

Nursing Notes



A Letter from the President

Greetings IANS members!

I know it is the middle of yet another semester, and likely what keeps you going is the thought that you are that much closer to graduation. Fact is you could probably use a break from your daily routine and would enjoy the chance to hang out with other nursing students and relax for a day. But how can you when there is so much to do and learn as a nursing student? The good news is the IANS board has the perfect solution!

IANS is your organization and is here to support you on your journey as a nursing student. It provides various opportunities like scholarship and job search online, networking, resources and information needed to empower its

members as great nurses of the future! The time has come to gather your nursing class and come to convention for a Saturday of pure nursing. Not the type of nursing that requires a 30lb med/surg textbook, but that kind that brings out what fun nursing can be.

Our forthcoming Annual Convention, "Navigating the Cornfield: Success during and after nursing school" on March 5th, 2011 is sure to be a great time and well worth the registration fee, which is only \$35! We have representatives coming in from Hurst, ATI, and Kaplan who will be providing free NCLEX mini-reviews and strategy seminars. Not a senior? You will still find these sessions useful, especially the one about taking NCLEX style questions. We also have speakers

coming to discuss preventing medication errors, answer questions about getting your first job, explain what it is like to be a novice nurse, answer questions about different nursing specialties, and so much more. This will be an amazing day and I hope to see you there.

Though convention will bring me much closer to the end of my term, I look forward to working with you for the remainder of this year. If you need anything from me at any time, please don't hesitate to contact me at heatherkm@goshen.edu.

Remember, IANS is YOUR organization and we are here to serve you. I wish you best of luck with the rest of spring semester!

Sincerely,

Heather Savage-Maierle

IANS President

Don't Forget to **Register for the Indiana State Convention!**

Registration Fees:

Online Student NSNA member: \$35
 Online Student non-member: \$40
 Day of Student NSNA member: \$40
 Day of Student non-member: \$45
 Online Nursing Faculty: \$35
 Day of Nursing Faculty: \$40

Leader Board:

Schools with the highest registration
 1st: University of Southern Indiana
 2nd: Goshen College
 3rd: Indiana University– Bloomington
 4th: IUPUI
 5th: Harrison College

Register Online at:

<https://aftercollege.wufoo.com/forms/ians-annual-convention-2011/>

Are you **not a member** of IANS, but got your hands on this newsletter? Are you interested in becoming a member of this great organization? It is **EASY!**

Not a Member of IANS?

Membership to the IANS is automatic with a membership to the National Student Nurse Association (NSNA). There are countless benefits to becoming a member besides receiving our newsletters, discounted convention admission, networking, and not to mention a great line on your resume. For more information on the benefits of becoming a member and on-line registration visit the NSNA membership website. We are excited for you to become a member of our organization!

www.nsnamembership.org

Are you getting our E-mails?

If not, NSNA does not have a proper e-mail address for you. We will be sending out newsletters and other updates by E-Mail and we want to know you are getting the information. Please take a moment to visit the membership section at **<http://www.nsna.org>** and update your member info so you don't miss a single update!

How Can I Be More Involved?

There are so many ways to get involved with **IANS!**

- Attend **monthly meetings** and let your voice be heard by voting on various topics
- Become a **member of a committee**. Current committees needing slots filled include Membership, Newsletter and Community Health
- Attend state and annual-**conventions**
- Start an **IANS chapter** at your school
- Contribute articles regarding nursing developments, issues, or events to the newsletter

Calling ALL Nursing Students for our State-Wide Project

This year the Indiana Association of Nursing Students *Community Health and Disaster Preparedness Committee* has chosen to support the **March of Dimes** for our state-wide Community Health Project.

We are encouraging nursing schools across the state of Indiana to **raise money and awareness** about premature birth, infant mortality and birth defects. To make this project more exciting, we have chosen to hold a competition between the schools to see who can raise the most money! Schools can raise money in any way they choose.

The money will be collected on **March 5, 2011** during registration for the Indiana Association of Nursing Students *Annual Convention* in Indianapolis. The school that raises the most money and awareness will win a cash prize for their nursing association which will be presented at the closing ceremony of the convention. One nursing student must be present in order to win. Please make the check out to March of Dimes.

We are hoping that by making this a friendly competition, students will be encouraged to raise money and attend the state conference in order to find out the winning school and total amount raised.

Email *Dana Fiedler*, the Community Health and Disaster Preparedness Director at dfiedler@mail.usi.edu with questions. We look forward to your participation!

IANIS State Convention 2011

Navigating the Cornfield: Success during and after nursing school Crowne Plaza Union Station Hotel

Indianapolis, IN

March 5, 2011

9:00 am—5:00pm

Check-in begins at 8:30am

Tentative Schedule

8:30 – 9:00 am

Registration & Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 am

Introduction of Officers, Chairs,
& Guests

9:15 am – 10:15 am

Keynote Address: Nursing Advocacy: Challenges and Opportunities; Chad Priest RN, MSN, JD

10:15am

Exhibit Hall Opens

Morning Break/ Refreshments

10:30 – 11:15 am

Summer Internships

Legal Perspectives

Professional Organizations

10:30- 11:45 am

Paths through the Corn Field

11:30am- 12:15pm

Stress Management

Transition to Practice

12:30 – 1:30pm

Lunch with presentation by ATI
Evaluation & Adjournment

1:45 – 2:30pm

Fluids and Electrolytes!!! Hurst
Review

Faculty Session

2:45 – 3:30pm

The Growing Season
Kaplan's Strategies for Conquering the NCLEX-RN
Faculty Session

3:30- 3:45pm

Afternoon Break, Refreshments
2011-12 Candidates available for
discussion

4:00 pm

Exhibit Hall Closes

4:00-4:15 pm

Call to Order

House of Delegates Convenes

Adoption of new Bylaws

Election of 2011-12 BOD

4:15-5:00 pm

Endnote– Matthew's Story

5:00 – 5:15 pm

Presentation of Awards

For more information or details on scheduled events see our convention sessions page at:
<http://www.indianastudentnurses.org/2011-convention-sessions/>

Updates from Nursing Students around Indiana

Indiana University– Bloomington

On January 22 the Indiana University School of Nursing class officers hosted their first student-initiated meeting entitled “Thrill-Seekers: The Rush of Working in the Emergency Department”. This event served to bring exciting and interesting meetings directly to the Bloomington Campus, inform students about emergency department nursing, and interact with nursing students in other semesters of the nursing program. Approximately sixty students spent their Saturday afternoon learning about

ROTC and emergency department nursing. The ROTC program sponsored a pizza lunch, and a ROTC member also gave a PowerPoint presentation about her experience as a nursing student in the military.



After this presentation, two Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, (SANE nurses) Nancy Hodson and Brandi Summers of Bloomington Hospital, took the floor to talk about their certification and experiences in sexual assault nursing. They began by discussing current issues in sexual assault and later discussed what it took to obtain this certificate. A SANE nurse is not only responsible for collecting the evidence of an alleged assault but is also trained to be an advocate and support for the victim. These nurses also have the opportunity to work closely with law enforcement and offer testimony in court if necessary. Afterwards, students were able to ask questions of the nurses in order to gain exposure to areas of nursing that we, as nursing students, do not get to see every day. The IUSON class officers are busy planning more nursing panels like this one in the future, and wanted to share their ideas with nursing students around the state.

Submitted by: Courtney Hatheway, IANS Member

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2011 IANS Annual Convention

Navigating the Cornfield: Success during and after nursing school

**Keynote address by:
Chad Priest, RN, MSN, JD**

Crowne Plaza Union Station Hotel

Indianapolis, IN

March 5, 2011

9:00 am—5:00pm

Check-in begins at 8:30am

Events Includes:

**NCLEX prep sessions by:
Kaplan and Hurst Review
Session by The Matthew Pierson
Foundation
Discussions with successful RNs
about various specialties
Exhibit Hall
Elections of 2011 Board
Breakfast & Lunch
Faculty events also available**

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Online Registration Deadline: Feb. 18, 2011
Note: Limited Registration Available Day of
Convention**

**For more information or to register go to the convention page on our website:
www.indianastudentnurses.org**

Mail-in Registration
IANS Annual Convention 2011

Navigating the Cornfield: Success during and after nursing school
(Saturday, March 5, 2011, 9am-5:00pm)

[Crowne Plaza Union Station Hotel](#),
Indianapolis IN

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone - -

Email: _____

NSNA Membership # _____

You must present your NSNA card at check-in if you are registering as a member.

Are you an SNA officer at your school?

YES NO

What position? _____

School Name (No abbreviations) _____

Campus _____

Calculate your fees:

Convention for Student and Faculty NSNA members - \$35.00 + (\$4.00 processing fee) received by February 25th, 2011

Convention for all others - \$40.00 + (\$4.00 processing fee) received by February 25th, 2011

Convention for Student and Faculty NSNA members - \$40.00 + (\$4.00 processing fee) received AFTER February 25th, 2011

Convention for all others - \$45.00 + (\$4.00 processing fee) received AFTER February 25th, 2011

Registration Payments

Registration payments are only refundable if convention is cancelled. Payments received by mail will not be accepted after February 28th. If you wish to register after February 28th please use our online payment option or register in person at the convention.

You may use this form to pay by check or money order. Mail your completed form with payment to:

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Goshen, Indiana 46528