

# WSNA STAT LETTER

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# President's Letter from Aimee Phillip



Greetings everyone,

My name is Aimee Roberta Phillip. I am a senior nursing student at Concordia University, and I had the privilege of being your Wisconsin Student Nurses' Association President for the 2023-2024 year. This role allowed me to work alongside my amazing Board of Directors which have been pillars for me this past year. They taught me the lengths and depths of the heart of nursing in ways that I would not have known without seeing them walk in their individual strengths and giftings.

A significant portion of this year was dedicated to preparing for our 75th WSNA Annual Convention. I was amazed at how our board came together to make this event the best that it could be. Over this year, I learned that there are so many qualities amongst nurses and when they are brought together it can bring about so much good.

Collectively, our board was given the incredible opportunity to attend the events organized by the National Student Nurses' Associations, including their Leadership U Summer Summit in New York City, Midyear Conference in San Diego, and Annual Convention in Orlando. These were ways in which WSNA supported our board's growth as leaders and our increase our state's involvement on a national level.

I look forward to seeing WSNA continue to help shape leaders as we pass the baton to the new 2024-2025 Board of Directors. The new board is full of passion, and I am excitedly expectant to see them excel as individuals and as a team.

# WSNA Board NSNA Mid-Year Recap

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Board members Madison Tentis (Treasurer), Sarah Peterson (Secretary), and Kate Elliott (Western Regional Director) were able to visit the NSNA Mid-Year Conference located in San Diego, California in November. Read what they have to say about the event below!

The NSNA Mid-Year Conference in San Diego was an incredible opportunity. The conference had great break-out sessions, hands on learning experiences, and an mini-NCLEX review. We were able to recruit one of the breakout session speakers to attend the WSNA Convention in February. Board members also attended an informational session about convention planning, as well as various positions on the board.

This was also a great experience to network with other NSNA members from across the country.



# WSNA Board NSNA Annual Convention Recap

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Board members Aimee Phillip (President), Hailey Schueller (Legislative Vice President), Madison Tentis (Treasurer), Kate Elliott (Western Regional Director), Ally Cisco (Southern Regional Director), and Allyson Jeanty (Eastern Regional Director) were able to attend the NSNA Annual Convention in April. Read what they have to say about the event below!

Board members had the opportunity to attend great keynote speakers, various breakout sessions, and an extensive exhibit hall! Hailey Schueller's resolution on rural healthcare was adopted at the house of delegates meeting, Kate Elliott was awarded an NSNA scholarship, and Madison Tentis nominated WSNA for the Robert V. Piemonte Financial Excellence Award, which were awarded.



# WSNA 75th Annual Convention

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*Illuminate:  
Bringing Light to  
Nursing for 75  
Years*



# WSNA 75th Annual Convention

Wisconsin Student Nurses' Association was proud to organize our 75th Annual Convention which commemorated the many nurses who have trailblazed to make the profession of nursing what it is today. Our theme this year was Illuminate: Bringing Light to 75 Years of Nursing and was held from February 2nd-4th, 2024 at the Wilderness Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. This year's 75th WSNA Annual Convention brought together 150 students and advisors who participated in this event and were able to glean from the many speakers and network with over twenty-five vendors.

During the event, we had the honor of having Dr. Jane Dus who is the Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer of the Midwest Region for Advocate Aurora Health come as our keynote speaker. She spoke about nursing leadership and inspired the nursing students in attendance through her own personal journey of growth as a nurse. Our endnote speaker, Kristin Merss, is a registered nurse and PhD candidate at the University of Wisconsin Madison who spoke about her research regarding the intersection of incarceration and healthcare, which was so insightful. Over the course of the weekend, we had 13 additional breakout speakers who shared their expertise.

The 2023-2024 WSNA Board of Directors was proud to have had the opportunity to interact with the students, advisors, speakers, and vendors who made the 75th WSNA Annual Convention possible. This event was both an encouragement and inspiration for the many students looking forward to their future in nursing.

# The Jared Box Project

WSNA picks a service project each year to incorporate into the convention. This year our service project was the Jared Box Project and is led by Allyson Jeanty, Regional Director. Together we made boxes to bring the gift of play through toys and activities to young patients as they navigate their hospital stay. We packed 75 boxes to be sent to American Family Children's Hospital in Madison and St. Vincent's Hospital in Green Bay.



# Convention Awards

**Leader of Leaders:**

**Halli Schniederwendt (Concordia University)**

**Gean Swiatko-Keen (Mount Mary University)**



**Chapter Achievement: Mount Mary University**



**Best Community Health Project: Viterbo University**





# Convention Awards

## Breakthrough to Nursing: UW-Oshkosh



## Spirit Award: Mount Mary University



## BTN Scholarship Winner: Jamya Fallen



## Nurses Foundation of Wisconsin Scholarship: Tierney Herman



# How to get more involved at Convention next year!

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Apply for Scholarships!

Apply for Chapter Awards!

Submit a Resolution!

Run for the State Board of  
Directors!

# BTN Project

## Diversity in Nursing:

This year our Breakthrough to Nursing Director Nathan Kujawa developed a nursing outreach curriculum focused on promoting not only the career of nursing but also diversity in nursing. This curriculum is centered around a presentation that is made for the middle school/high school demographic to help show students that nursing is a great career choice no matter what your background is. We have not yet been able to start sharing the presentation in schools. If you our your chapter is interested in presenting in your college's community, please reach out to Nathan at [nkujawa@edgewood.edu](mailto:nkujawa@edgewood.edu) for more information.



86% of nurses are female



14% of nurses are male



89.6% of nurses are white/Caucasian



11.4% of nurses are Black/African American



8.8% of nurses are Hispanic



0.4% of nurses are Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander



77% of nurses are Parents



0.4% of nurses are Native American or Alaska Native



6.3% of nurses are Asian



8% of Nurses identify as part of the LGBT+ community



15% of nurses have some type of Disability



15% of nurses are Veterans

### Why is diversity important in nursing?

-It helps patients see themselves in their nurses when they look like them or have a similar background to them.

-diversity in nursing offers improved:

- Patient education
- Adherence to treatment plans
- Patient satisfaction
- Communication between patients and nurses
- Health outcomes

# Nurses Day at the Capitol

WNA's 2024 Nurses' Day at the Capitol was held at the Monona Terrace on February 19th and was a day intended to inform participants of the national and state health policy issues that impact nursing practice, education, and health care delivery. Each participant was given the opportunity to meet with their legislators to discuss these issues.

I was honored to be asked to come and give an opening address to Student nurses as well as experienced RNs and APRNs that were present for the event. It was an incredible opportunity to speak to passionate nurses across the state who want to create change for the good within their vocation as a nurse. "Nurses inspire nurses" was a quote that I shared in my address as a reminder that Nurses' Day at the Capitol was a perfect example of living that out. It truly was an inspiration to be surrounded by people at all different points in their nursing career coming together to lead change.

I would highly recommend any nursing students to attend this event in coming years as a way to be involved and stay informed regarding how we can evoke change and growth within our profession.



# Highlighting SNA's

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Do you want to see your SNA highlighted in  
the next edition of the STAT?  
Because we do!

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recognized? If so, please submit an  
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# Edgewood College

## February

**WSNA Annual Convention:** We had a large group of students attend the WSNA Annual Convention at the Wilderness Resort!



**310 Social:** Held a lunch session for second semester nursing students, providing them the opportunity to ask questions and gain study tips!



## March

**Blood Drive:** Held a blood drive with the American Red Cross, where 33 units of blood were donated!



**SSM Health Presentation:** Heard from a recruiter with SSM Health about their nurse residency and nurse externship opportunities, and then made tie blankets to donate to the oncology unit at St. Mary's Hospital!

## April

**Nursing Specialty Panel:** Heard from and asked questions to nurses from specialties including the NICU, L&D, ICU, Neuro and Trauma, and Short Stay!



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