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# CONVENTION NEWS

**Friday, April 1**

## NSNA 64th Annual Convention

**March 30 - April 3, 2016  
Disney's Coronado Springs Resort  
Orlando, Florida**

### Today's Highlights:

**9:00 am**Plenary Session —  
Nursing Ethics and Moral Courage:  
Doing the Right Thing**10:45 am**House of Delegates Meeting  
(Mandatory for Delegates)**11:00 am**

Exhibit Hall Open

**1:45 pm**

Valley of the Sun Auction

**2:30 pm**Candidate Presentations Part 1  
(Mandatory for Delegates)**3:30 pm & 4:45 pm**

Focus Sessions

**5:00 pm**Candidate Presentations Part 2  
(Mandatory for Delegates)**7:30 pm**Resolutions Hearing  
(Mandatory for Delegates)**10:00 pm**

Meet the Candidates

## A Running Start to Convention

Wednesday's Opening Ceremony kicked off the official start to NSNA's 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention. It was a packed program, which began as **Dr. Teresa Shellenbarger** delivered greetings to NSNA from the National League for Nursing, while **Dr. Pam Cipriano** delivered them from the American Nurses Association. The latter encouraged the room of future nurses to step up and aspire to serve on boards so that they could be integral to decision-making in healthcare.

Scholarship recipients and sponsors were recognized by **Kenya Haney**, president of the Foundation of the NSNA, and **Dr. Louise Fitzpatrick** received the Leader of Leaders Award for her dedication and service to nursing students.

**Rebecca Patton**, ANA-consultant to NSNA, received NSNA's most prestigious award, Honorary Membership, from NSNA president **Ryan Bannan** during one of the evening's most moving moments. Ms. Patton was recognized for her enthusiasm and advocacy for nursing students. "This is the greatest profession, this is the noblest profession," she told the crowd.

### Keynote Speaker

**Matt Jones** fired up Convention attendees with a rousing start by running up to the stage and enthusiastically beginning a lively, introspective, and often funny presentation. At 22, he was diagnosed with cancer — and consequently had to battle it two more times, the last being a bout that filled his brain cavity with fluid. After the cancer was finally eradicated, he says, "I went from not being able to walk five yards without help, to running marathons," he told the audience.

Matt is now a successful author and has, in fact, run marathons on all seven continents. Running marathons gave him a long-term goal to strive for, he said, especially since at one point it seemed unimaginable when he couldn't even tie his own shoes.

### Matt's key messages were to:

**Envision Victory.** He told the audience that if he'd believed he was going to die, as one of his doctors — whom he jokingly referred to as "Dr. Doom" — told his parents and his friends he would, he'd never have made it.

**Take Action.** To finish a marathon, Matt says, you have to take it one step at a time — and that's what he had to do as he recovered from cancer. He had to re-learn to walk, speak, and even read. He encouraged students to be bold and take initiative.

**Inspire.** You have to find inspiration — see the bright side of things, Matt told the crowd. Even when things get really dark. You have to rid of emotional vampires

in your life, he told the crowd, like his "Dr. Doom," who brightened up a room by leaving it, he joked.

On the other hand, he informed the crowd, it was one of his nurses — one of several — who helped to get him out of a depression caused by his health issues. Now he said, he's learned to embrace even the small inspirations and victories in life. He said, "I'm too blessed to be distressed."

Matt finished to enthusiastic applause as the Opening Ceremony came to an energetic close. ■

**Opening Ceremony Sponsor:**  
**Chamberlain College of Nursing, Downers Grove, IL**  
**Keynote Speaker Sponsor:**  
**Nurses Service Organization, Hatboro, PA**

**Matt Jones  
energized  
the audience**

# CANDID CONVENTION PHOTOS WEDNESDAY SIGHTS!



Pennsylvania's delegation to the House of Delegates throws Hershey's kisses into the air at the traditional state roll-call.

## Opening Ceremony



NSNA president **Ryan Bannan** bestows **Rebecca Patton** — ANA consultant to NSNA — with NSNA's highest honor, Honorary Membership, for her ongoing advocacy of nursing students.

## Career Development Center

Don't forget to visit the Career Development Center while you're in the Exhibit Hall. Volunteer faculty provide you with career advice, résumé reviews, and insight into your career path. These types of career counseling sessions can cost hundreds of dollars when consulting with a career coach, so don't miss this chance for a free and productive conversation. ■

# First Night PARTY!

*Last night's Neon Prom Party was a blast! Thanks for attending and thanks to our sponsors for making it a great kick-off night for Convention!*



## HATS OFF TO OUR FIRST NIGHT SPONSORS!



## 6 Candidates Added to Slate at Opening House

Wednesday's Opening House of Delegates opened with a roll call of state pride that featured Georgia peaches, Maryland crabs, Hershey kisses, Indiana Hoosiers, Ohio buckeyes, and Iowa Hawkeyes, as well as Oregon tree huggers, South Carolina Palmetto trees, Texas lone stars, and Oklahoma tornadoes. In his address, NSNA President **Ryan Bannan**, thanked NSNA members, the Board, and staff for opportunities to work together in moving the mission and values of NSNA forward.

When the floor was opened for nominations, delegates added 6 candidates to the slate.

- Secretary/Treasurer: **Ashlee Halstead**, William Jewell College, Liberty, MO
- Breakthrough to Nursing Director: **Jennifer Kalenkoski**, Lehigh Carbon Community College, Schnecksville, PA
- Director (South): **Allison Dascani**, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
- Director (West): **Lance Cook**, Oregon Health and Science University, Portland, OR
- Nominations & Elections Committee (South): **Christina Petty**, Georgia Baptist College of Nursing of Mercer University, Atlanta, GA
- Nominations & Elections Committee (West): **Neva Farmer**, Scottsdale Community College, Scottsdale, AZ

The 6 offices that will be open for nominations from the floor at the Friday House are Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Director North, and Nominations & Elections Committee South, East, and West. In the Report of the Resolutions Committee, Chair Brent Reel reported that a record 69 resolutions had been submitted; 57 resolutions will be presented for House consideration. ■

## 8:00 am - 4:00 pm TODAY! Change someone's life ...

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## Poster Sessions



A record number of poster presentations will be displayed at this year's Project Showcase. Poster sessions are featured within the Exhibit Hall (**Veracruz C**). Presenters will be by their posters today from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm and Saturday from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. ■

# HUNGRY?

Coronado Springs will offer additional dining hours during Convention week. Check the *News* for hours for the next several days.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 1

#### Breakfast - 7:00 am – 9:00 am

Small pop-up in Pepper Market  
Cash pop-up sales in front of Rix Lounge

#### Lunch - 11:00 am – 2:30 p.m.

Cash pop-up in Maya Grill (Soup & salad buffet)  
Cold item pop-up cash sales in front of Rix Lounge all cold.

#### Dinner - 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Cash sales in front of Rix Lounge (hot & cold items)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 2

#### Breakfast - 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Pepper Market  
Cash sales pop-up in front of Rix Lounge

#### Lunch - 11 am – 2:30 pm

Cash pop-up in Maya Grill (Soup & salad buffet)

Complimentary buses will be running for attendees staying at the Pop Century resort.



Bus runs will take place between the Pop Century 50's Lot and the Coronado Springs Resort and Convention Center.

One way takes approximately 15-20 minutes (approximately 45 minutes round-trip between the two properties) so plan accordingly to ensure that you make the sessions you want to attend.

### Friday and Saturday Mornings Bus Departs Pop Century 50's Lot at:

6:00 am	8:15 am
6:45 am	9:00 am
7:30 am	9:45 am

### Friday Evening Bus Departs Coronado Springs Resort Convention Center at:

8:30 pm	10:45 pm
9:15 pm	11:30 pm
10:00 pm	12:15 pm

### Saturday Evening No NSNA bus available.

Guests may use the Disney Transportation System to Hollywood Studios or Epcot and transfer to Pop Century or take private transportation.





**Follow NSNA Online**

Follow @NSNAinc on Twitter and Instagram this week! Use hashtags #NSNA 64 and #ImageofNursing while you're in town. You can also follow Image of Nursing chair and Imprint editor Sabrina Lozier at @NurseSabrinaL

**TODAY AT 1:45 PM!**



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**CONVENTION MOMENTS!**



**SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS**

We sent Molloy PhD student, **Jennifer Withall**, out into the Exhibit Hall yesterday to find out what attendees thought of Convention, why they attended, and what's the most important thing they've learned so far. Here are some of the students she found while roaming the Hall. (More to come tomorrow!)



**What has your favorite part of the conference been so far?**

I am surrounded by other people who are passionate about nursing. It has been an opportunity for me to improve my knowledge as well.

- **Hannah Zachman**, University of Virginia



This is my first NSNA conference. I am a senior, and I have found the NCLEX review very helpful.

- **Bryan Smith**, Central Connecticut State University



**What do you think is the most important thing that you have learned so far?**

How to start an NSNA chapter in our school. Since we have been here, we have learned the different roles of the officers, and how to fundraise.

From left to right: **Kerra Lourdeus, Suzanne Sauvagere, Jocelyne Jean-Pierre**, Chamberlain College of Nursing, Miramar, FL