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A Letter From the President

It has been 6 months now since our last State Convention, where the newest Executive Board and I took over. We then met together and started talking about what we wanted to do for IANS, and realized that there was no better path than the good old ADOPIE nursing process to figure it out! First came assessment, where we could see that the previous board had done a great job of organizing files and putting on a convention. They gave us a great foundation to build on. We spoke to some members and got a sense that there was an overall lack of knowledge about what IANS is and what it is for.

Next came the diagnosis - Knowledge Deficit (specific to IANS) R/T lack of communication with the members, AEB client stating "What does IANS do?", client stating "I've been a member of IANS for 2 years but I haven't heard from them yet", and lack of an informative website or newsletter. Outcome Identification was simple from here - we want to be sure that by the end of our year of office, every member has received e-mail and paper newsletters, been given an online destination where all IANS information could be found, and been made aware of ways to contact a highly motivated Executive Board that is waiting to assist members PRN.

Planning meant board meetings, and we've had several of those! Implementation is well underway-our brand new website has been launched at <http://www.indianastudentnurses.org>. Be sure to read more about that in this newsletter! The first of our e-mail newsletters went out (Didn't get one? Read the E-Mail section of this newsletter to find out why and get that fixed). And now, the first of our quarterly paper newsletters is in your hands.

Evaluation - we need your help for that! As I said before, our board is dedicated to communication and being here for you. Please drop us a line anytime at indiananursingstudents@yahoo.com and tell us how you think we're doing. The feedback means a lot, lets us know you're appreciating the efforts, and guides us to ways to become an even better organization. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely Yours,
Jenna Sanders, NS, USF
IANS President

What's In This Issue?

You'll find information on: Brand New Website, Community Health Projects, 2007 IANS State Convention, NSNA Awards and Project In-Touch Opportunities, our T-Shirt Design Competition, Ways to Get Involved in IANS, NSNA Mid-Year Convention, Membership, SNA Chapter Notes, and MUCH MORE!





Did you get your E-Mail Newsletter?

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



Fancy yourself an artist? Could you use \$50?

What college student couldn't?! Every good organization has some swag, and we are looking for a new t-shirt design. Details on size, etc., can be found online. Contest winner receives one t-shirt with their artwork featured, recognition in newsletters and online, and a \$50 check! Deadline is October 31st, so act fast!

The 2007 NSNA Awards and Honors Booklet is HERE!

Filled with opportunities for financial scholarships and scholastic and/or community service recognition, this booklet is one to be SURE you have read through.

View the .pdf version at <http://www.nсна.org> under the "What's New" heading.

Revitalizing the Student Nurse Association

Mary Weisel, RN, MSN, and Dr. Patricia Keresztes, PhD, both Assistant Professors of Nursing at Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, IN, have co-written a great article on revitalizing your SNA. Visit our website and click on "News" to read for yourself!

IANAS HAS A BRAND NEW WEBSITE!



<http://www.indianastudentnurses.org>

We would be lying if we said we weren't REALLY, REALLY excited to tell you about the BRAND NEW WEBSITE we launched this month! The site is designed to be an up-to-date and informative resource for the student nurses of Indiana, as well as a tool to draw nurses *TO* Indiana. Website features include:

- Job Listings - Both Local and National
- Scholarship Search Tool
- Complete Listings of Accredited LPN, ASN and BSN Nursing Education Institutions (as provided by the Indiana State Board of Nursing)
- News Section With Up-To-Date Headlines
- 2007 State Convention Details
- Full Copy of IANS Bylaws
- Calendar of Events
- Details on Community Health Projects
- Executive Board Photos and Biographies
- Membership Information
- Favorite Nursing Links
- Nursing Legislation Information
- IANS Gear
- and MUCH, MUCH MORE!!!

COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECTS

COVERING KIDS AND FAMILIES - INDIANA

Nationwide, nearly 8.3 million children have no health insurance. Federal programs exist to provide coverage to these children, but far too many parents are unaware of the options and children remain uninsured. Along with NSNA at the National level, we have chosen Covering Kids and Families as a statewide community health project.

Visit the Community Health section of our website or visit <http://www.coveringkidsandfamilies.org> for more detailed information on the program as well as contact links to the Program Director in your area.

Activities include back-to-school campaigns, sign-up drives, health fairs, immunization clinics and more. Programs vary by area, there is something for everyone to do!

RILEY HOSPITAL CHEER GUILD

There aren't many nursing students in the state that are unaware of the reputation of Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. Some of the state's sickest children call it home for months-on-end, and Riley Cheer Guild is there to help.

Providing toys, activity books, mobiles for babies, board games, art supplies, and much more to children from infants to teens, the Cheer Guild goes out of their way to keep morale high. We don't have to be in school for long to learn how morale can effect healing, and their work is vital.

Visit our website for a complete wish list for the different age groups, and e-mail to get drop-off or mailing information. We will also collect donations at any IANS function. We are in the process of coming up with an award for the school SNA that collects the most items! Details to come.

Become a Project InTouch Recruiter and Win Big!

Register today as a Project InTouch recruiter and start working your way towards BIG prizes - even a trip to the NSNA Annual Convention in Anaheim, California, in April 2007!

Project InTouch recruiters get an individual ID that is referenced on the membership applications of every nursing student they are able to recruit as a member. Prizes begin with just 10 recruited members and ACCUMULATE from there. The recruiter with the most members nationwide prior to Annual Convention receives the trip to Anaheim.

E-Mail the NSNA at nsna@nsna.org to receive signup information. NSNA will send a recruiter ID, membership forms, and a free copy of their brand new recruitment DVD. Here's your chance to further nursing and IANS, and win some fabulous while you're at it!

The word "Vote" is written in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. A thick black checkmark is drawn over the letter 'V', extending upwards and to the right.

Most of our members are of legal voting age, but statistically speaking, most of you won't be at the polls this November. We would like to take this moment to encourage you to visit <http://www.declareyourself.com> if you are away from your home town and wish to vote by absentee ballot. This site also contains valuable information on voting processes, polling places, and how to become an informed voter. It is our responsibility as health care professionals to advocate for our patients AND ourselves. However you vote, please be sure that you DO!

Indiana State Nurses Association has legislative information at <http://www.indiananurses.org>.



Having an SNA event? Would you like an IANS board member to visit your school?

As part of our ongoing mission to improve communication with IANS members and Indiana nursing students, as well as our desire to further promote SNA involvement, we would love to send a board member to speak at or be involved with your SNA function. E-Mail us at indiananursingstudents@yahoo.com and we'll work with you to set it up!

HELP WANTED!

As much fun as we're having working on your behalf, we need some help! If you have a specific interest in legislation, membership, Image of Nursing projects, Breakthrough to Nursing Projects, or if you just want to help, please e-mail! I guarantee we'll figure out a valuable way to get you involved.

Thanks in advance for all of your help!

SAVE THE DATE! MARCH 31, 2007

Make sure you mark this date on your calendar, because you won't want to miss our 2007 IANS State Convention! The convention in March will be held at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Indianapolis, IN. We chose a central location this time around to maximize attendance - we want to see everyone there!

Convention activities include speakers, vendor exhibits including educational institutions from across the state of Indiana as well as nationally, door prizes, Executive Board elections, peer networking, leadership opportunities - there is sure to be a great deal more!

Many, many more details will be coming. Please keep an eye on your E-Mail inbox and mailbox, as well as our website for the most up-to-date info.



NSNA MID-YEAR CONVENTION Atlanta, Georgia November 2nd-5th

Visit <http://www.nсна.org> for more information.

If you are planning to attend, please let us know! We hope to get a chance to meet with some IANS members while we're there. Also, keep an eye on bulletin boards there for meetup details.

ATTENTION SNA OFFICERS:

We're creating an online forum for all school SNA Presidents in the state of Indiana to network and compare notes on what it is you do or hope to do at your school.

If you are an SNA President, please e-mail your contact information to indiananursingstudents@yahoo.com.



Inside this newsletter you'll find an exclusive discount card for IANS members offering a 15% discount off products sold by our newest partner, <http://www.medspub.com>.

Every purchase made also supports IANS, as we receive a 5% rebate on every order. Support MedsPub and IANS today.