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‘09 Nightingale Awards
Recipients Recognized

A record turnout attended the fifth annual Mississippi Nurses Association's and Foundation's 2009 Nightingale Awards Gala on March 2 in the Marriott Hotel Downtown, Jackson. The annual Nightingale Awards is the “academy award” honoring exceptional service in the nursing and healthcare industry across Mississippi. Ronnie Agnew, executive editor of The Clarion-Ledger served as emcee for the evening. Ronnie Agnew, 46, has been executive editor of The Clarion-Ledger since August 2002. A native Mississippian, Agnew started his journalism career in 1984 as a reporter at The Greenwood Commonwealth. Since then, Agnew has worked for a variety of newspapers in Mississippi, Alabama and Ohio. Under Agnew’s leadership, The Clarion-Ledger has produced three Pulitzer Prize finalists and been vigilant in First Amendment journalism. “The Nightingale Awards distinguish those men, women and organizations that have made a special effort to excel in the area of healthcare,” said Ricki Garrett, Ph.D., executive director of the Mississippi Nurses Association, co-host of the event. “This year more than 100 nurses, nurse educators, administrators and healthcare facilities were nominated for statewide honors.”

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More than 1,200 student nurses, registered nurses and nurse professionals attended the 2009 Statewide Nursing Summit at the Mississippi Trade Mart in Jackson on Tuesday, Jan. 27. From left, MNA President Pam Farris, Southwest Mississippi Community College Student James Church, American Nurses Association President Rebecca Patton and Nurse Practitioner Mike Stinson discuss the roles professional associations play in Nursing’s future. (See story and more photos inside.)

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Gail Pittman Pottery Inc. has closed its production line of pottery and will no longer produce hand-painted pottery. The MNA logo pottery commissioned in April 2008 will no longer be produced. Order now. Your 8-inch salad plate is available for $35 plus shipping while supplies last.

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JOIN MNA NOW!

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MNA Disaster Preparedness Conference
July 10 & 11
Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa, Florence, AL
As we rushed about to prepare for the Statewide Nursing Summit and the visit by American Nurses Association president, Becky Patton, it was important to stop and consider why it is so important for nurses to become involved politically and why we need to be involved with our national nursing organization.

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2009 Nightingale Award Recipients

Winners for 2009 include:
♠ Claire Durst, RN, University of Mississippi Health Care–Nurse Rookie of the Year;
♠ Wanda Dent, RN, Baptist Memorial Hospital - North Mississippi–Nurse Mentor of the Year;
♠ Marcella Mckay, Ph.D., RN, Mississippi Hospital Association–Nurse in Non-Traditional Setting of the Year;
♠ Kimberla Jones, RN, North Mississippi Medical Center–Nurse Researcher of the Year;
♠ Michelle Burns, RN, MSN, OCN, University of Mississippi Health Care–Nursing Educator of the Year;
♠ Katherine E. Nugent, Ph.D., RN, University of Southern Mississippi–School of Nursing Administrator of the Year;
♠ University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Nursing–School of Nursing of the Year;
♠ Jean Walker, Ph.D., RN, University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Nursing–Nursing Faculty Member of the Year
♠ Leigh Ann Puckett, RN, North Mississippi Medical Center–Nurse Educator of the Year;
♠ Prime Care Nursing–Nurse Employer of the Year;
♠ Hancock Medical Center–Hospital of the Year (Less than 100 Beds);
♠ Crossgates River Oaks Hospital–Hospital of the Year (100 Beds or More);
♠ Jan Robinson, RN, University of Mississippi Health Care–Clinical Practice Nurse of the Year;
♠ Becky Rogers Dorough, APN, BC, North Mississippi Medical Center–Clinical Practice Nurse of the Year;
♠ Romeatrius Nicole Moss, MSN, RN, Keeler Air Force Base–Community Service Nurse of the Year;
♠ Janice P. Starling, RN, North Mississippi Medical Center–Nurse of the Year, and, Hall of Fame (2009);
♠ Kaye Bender, University of Mississippi Medical Center–School of Nursing Administrator of the Year;
♠ Northeast Mississippi Community College–School of Nursing of the Year;
♠ Karen George, North Mississippi Medical Center–Nursing Administrator of the Year;
♠ Deaconess HomeCare–Nurse Employer of the Year;
♠ Baptist Memorial Hospital, Union County–Nurse Mentor of the Year (Less than 100 Beds);
♠ University of Mississippi Health Care–Hospitals of the Year (100 Beds or More);
♠ Leigh-Anne Scroggins, North Mississippi Medical Center–Clinical Practice Nurse of the Year;
♠ Lisa Marie Byrd, Byrd Healthcare, LLC and the Bolton Family Clinic–Advanced Practice Nurse of the Year;
♠ Debrinda Daves, University of Mississippi Medical Center–Community Service Nurse of the Year;
♠ Inductees into the Mississippi Nurses Association Hall of Fame for 2008 are Mary Pat Curtis of Columbus,
♠ Mary Sprayberry of Nettleton and Mary E. Stainton of Hattiesburg.

See Photos and More
Due to the press time, MNA has only been able to include announcement of the winners in this issue of the Mississippi RN. Watch for more information, photos and highlights of the 2009 Nightingale Awards Gala in the March Issue of Members Only due out Friday, March 27 and the next issue of The Mississippi RN due in June. You can go online at www.msnurses.org or check our MNA’s Facebook page.

2008 Nightingale Award Recipients
♠ Jennifer Brooke Edwards, University of Mississippi Health Care–Nurse Rookie of the Year;
♠ Paula Brown, North Mississippi Medical Center–Nurse Mentor of the Year;
♠ Tonya Moore, University of Mississippi Medical Center–Nurse in Non-Traditional Setting of the Year;
♠ Sanjosa Martin, Mississippi Baptist Medical Center–Nurse Researcher of the Year;
♠ Judy Baker, Jones County Junior College and Rebecca Tustain, Hinds Community College–Nursing Educator of the Year;
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Thanks to the 2009 Nightingale Awards Gala Committee
The Mississippi Nurses Association and the Mississippi Nurses Foundation wish to recognize and thank the members of the 2009 Nightingale Awards Gala Committee. Their tireless commitment and inspiring energy makes the Nightingale Gala one of the state’s premiere health care related events.

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Plan to Sponsor MNF Harmony for Health: Dancing with Nurses

The Mississippi Nurses Foundation invites your organization to join us by pledging a sponsorship for the 2009 Harmony for Health event-Dancing with the Nurses scheduled Friday, April 10, 2009, 7:00 p.m., at River Hills Club in Jackson.

Harmony for Health-Dancing with the Nurses, is a way of celebrating nurses through dance and it provides our friends throughout the state an opportunity to support the nurses of Mississippi as we raise funds to develop wellness and disease prevention programs, explained Rosalyn Howard, executive director of the Mississippi Nurses Foundation.

Howard said the Health for Harmony committee is working to make this an exciting evening as you join us for Dancing with the Nurses complete with dance lessons, such as the salsa, the swing and the cha-cha, taught by the Applause Dance Factory.

The evening, Howard continued, will also consist of live music performed by Compozitionz. This extraordinary band features five extremely talented vocalists whose sound has been compared to The Temptations. In addition to marvelously choreographed routines, the band truly performs costume changes.

“Sponsorship of Harmony for Health-Dancing with the Nurses, will give you and your organization the opportunity to provide your employees, family and friends a fun and exciting evening,” said Howard. “It will also allow the Mississippi Nurses Foundation to promote your company as a supporter of nursing and it will show that you are committed to improving the health and wellness of Mississippi citizens.”

For more information, contact Rosalyn Howard, at (601) 898-0850 or email me at rhoward@msnurses.org

Sponsorship Levels for Dancing with the Nurses

**Dancing with the Nurses Sponsor—$5,000**
- Corporate logo in printed promotional material
- Special recognition during event
- Corporate name on banner at event
- Corporate signage at table of ten
- 10 event tickets
- 10 door prize tickets and gift basket with wine

**Cha-Cha Sponsor—$2,500**
- Corporate logo in printed promotional material
- Special recognition during event
- Corporate name on banner at event
- Corporate signage at table of ten
- 10 event tickets
- 5 door prize tickets and gift basket with wine

**Swing Sponsor—$1,500**
- Corporate name in printed promotional material
- Special recognition during event
- Corporate signage at table of 8
- 8 tickets for event
- 2 door prize tickets

**Sales Sponsor—$500**
- Corporate or individual name in printed promotional material
- Corporate name on banner at event
- Shared table of 6
- 2 tickets for event
- 1 door prize ticket

**Dance Sponsor—$250**
- Corporate or individual name on banner at event
- 2 event tickets

You can track all legislation at http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us. Please review these measures and make a call to the legislators in your district asking for passage of these bills.
American Nurses Association President Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR, was the opening session speaker for the annual Nursing Summit held Jan. 27 at the Mississippi Trade Mart Center. The annual summit is presented by the Mississippi Nurses Association (MNA) and the Mississippi Nursing Organizations Liaison Committee.

“This year, more than 1,200 student nurses, registered nurses and other Healthcare professionals participated in the summit,” said MNA Executive Director Ricki Garrett, Ph.D. “The program seemed to be very relevant to the attendees and participation from Mississippi legislators was outstanding.”

Patton of Lakewood, Ohio was recently re-elected to serve her second term as president of ANA - the nation’s leading professional nursing organization which represents major health policy, practice, and workplace issues of registered nurses in the United States.

A nurse since 1980, Patton has extensive inpatient and outpatient experience and has been responsible for the start up, and ongoing operations of ambulatory medical centers, and of an inpatient acute and a skilled nursing facility. She has a bachelor’s degree in nursing from Kent State University and a master’s from Case Western Reserve University.

Joining Patton on the platform was Debbie Ward, RN, Ph.D., and FAAN from the University of California, Davis, and comedian and motivational speaker billed as the Hilarious Hypnotist: Dr. Holiday from Atlanta, Ga.

Ward, a political science major as an undergrad at Oberlin College in Ohio opted to do her graduate study in nursing at Yale University and trained to become a family nurse practitioner. Her research and practice interests continue in health politics and policy. Currently, she is an associate clinical professor with the University of California at Davis where she is involved in launching the new Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing.

Holiday, with degrees in the field of medicine and psychology, and many years of providing service in hospitals, both in the U.S. Air Force and the public sector, focuses his humor and motivational topics to provide “stress relief” for the audience.

The Nursing Summit, started in 1993 and supported by all nursing organizations in Mississippi, is held annually to discuss upcoming legislative issues that place Registered Nurses in a pivotal role as players in shaping the agenda involving health care in the state.
Officer and board members of the Mississippi Association of Student Nurses attended the 2009 statewide Nursing Summit in Jackson Jan. 27. Front Row, from left, Fran Hudson, secretary; Neal Uisy, 1st vice president; Mallory Pope, president; and Brittany Harris, treasurer. Second Row, from left, Sherry Huie, nomination and elections committee chair; Katie Ferriss, BSN representative; Kelsey Cade, director of Legislation Committee; Tracie Tarr, director of Fundraising; Lindy Sills, MSN, RN, Mississippi Nurses Association Consultant; Tiffanie Credille, director at Large; Brittanii Cazier, ADN representative; Doug Kelley, chairperson of School Presidents; and Stephanie Stevens, Internet Communications director.
## Continuing Education Calendar

### Hypnosis Training
Six (6) Sessions beginning November, 2008 thru October, 2010
Alpha University
Conrad Adams at 225-315-3000

### Advanced Cardiac Life Support
June 19, July 8-9, Aug 14-15, Sept 16-17, Oct 23, Nov 11-12, Dec 4, 2009
Regency Hospital of Jackson
Charlotte Dyess at 601-364-6269 or cbranch@regencyhospital.com

### Partner’s in Practice: Novice to Expert, PCCN Review
June 17, Aug 18, Oct 8, Dec 16, 2009
Regency Hospital of Jackson
Charlotte Dyess at 601-364-6269 or cbranch@regencyhospital.com

### A Comprehensive Approach to LEAP
March 5, 2009
Ask Med, Inc.
Margaret Davis at 601-713-0882 or mddavisb687@aol.com

### MNA Disaster Preparedness Conference
July 10 and 11
Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa, Florence, Ala.

### Nursing Practice: Law Fact or Fiction, Truth or Consequences
March 11, 2009
Mississippi Hospital Association Organization of Nurse Executives
Northeast Council
Wanda Barbour Dent at 662-513-1601 or wanda.dent@mshha.org

Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS)
March 28-29, 2009
Greenwood/Leflore Hospital
Melanie King at 662-459-2754 or mking@glh.org

### 2009 Nurse Practitioners Spring Convention
April 17 and 18
Whispering Woods Hotel and Conference Center, Olive Branch

### Neonatal Resuscitation Provider Course Update
July 10, 2010 (Dates of courses are pending. A letter will be sent with actual dates.)
Magnolia Regional Health Center
Donna Dean at 662-293-1205 or kchurch@mrhc.org

### Nurse Practitioner Workshop for Controlled Substances
May 21 and 22
31 Woodgreen Place, Madison, MS 39110
This is a video workshop with pre-recorded speaker Dr. Sharon Dickey. Maximum participants: 50. There will be no on-site registration for this workshop. Payment must be made at the time of registration. There must be 10 registrants for the class to make. This activity provided for 10.0 contact hours.

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On your mark, get ready, set, and go! The Mississippi Nurses Foundation is fired up and ready to go. 2009 is marked to be an exciting and busy year for the Foundation. We will be launching a newly designed website that will keep you abreast of what's going on with the Foundation. We are also designing a newsletter with hidden messages for you to find and win great prizes and tickets to events.

Also, mark your calendar for April 10, 2009, when Harmony for Health, will present: Dancing with the Nurses. This inaugural event will get you up on your feet doing the cha-cha or the swing in celebration of being a nurse or a friend of a nurse. Lessons provided by: The Applause Dance Factory and music by Compozitionz. Location: River Hills Club-Jackson, MS. Cost: $50. Sponsorship are available.

On June 12, 2009, the Mississippi Nurses Foundation, Dillard’s and the American Cancer Society will partner to offer: Surviving with Style—a fashion show and luncheon for cancer survivors designed to bring awareness to the number of individuals that are suffering with cancer. It will also bring awareness to the service that nurses provide everyday to patients from diagnosis to treatment. This event will transform patients who have lost their hair, self esteem and confidence due to chemotherapy or radiation. It will also reunite survivors with their nurse and share stories of triumph and defeat. Proceeds from this event will help support the MS Nurses Foundation in developing health and wellness preventions programs for Mississippi citizens and support the American Cancer Society in its mission of preventing cancer through advocacy and research.

Location: Marriott Hotel-Downtown Jackson. Cost: $50. Sponsorships are available.

For more details or if you are interested in serving on a committee to support your events of the Foundation please contact Rosalyn Howard at rhoward@msnurses.org or (601) 898-0850.
MNA Board 2009 Meetings

The Mississippi Nurses Association Board of Director will meet on the following dates. All meeting are open and membership participation is invited. See the MNA Website at www.msnurses.org for details.

**Friday, March 13**
- Joint meeting with the Mississippi Nurses Foundation Board
- 10 a.m., the Mississippi Center for Nursing, 31 Woodgreen Place, Madison

**Friday, May 8**
- Celebrating National Nurses Week
- 10 a.m., the Mississippi Center for Nursing, 31 Woodgreen Place, Madison

**Friday, June 19**
- 10 a.m., the Mississippi Center for Nursing, 31 Woodgreen Place, Madison

**Friday, Aug. 14**
- 10 a.m., the Mississippi Center for Nursing, 31 Woodgreen Place, Madison

**Tuesday, Oct. 20**
- TBA, MNA Annual Convention, Tupelo

For more information, contact Myrna Lea at mlea@msnurses.org or call (601) 898-0670.

MNF Board 2009 Meetings

The Mississippi Nurses Foundation Board of Trustees will meet on the following dates. All meeting are open and membership participation is invited. See the MNA Website at www.msnurses.org/foundation for details.

**Friday, March 13**
- Joint meeting with the Mississippi Nurses Association Board
- Noon, the Mississippi Center for Nursing, 31 Woodgreen Place, Madison

**Friday, May 15**
- Noon, the Mississippi Center for Nursing, 31 Woodgreen Place, Madison

**Friday, Aug. 14**
- 10:00–3:00, 102 Camden Court, Madison, MS. Rebecca Askew’s home.

The December meeting will be announced.

For more information, contact Jean Jones at jjones@msnurses.org or call (601) 898-0850.

For more information, contact Myrna Lea at mlea@msnurses.org or call (601) 898-0670.
The Mississippi Nurses Association Council on Advanced Practice held a retreat Friday and Saturday, Jan. 16 and 17 at the MNA offices in Madison to formulate a three-year plan. Health Policy and Strategic Development Consultant Judy Leavitt, R.N., M.Ed., F.A.A.N., of Barnardsville, NC served as facilitator. “We want to collectively create a vision for the nurse practitioner practice in Mississippi and determine its relevance for the next three years and develop legislative, regulatory and media goals and an action plan through 2012,” Leavitt said.

There were more than 25 participants in the two-day retreat from across the state. “We looked at ways to better communicate and to better work together in both protecting and advancing the role of the nurse practitioner in the state,” said Jackie Williams, MSN, NP-C, director of the council.

The retreat was hosted by the MNA council and meals were sponsored by Novartis, P&G Pharmaceuticals, and Merck.
Make your reservation now for the 2009 Annual Nurse Practitioners Spring Convention Friday and Saturday, April 17 and 18 in Olive Branch at Whispering Woods Hotel Conference Center. Just minutes from Memphis, with 181 newly renovated guest rooms and over 40,000 square feet of first-class meeting space and the area’s finest catered cuisine, Whispering Woods is set in the midst of 175 beautifully wooded acres. “It is an ideal place, both technologically and aesthetically, for the NP Convention at this time of the year,” said MNA’s Events and Continuing Education Coordinator Angela Weathersby, “We are expecting a good turn out for this year’s program.”

The registration fee for the NP Spring Convention is $250 for MNA members and $400 for non-members. Active members of other state associations will be charged the MNA member rate. Proof of membership required.

Registration for full-time graduate students is $195. Students must be a member of MNA and must submit enrollment documentation of a minimum of nine hours.

Participants who are not members of MNA and want to join the association can save $76 by using the Join/Register Option for $450. This price includes registration in the NP Spring Convention and a new full membership in MNA valued at $276. There will be a Controlled Substance Review Course offering 2 c/h. The $50 registration fee for the course is in addition to the regular convention registration. Registrations after April 3 will be subject to a $50 late fee.

Refunds shall be granted accordingly as follows: (a) requests must be made in writing; (b) a full refund will be granted up to two weeks prior to activity; (c) After April 3 and up to April 10, refunds will be granted less a $50 processing fee; (d) no refunds will be granted after April 10. MNA reserves the right to delay full refund will be given to advance-registered participants.

For hotel reservations, please call: Whispering Woods at (662) 890-2886 or (866) 593-6450 or log onto: www.wwconferencecenter.com. Reservation cut off date: March 17.

Convention Speakers and Topics

The list of speakers is growing. Here are just some of the speakers and topics to be presented during the Convention:

Craig Bertelsen, PT, Cert MDT, Certified McKenzie Spine Therapist
Topic: Mechanical Diagnosis and Therapy (Low Back Pain)

Jamie W. Brockman, MSN, ACNP
Topic: Basic EKG Interpretation & EKG Interpretation: Ischemic Changes

Lisa Byrd, PhD, CFNP
Topic: Nurse Entrepreneurship

Dr. Sandor Feldman
Topic: Psychiatric

Ricki Garrett, PhD, MNA Executive Director
Topic: Business Etiquette

Dr. Maxey Gordon
Topic: Psychiatric

Frances Henderson, PhD
Topic: The Jackson Heart Study

Christina K. Nunnally, RN, MSN, FNP-BC
Topic: STD Prevention and Treatment

Partners In Healthcare Education, LLC
Topics: Hypertension/Coronary Artery Disease

Melinda Rush, DSN, FNP, Executive Director, MS Board of Nursing and Dr. Linda Sullivan
Topic: Board of Nursing Issues

Stacy D. Scott, MPH, LSW, Mississippi SIDS Alliance
Topic: Sudden Infant Death Syndrome

Sponsored Breakfast Workshop: Integrated Solutions Health Care Solutions

* A complete schedule and list of presenters with number of CE hrs. to be included in brochure.
J. Dale Armour, President of Health Management Associates, Inc. (HMA) Division 4, today announced the promotion of Pamela S. “Pam” Tvarkunas to the position of chief executive officer of Riley Hospital.

A Meridian native, Tvarkunas has been affiliated with Riley Hospital for more than 37 years, where she began her career as a student nurse. Early in her career she began serving in leadership roles, the first of which was head nurse in the intensive/cardiac care units in 1975. Most recently Tvarkunas served as the hospital’s chief operating officer to which she was promoted in 2006, prior to which she served as director of nursing since 1995.

She earned her associate degree in nursing from Meridian Community College, and her bachelor’s and master’s of science degrees in nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi. In 2000, she was named the Nurse Administrator of the Year by the Mississippi Nurses Association, and was a finalist for HMA’s 2004 Nurse Administrator of the Year award.

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