

IANAS INSPIRE

Building the Future of Our Nurses



Note from the Editor

Greetings fellow Indiana-based nursing students! The IANS board hopes your summer has been fun and relaxing. It seems short in length, yet if it were too long we'd forget all that important info that our instructors love stuffing in our brains! This is the first issue of the newsletter for this newly elected IANS board and we hope it finds you ready to dive into school, eager to learn, and excited for getting you one step closer to becoming a Registered Nurse!

— Carece Robbins, Editor
--- Kat Washam, Co-Editor

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Meet Your 2015-2016 Board



Noah Powers, President

Hello! My name is Noah Powers and I am a senior at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne IN. I was also the president of my local chapter of SNA for the 2014-15 school year. I ran for President of IANS because I believe in its mission to organize student nurses, represent ourselves to other health disciplines and to assume our place in the profession of nursing. This year, I hope to see the students who belong to IANS grow both personally and professionally as they connect with one another and those established in the profession as they prepare to begin their nursing careers. Mine, as well as all the IANS board members', email addresses are on the IANS website. Please feel free to reach out to us!

Megan Clark,
Vice President

Megan Clark, IANS Vice President and ASN 2nd Year Representative at University of Saint Francis for the local chapter. Nursing is my third degree, paired with my Bachelor's in History and Sociology with a concentration in Criminology. Once I graduate next May I plan on pursuing my Bachelor's in Nursing and eventually completing my Master's. I used to coach swimming for a summer team and I went on to become a substitute teacher to continue working with youth. My passion has always revolved around children, so I would like to go into pediatric nursing.

Kat Washam, Co-Editor

Kat is a Junior Nursing student at Purdue University- West Lafayette. She is currently finishing up her Summer internship at the American Diabetes Association in Chicago Illinois. When she's not studying for her nursing classes Kat likes to be involved in Relay for Life and her sorority, Alpha Gamma Delta. She also loves to play Badminton competitively (not the backyard kind)

Katie Chevez, Treasurer

I am Kathryn Chavez from Veedersburg, Indiana. I attend the University of Southern Indiana, I am entering my senior year. I am double majoring in Nursing and Health Services with concentrations in Gerontology and Public Health. I work as a Student Nurse Extern at St. Mary's Medical Center in the Medical Intensive Care Unit. In my free time I like to do things outdoors, do hot yoga, and spend time with my friends and family. I chose to be on the board, because it allows me to get involved and network with many

Ashley Painter, Secretary

Hello, my name is Ashley Painter and I am in my senior year of nursing school at Indiana University South Bend. I serve as a peer mentor of the Vera D. Dwyer College of Health Sciences and the treasurer in my school's SNA chapter. I enjoy my work as a nurse tech on the oncology and OB units at a local hospital. I have 6 siblings, am the proud mom of a 4 year old small dog, Tezza and a proud aunt of my niece and nephew, Skylar and Wyatt. My niece suffers from a rare disease called neurofibromatosis with pseudocongenital arthrosis of the lower left leg bones. After surgeries, a couple casts, and a new brace - I am happy to announce she started taking her first balanced steps on her own at 20 months old this past summer! I hope to raise awareness of this disease. I am also a thyroid cancer survivor along with my mom who was diagnosed the same year I was! I am known to some as the "Taylor Swift girl" - I believe I am one of her biggest fans.

I became a board member on IANS because I love the profession of nursing and I want to help my peers not only succeed in nursing school but to get involved in their school and local community. I think through the IANS and SNA chapters across the state we can promote service, charity, and education opportunities for our future nurses which will greatly help the progress and advancements in the nursing profession and to get down to the basics of what nursing is - helping people.



Carece Robbins, Editor

Hi! I am a senior at Indiana University Purdue University Columbus (IUPUC). I am looking forward to having all this studying behind me! My husband of 15 years and I have three cutie pies in Elementary school and they are also looking forward to me being finished with school. I have been a Massage Therapist for over 16 years and love it. I am hoping to continue serving people in a nursing capacity with Hospice one day. I am looking forward to serving you on the IANS board and getting to know more and more nursing students which would help me to develop more and more friendships. It is that which caused me to want to be elected to the IANS board. Thanks for this opportunity!



Diana Gamez,
Community Health/Disaster
Preparedness Director

My name is Diana Gamez, I am a Junior in the BSN program at Indiana University Southeast in New Albany, IN. I am a member of the Student Nurses Association at IUS and a member of Pinnacle Honor Society. I am a non-traditional nursing student and previously enjoyed a 17 year career as a Computer Programmer. When not in school or studying, I enjoy spending time with family and friends and spoiling my two four-legged kids; Jojo, a 14 year old Pomeranian and Lucy, a 3 year old Rottweiler. My goal is to further my nursing experience and training and become a flight nurse. I am excited about the opportunity to be a part of the Indiana Association of Nursing Students Board of Directors as the Community Health/Disaster Preparedness Director.

Katie Schildt, Membership

Hello! My name is Katie Schildt and I am currently in my junior year at Purdue University. I decided to go into nursing because I've always been intrigued with all things medical and I wanted a career that allowed me to help people. I've always been interested in working in the Emergency Department because of the widerange of illnesses and injuries that come through the door. In my free time I enjoy playing my guitar (not well), hanging out with friends, and playing with my cats.

Devon Woodburn, Nurse Image

Devon Woodburn is a Neurocritical Care nurse at IU Health Methodist downtown Indianapolis. She graduated from Ivy Tech Central's ASN program in July 2015, receiving the academic excellence award. Continuing her education through Indiana University-Purdue University's hybrid RN to BSN program, she will finish her Baccalaureate in July of 2016 with a long-term goal of being a Neurocritical Care Nurse Practitioner.

Announcements & Inducements

Next IANS Meeting: *Sept. 19, 10am EST*
Location – Center for Nursing

Indiana Association of Nursing Students 2016 Convention

When: January 30th 2016

Where: Indianapolis Marriott North

**Time: Registration will begin at 6:30AM and the
convention will conclude at 4:45PM**

Save the Date

NSNA Presidents & interested students... Noah Powers (IANS President) will be hosting a **PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL** meeting on October 17 from noon-3pm. Location: TBA

DON'T FORGET!

8/15/15 - Next IANS Board Meeting (10-noon)

9/19/15 - President's Council Meeting (noon-3pm)

1/30/16 - IANS State

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