANCC (email from Kathy Chappell - May 22, 2014) The boundary rule applies to approved providers only, not individual activity applicants. An organization must apply to ANCC if more than 50% of its activities are marketed to nurses in multiple noncontiguous regions, regardless of the marketing method (Internet, flyers, print advertisement or similar). The actual audience make up (from local or multiple regions) does not determine whether the organization must apply to ANCC. How the organization markets its activities is the determining factor. The audience make up, however, may provide evidence for the Accredited Approver in order to make an appropriate decision. The marketing method also does not determine whether an organization must apply to ANCC, but may provide additional evidence. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Debra Shelton at admin@arlascap.org.

Revenue received from exhibit space or advertising (Director’s Update from ANCC July 7, 2014) Revenue received from exhibit space or advertising that does not support continuing nursing educational activities awarding ANCC contact hours is not commercial support or sponsorship. Revenue that does support continuing nursing educational activities awarding ANCC contact hours that is provided by a commercial interest organization is reported as commercial support. Revenue that does support continuing nursing educational activities awarding ANCC contact hours that is provided by a non-commercial interest organization is reported as sponsorship.

Annual CE Symposium sponsored by ANCC July 16 in Orlando, FL. I attended the annual symposium this year. The program is done annually to highlight changes in continuing education and innovative ideas and strategies for providing ANCC approved continuing nursing education. The
All Individual Nominees must be a registered nurse in Louisiana, or a retired registered nurse who practiced in Louisiana. Please note there are additional requirements for the Hall of Fame nominees. Hall of Fame nominees will be notified prior to the event whether or not they are selected for induction into the Hall of Fame. All other nominees for awards will be announced at the Gala.

All applications are limited to 10 pages. A resume or vitae is NOT included in 10 page count. A resume or vitae is not required as part of the application. The nomination page is not counted in the 10 page count.

All Individual Nominations must include:
• Number of years in practice as a registered nurse.
• All academic degrees.
• All current nationally recognized nursing certifications.
• Current position and years in position.

In addition it is suggested that additional information be added as appropriate:
• Participation in professional nursing organizations including LSNA. Participation in work related professional activities such as Policy & Procedure Committee, Nursing Leadership Council, Recruitment committee, and other specific committee and council work; including whether participation was as a member or chair. Participation in other professional organizations such as Sigma Theta Tau, American Association of Critical Care Nurses, etc.
• Participation in volunteer Civic, Community, and Faith-based related organizations.
• Impact on the nursing profession in the state; promotes and advances nursing, supports colleagues, collaborates with other health care professionals, has made a difference in outcomes for colleagues and patients.

Please comment on and give examples of the SPECIFIC AWARD CRITERIA: nominee’s achievements/accomplishments in relation to the specific award for which he/she is nominated.

Hall of Fame
This prestigious award recognizes a Registered Nurse’s lifelong commitment to the profession of nursing and its impact on the health and/or social history of the state of Louisiana. The Registered Nurse who has practiced in Louisiana for at least 10 years and has achieved national prominence will be considered on an individual basis. Up to three nurses may be inducted per year. Hall of Fame inductees may be living or deceased.

Award Criteria—please address the following:
1. preparation in a formal nursing program, activities related to lifelong learning, and significant length of practice as a registered nurse,
2. participation in LSNA/ANA and other professional organizations,
3. demonstrated leadership which has affected Louisiana citizen’s health and/or nursing’s social history,
4. lifelong contribution to nursing practice, education, administration, research, economics, or literature,
5. and enduring achievement, having value beyond the nominee’s lifetime

Registered Nurse of the Year
This award honors the registered nurse best exemplifying the art and science of nursing practice during the previous year.

Award Criteria—please address the following:
1. consistent demonstration of the art and science of nursing,
2. impact on organizational, local, or statewide healthcare and nursing,
3. participation in LSNA/ANA and/or other professional nursing organizations,
4. evidence of continuing education and lifelong learning, and
5. evidence of mentoring others in the profession of registered nursing.

Clinical Practice Nurse of the Year
This award recognizes a registered nurse consistently delivering and fostering exemplary direct patient care as a primary nursing role.

Award Criteria—please address the following:
1. ability to demonstrate use of clinical expertise and interpersonal/communication skills to deliver excellence in patient care,
2. impact on clinical outcomes and patient satisfaction through application of nursing knowledge,
3. ability to use leadership skills and quality measures to initiate improvement in patient care processes,
4. examples of recognition of care and expertise by patients, and
5. evidence of participation in professional organizations and/or lifelong learning.

Individual Award Criteria:

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse of the Year
This award honors an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse licensed in Louisiana for outstanding direct patient care. This category includes: Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Midwives, Nurse Anesthetists, and Clinical Nurse Specialists.

Award Criteria—please address the following:
1. Demonstration of advanced clinical expertise and interpersonal/communication skills to improve patient outcomes,
2. impact on wellness to a population of patients,
3. use of leadership skills and quality measures to advance an area of nursing practice,
4. examples of recognition of care and expertise by patients, and
5. evidence of participation in LSNA/ANA and other professional organizations.

Clinical Nurse Researcher of the Year
This award recognizes a clinically focused registered nurse who has led significant formal or informal nursing research leading to an improvement in direct patient care. (Full time academicians are not eligible for this award).

Award Criteria—please address the following:
1. develops and implements a research protocol(s) that focuses on patient outcomes or clinical quality.
2. translates specific research findings into meaningful and valuable clinical practice change(s).
3. disseminates research findings outside of the organizational structure.
4. demonstrates the ability to secure funding to conduct or implement research as needed.
5. Evidence of participation in LSNA/ANA and other professional organizations.

Clinical Nurse Educator of the Year
(Hospital-based, primary role)
This award is given to an outstanding Clinical nurse educator involved in formal staff development, competency development and education, and nursing continuing education program in a hospital based in Louisiana.

Award Criteria—please address the following:
1. impact on nursing outcomes for the hospital that were a direct reflection of onsite clinical nursing education,
2. excellence in classroom presentation and competency demonstration and validation,
3. excellence in clinical expertise and nurse educator competencies,
4. participation in LSNA/ANA and/or professional nursing, professional development, or educational organizations, and
5. evidence of mentoring nurses to the profession of nursing at an organization, including measurement outcomes related to nursing retention and turnover.

Outstanding Nurse Researcher
This award recognizes a registered nurse who has led significant formal or informal nursing research which has impacted healthcare or the community.

Award Criteria—please address the following:
1. demonstrated research capabilities related to appropriate study design and completion,
2. impact of research on profession or community,
3. ability to promote interest in nursing research, including funding procurement as appropriate,
4. description of completed or ongoing research (within the last two years), and
5. activities related to dissemination of nursing research through publication and/or presentation.

Rookie of the Year
This award honors a registered nurse who, while practicing for less than two years, exhibits awareness of the practice of nursing and professionalism while delivering nursing care.

Award Criteria—please address the following:
1. consistency of job experience since becoming a registered nurse,
2. comments from administrator/colleagues regarding nominee’s professional growth,
3. demonstration of the art and science of nursing,
4. evidence of continued development in clinical reasoning, and
5. participation in professional organizations.

Registered Nurse Mentor of the Year
This award honors a registered nurse who assists a nursing colleague to advance in the nursing profession.

Award Criteria—please address the following:
1. demonstration of professional behaviors and role modeling.
Individual Award Criteria continued on page 10

2. evidence of professional development of mentees and/or comments from employers, colleagues and mentees,
3. demonstration of professional awareness and strong interpersonal/communication skills,
4. demonstration of professional awareness, and
5. participation in LSNA/ANA and other professional organizations.

Nursing Administrator of the Year
This award recognizes a registered nurse who serves in a key nursing leadership role, administers the business/patient care activities of a health organization, and/or who manages other personnel.
Award Criteria—please address the following:
1. evidence of excellence in nursing practice within the healthcare agency,
2. use of leadership skills, quality measures, and evidence-based initiatives to improve nursing practice,
3. demonstration of mentoring and nursing development,
4. demonstration of personal and organizational commitment to lifelong learning, and
5. participation in LSNA/ANA and other professional organizations.

Outstanding Community Achievement by a Registered Nurse
This award recognizes achievement of outstanding community service by a registered nurse.
Award Criteria—please address the following:
1. demonstration of leadership in volunteer community activities (school, church, etc.),
2. demonstration of significant accomplishment for the community,
3. impact on the health and welfare of the community or its citizens,
4. comments from the organizations or the citizens served and
5. participation in LSNA/ANA and other professional organizations.

Nursing Educator of the Year (Faculty, School of Nursing)
This award is given to an outstanding nurse educator involved in formal undergraduate or graduate nursing program based in Louisiana.
Award Criteria—please address the following:
1. impact on students entering the profession or seeking a higher degree in nursing,
2. excellence in classroom presentation and educator competencies,
3. excellence in clinical expertise,
4. participation in LSNA/ANA and/or professional nursing or educational organizations, and
5. evidence of mentoring students to the profession of nursing, including participation in nursing organizations.

Nursing School Administrator of the Year
This award recognizes a registered nurse who is responsible for the administration of a school of nursing or educational organization.
Award Criteria—please address the following:
1. evaluation comments of students
2. comments of faculty colleagues
3. significant accomplishments for the school of nursing administered by nominee
4. evidence of innovative leadership
5. participation in professional organizations

Organizational Award Criteria:
In addition to the “award criteria information” below, please include for all Organizational Nominees:
1. Length of time organization has been in business.
2. History of the organization.
3. Description of the organization’s most significant contribution to the healthcare industry/nursing profession.

Please comment on and give examples of the organization’s achievements/accomplishments in relation to the specific award.

Nursing School of the Year – Entry into Practice Programs
This award recognizes a school of nursing offering formal education for entry into practice as a registered nurse.
Award Criteria—please address the following:
1. school of nursing commitment to selecting and educating future nurses,
2. NCLEX-RN first-time pass rate for immediate two-year reporting periods,
3. examples of innovation in nursing education,
4. percentage of full-time and part-time faculty who are members of LSNA/ANA and related activities,
5. and percentage of enrolled nursing students who are members of LSAN and activities of the student organization.

Nursing School of the Year – Advanced Practice and Higher Degree Programs
This award recognizes a school of nursing offering formal education for registered nurses interested in advanced nursing practice roles and higher education in nursing.
Award Criteria—please address the following:
1. description of the advanced practice and higher degree programs offered,
2. number of program graduates for past two-year period,
3. advanced practice certification first-time pass rates for immediate two-year reporting periods,
4. examples of innovation in nursing education,
5. percentage of students and faculty who are members of LSNA/ANA and other professional nursing organizations and related activities.

Nursing School Administrator of the Year
This award recognizes a registered nurse who is involved in the administration of a school of nursing.
Award Criteria—please address the following:
1. outcome measures of professional nursing growth within the facility,
2. specific examples of organizational initiatives supportive of nursing practice,
3. evidence of RN professional development,
4. examples of RN recognition within the organization, and
5. recognition of support for nursing participation in professional organizations.

Hospital of the Year (60 beds or fewer) and Hospital of the Year (61 beds to 160 beds) and Hospital of the Year (161 or greater)
This award recognizes a hospital employer of registered nurses that demonstrates recognition of professional nursing and innovation in leadership in the described licensed bed categories.
Award Criteria—please address the following:
1. Innovation through nursing leadership and management within the hospital,
2. specific examples of organizational initiatives supportive of nursing practice,
3. evidence of RN decision making and participation in management decisions,
4. examples of recognition of RN achievements within the organization, and
5. recognition of support for nursing participation in professional nursing organizations.
The Baton Rouge District has had a busy year, highlighted by the 25th anniversary of the Annual Celebrate Nursing Awards Banquet. The banquet was held on May 6, at Boudreaux’s Reception Hall in Baton Rouge, and over 300 people attended. Twenty-six nurses were honored for their outstanding service to the citizens of the 7 parishes comprising the Baton Rouge District. Also honored was Dr. Wanda Spurlock, Southern University School of Nursing, who received the Helen Johnson Cremeens Excellence in Teaching Award. Two nurses, Cynthia York and Antigua Smart, received $1000 Edith LoBue Memorial Scholarships to help with their pursuit of higher degrees (see accompanying photos). The district is grateful to all sponsors who supported the banquet, and to all committee members who worked so hard to make it a success. We look forward to continuing the year by offering at least 2 continuing nursing education programs at meetings beginning in August, and to reaching out to area schools of nursing and hospitals in our ongoing effort to increase membership and service for all nurses in the District VII area.

Past presidents of the Baton Rouge District Nurses Association were recognized at the 25th Celebrate Nursing Banquet May 5, 2014 at Boudreaux’s in Baton Rouge. From the left: Barbara Hyde, Barbara Biletnikoff, Karen Loden, Staci Anderson, JoeAnn Clark, current president Karen Moody, Cindi York, Jackie Hill and Georgia LaCour.

The scholarships are funded by the Baton Rouge District Nurses Association. Both recipients are doctoral candidates.

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As in the 14 previous years, District IV again recognized 25 outstanding registered nurses in the 7-parish Acadia area. The honorees were selected via blind review process by a committee of peers because their courage, stamina, and compassion have made a difference in the lives of the populations they have chosen to serve. These special nurses were chosen because they exemplify concern for humanity and dedication to the profession of nursing through direct care of patients or in mentoring other nurses.

The event was held at the Petroleum Club in Lafayette with over 250 guests in attendance. Dr. Denise Danna, LSNA District IV President, served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening. Greetings from the LSNA Board of Directors were presented by Dr. Carllene MacMillan, Association Vice-President. Honorees were presented recognition certificates, commemorative pins, and gift bags filled with “goodies” from area contributors. Student scholarships were awarded to two graduating seniors: the Celina Hayne Leadership Award–David Savoie – LSU Eunice and the Effie Logan Community Service Award – Kristen Gilbert – University of Louisiana at Lafayette.
District IV Participates in Community Health Fair

As part of community outreach effort, LSNA District IV will participate in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of a Community Health Fair to be held 7-11 a.m. on October 18, 2014 at Dauterive Hospital in New Iberia, LA. Other participating organizations and agencies include: Acadiana Black Nurses Association; Office of Public Health; and Unitech Training Academy-Lafayette. Additional involvement is being sought from local student nurse programs, the New Iberia Diabetic Kitchen, NAMI, Council on Aging, and area vendors. Target audiences are young adults, middle age adults, and elders. Plans to date include the provision of numerous health screenings, including blood pressure checks, BMI, cholesterol, and glucose. In addition, information will be presented on nutrition, mental wellness, women’s health, and men’s health. Door prizes will be given away throughout the morning.

Governor Jindal Reappoints District IV President to Acadiana Area Human Services District

Patricia A. La Brosse, PMHCNS-BC, President of LSNA District IV, has been appointed to serve a second term on the Board of Directors for the Acadiana Area Human Services District (AAHSD). The Human Services District was created by the Louisiana State Legislature to provide administration, management, and operation of behavioral health (addictive disorders and mental health) and developmental disabilities services to the residents of Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, and St. Landry, St. Martin, and Vermilion parishes. Within this area, AAHSD operates sites in Crowley, Lafayette, New Iberia, Opelousas, and Ville Platte.

The mission of the Acadiana Area Human Services District is to increase public awareness of, and to provide access for, individuals with behavioral health and developmental disabilities to integrated community based services while promoting wellness, recovery and independence through education and the choice of a broad range of programmatic and community resources. To this end, a comprehensive system of care is offered which provides research-based prevention, early intervention, and treatment and recovery support services directly and through community collaborations.

Ms. La Brosse is employed as an Adult Psychiatric/Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist at University Hospital and Clinics in Lafayette, LA. A member of several professional organizations, she has served in local, state and national positions including ten consecutive terms on the Board of Directors for the Louisiana State Nurses Association. Along with her service to the nursing profession, Ms. La Brosse is regular volunteer at the local behavioral health clinic.

Northshore District Nurses Association

Submitted by: Georgia Johnson, NDNA President georgiajla@yahoo.com (985) 640-5613


Nursing Grant: The Dr. Helen Dunn nursing grant was awarded to Hannah Ford, student nurse at Southeastern. The award was presented in honor of Dr. Dunn, former Dean of LSU School of Nursing, who was an active participant and member of the Board of Directors of NDNA for decades. The grant is eligible to students enrolled in a nursing program and residing in Washington or St. Tammany Parish.

AWARDS: The District is preparing for the 2014 Annual Award Program. Each year the NDNA recognizes local Registered Nurses that are nominated for outstanding nursing care. Nominations may be submitted by a:

- Student Nurse that wants to recognize an instructor or staff nurse as a mentor
- Patient for whom the RN has provided exceptional care
- Family that is thankful for the care provided to their loved one by a RN
- Peer that is grateful for the contribution of a RN co-worker
- Manager that appreciates the dedication of a RN employee
- Facility that wishes to acknowledge the commitment to service of a RN

The nominee must reside or work in Washington or St. Tammany Parish and be currently licensed and employed as a Registered Nurse. Nominations will be accepted at the Annual Program to be held 6:30PM, September 23rd, 2014, at St. Tammany Parish Hospital, Covington, La. For further information on nominations, to obtain a nomination form or to register for the program, contact: NDNA @ (985) 643-8719, or (985) 641-5037

MEETINGS: The NDNA meets at 6PM on the third Tuesday every other month (Jan., March, May, July, Sept., Nov.) to discuss relevant issues, network, select scholarship recipients, organize the Annual Awards Program, submit nomination for the Nightingale Awards, select representatives to attend State level events and receive education from local nurses. Visit us on Facebook @ Northshore District Nurses Association – Louisiana.
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• Earned doctorate in nursing or a doctorate in a related field with a graduate degree in nursing from an accredited school of nursing.
• Recognized record of accomplishment via publications; and
• Ability to establish an extramurally funded research program.

Applicants for non-tenure track faculty must have:

• A graduate degree in nursing from an accredited school of nursing.
• Certification in the area of clinical specialty.
• Minimum of three years current clinical experience in adult health, community health, mental health, pediatrics, gerontology, or maternal/newborn health.

Applicants for tenure-track must have:

• Earned doctorate in nursing or a doctorate in a related field with a graduate degree in nursing from an accredited school of nursing.
• Recognized record of accomplishment via publications; and
• Ability to establish an extramurally funded research program.

Applicants must also be eligible for or currently licensed to practice nursing in the state of Mississippi. Applications should be submitted online at https://alcorn.edu/apply.

Alcorn State University School of Nursing located in Loxie, Mississippi, is seeking faculty who possess strengths in research and teaching capabilities. Tenure-Track and non-tenure track appointments are available in the Master’s, Baccalaureate, and Associate Degree Programs.

The following 12 month administrative faculty positions are also available:

• Associate Dean/Director of Graduate Nursing Programs
The ideal candidate will possess the following qualifications:
  • A master’s degree in nursing and an earned doctorate in nursing or related field;
  • Eligible for academic appointment to the rank of associate professor/professor;
  • Experience in academic administration;
  • Experience teaching at the Master’s degree level or above;
  • A program of research as evidenced by scholarly publications and presentations;
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The ideal candidate will possess the following qualifications:
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  • A developing program of research as evidenced by scholarly publications and presentations;
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