



# INSIGHT

The Newsletter of the Student Nurses'  
Association of Pennsylvania

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**August 2024**



**NURSES: CHAMPIONS OF PROGRESS**

NOVEMBER 20 - 22, 2024 | LANCASTER, PA

**MAKE PLANS NOW FOR  
SNAP CONVENTION**

The SNAP Convention, being held at the **Wyndham Lancaster Resort & Convention Center**, November 20-22, is quickly approaching! The Board is very excited about the many opportunities for you to experience this year. Many exhibitors have already signed up to attend so that they can meet you and talk about your future in nursing. We want to thank our generous sponsors: **Geisinger** – CHAMPION Sponsor; **Lehigh Valley Health Network** – LEADER Sponsor; **PA State Nurses Association** – Awards Reception Sponsor; and **UPMC Central PA** – Awards Reception Sponsor. SNAP is extremely grateful for their early support of our association! We expect other organizations to sign on as sponsors in the next months!

There are also excellent workshops being presented. On Wednesday, November 20th, you will want to attend the plenary session, "**Nurses ROCK: How SNAP Nurses Can Leverage Their Voices to Change Public Policy**", being presented by **SNAP Honorary Member Kevin Schreiber** and **Sully Pinos**. When Kevin says "Nurses ROCK", he means it! Some of you may remember Kevin from our Capitol Hill Step by Step program. Kevin is a vivacious, upbeat speaker that will make the process of being politically aware and active an exciting adventure! You really don't want to miss this fun learning experience!

We are extremely proud to announce that **Stephanie Ferguson, PhD, RN, FAAN, FNAP, is our Keynote Address speaker**. Dr. Ferguson is a world renown nursing leader. Dr. Ferguson is a global health care leader who has worked in 100+ nations as a technical advisor, consultant, and facilitator for organizations including the World Health Organization (WHO), the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the International Council of Nurses, and the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN). For more than 20 years at WHO's headquarters, regional offices, and PAHO, Dr. Ferguson developed strategic plans and initiatives to strengthen and evaluate health care delivery systems, human resources for health and regulations, population health outcomes, and nursing and other health professional education, leadership programs and services. At ICN, based in Geneva, Switzerland, for 10+ years, Dr. Ferguson directed the ICN Leadership for Change Program, the ICN-Burdett Global Nursing Leadership Institute, and served as an ICN Consultant for Nursing and Health Policy. Dr. Ferguson is a dynamic speaker who will inspire you as you enter your nursing career!

Other workshops being presented are:

- ***Healing the Bruises: Understanding & Addressing Work Place Violence in Healthcare***, being presented by **Latasha Kast, MSN, RN, CCRN, CNL** and **Alyssa Tygh, BSN, RN** – both past presidents of SNAP
- ***But I'm Not Going Into Psych? What ALL Nurses Should Know to be Mental Health Champions***, being presented by **Jamie Malone, DNP, RN, NPD-BC**
- ***Nurses Working in the Community***, being presented by **Shelley Riser, MSHA BSN, RN**

- ***A Discussion on Anorexia & Other Eating Disorders***, being presented by **Alexis Burns Kaufman, MSN, RN, CPN**
- ***Update on NP Practice Authority***, being presented by **Gerri Maurer, DNP, CRNP, MPM**
- ***Breaking the Cycle: Addressing Period Poverty, Promoting Equity, and Fostering Sustainability in Menstrual Health***, being presented by **Bobbie Monaco, MSN, CRNP-BC**

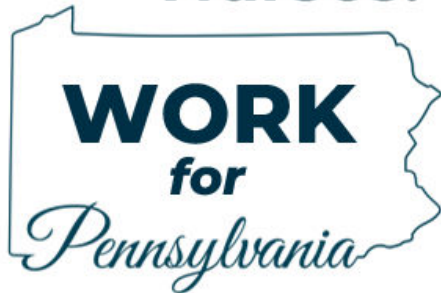
The convention registration brochure and links to register for the convention will be sent to you very soon! Watch your email for more information on registering for convention and updates on other great activities! We will see you there!



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**PRE-SLATE DEADLINE: Wednesday, October 30**

### Running for the SNAP Board of Directors/Nominations & Elections Committee

The Nominations and Elections Committee (NEC) is responsible for selecting SNAP members for the Slate of Candidates for 2024-2025.

If you are interested in running for a position on the SNAP Board of Directors or Nominations and Elections Committee (NEC) for 2024-2025, please follow our

page on the SNAP website: [SNAP Nominations & Elections 2024!](#) More information will be available as we get closer to the SNAP Convention 2024, being held at the Wyndham Resort and Convention Center in Lancaster, PA from November 20 – 22.

You can pre-slate for any office by submitting a Consent to Serve form that is on the link above. The deadline to pre-slate is Wednesday, October 30th. If you have any questions, feel free to contact SNAP at [snap@snap-online.org](mailto:snap@snap-online.org)



# SNAP CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER 2024

- **Deadline** for September INSIGHT: Monday, September 2
- SNAP Board of Directors Meeting: Saturday, September 7

## OCTOBER 2024

- **Deadline** for October INSIGHT: Tuesday, October 1
- **Deadline** for Chapter Constituency Status (determines # of delegates for SNAP convention. NSNA will send list of members at the end of day): Tuesday, October 15
- **Deadline** for Resolutions: 5 pm on Tuesday, October 15
- **Deadline** for Abstracts for SNAP Poster Session: 5 pm on Tuesday, October 15
- **Deadline** for Chapter/Individual Awards: 5 pm on Tuesday, October 15
- **Deadline** for SNAP Consent To Serve applications (running for SNAP Board/NEC positions) 5 pm on Wednesday, October 30

## NOVEMBER 2024

- **Deadline** for **SCORE Challenge Bowl** Registration: 5 pm on Monday, November 4
- **SNAP 72nd ANNUAL CONVENTION AT THE WYNDHAM RESORT AND CONVENTION CENTER, LANCASTER: NOVEMBER 20 – 23, 2024**

## DECEMBER 2024

- **Deadline** for December INSIGHT: Monday, December 2

## JANUARY 2025

- **Deadline** for January INSIGHT: Thursday, January 2
- SNAP Board of Directors Meeting, January 25 – 26

## FEBRUARY 2025

- **Deadline** for February INSIGHT: Saturday, February 1

### MARCH 2025

- **Deadline** for March INSIGHT: Saturday, March 1
- SNAP Board of Directors Meeting, TBD
- **LEAD Workshop**, Saturday March 29 – Sunday, March 30
- Capitol Hill: Step by Step: TBD

### APRIL 2025

- **Deadline** for April INSIGHT: Tuesday, April 1
- NSNA 73rd Annual Convention in Seattle WA: April 9 – 13

### MAY 2025

- **Deadline** for May INSIGHT: Thursday, May 1

### JUNE 2025

- **Deadline** for June INSIGHT: Monday, June 2
- SNAP Board of Directors Meeting, TBD

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## Nurses Got Talent!

*by Haley Falzone, SNAP Greater Philadelphia Regional Coordinator*

WOW.... summer is flying by. For our nursing students who have been grinding throughout the past couple of months, we are PROUD of you! Keep up the hard work as we move into the fall. For our student nurses who had time off from school, I'm sure we can all agree that this summer has been one of the fastest yet. I hope many of you took time between work and other daily commitments to get some rest and relaxation because you ALL deserve it. As for us on the SNAP board, we have all been busy getting ready for the amazing 2024-2025 school year full of awesome SNAP sponsored events.

To kick off the fall, myself along with Villanova SNAP will be hosting the annual Nurse's Got Talent, which is open to ALL regions in Pennsylvania. Nurse's Got Talent is a wonderful opportunity for student nurses to showcase their skills and passions outside of nursing school. In past years we have had talents that ranged from musical abilities to comedy. However, your talents can include participation in athletics, groups at school you are passionate about and so much more. All we ask is that you send in a video, no more than 2 minutes long (we can make exceptions, just shoot me an email) and a brief description of what the talent is! Finally we will have everyone tune in for the show and YOU will be the judges. The winner will receive a sweet prize which will be announced! It is so important to find something you truly enjoy outside of school and showcasing these talents and passions may inspire other nurses to try something new as well. We cannot wait to see what our nurses get up to outside of studying and clinical!

Finally I would like to wish you all a great rest of your summer! Remember to take time for yourselves and get excited for what this next year of nursing school will bring.

Contact Haley at: [Greaterphiladelphia@snap-online.org](mailto:Greaterphiladelphia@snap-online.org)



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## **SNAP LEADER SPONSOR**

**General Election Day is NOVEMBER  
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**NURSES HAVE POWER!**

*By Megan Le, SNAP Legislative  
Coordinator*

Hi everyone! I hope you all had a great school year and are off to a fun



summer. With the sun coming out, and less to no schoolwork, it is a great time to register to vote. Presidential elections are coming up in November 2024! Register now!

**A resident of Pennsylvania:**

<https://www.vote.pa.gov/Register-to-Vote/Pages/default.aspx>

**Other states:** <https://www.vote.org/>

If you have any questions, please reach out to me!



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**Resolutions Deadline is  
October 15!**

**WRITE A  
RESOLUTION!**

***By Megan Le, SNAP Legislative Coordinator***



I hope everyone is doing well. I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming SNAP Convention in November. As we begin our summer break, I want to make everyone aware that now is the time to start thinking about writing a resolution to represent your school and state in 2024-2025!

For those who don't know, resolutions are statements in support of healthcare initiatives that becomes basis for SNAP and NSNA policy if

passed.

As your legislative coordinator, I would be happy to discuss any questions or concerns you may have. Also, please feel free to contact the resolutions committee as well: **Vicky Vo (972)210-6029** and **Mary Ella McCarthy (724)612-7871**! My phone number is **(206)371-1448**, or you can email me back at [LegislativeCoordinator@snap-online.org](mailto:LegislativeCoordinator@snap-online.org)

I absolutely love the resolution process and would be thrilled to work with anyone interested. Primary author, co-author, editor . . . etc. There is something for you to contribute in some capacity!

To help you along your journey of writing a resolution, I am proposing a rough timeline of forming ideas and meeting with me/resolutions committee if wanted.

**LOOSE DEADLINES:**

- Idea finalized and basic research found: Summer Time
  - Once idea is finalized, I would love to meet with you to discuss ideas before you write rough draft
- Rough draft: August 2024
- Meet for edits with me/resolutions committee: throughout September 2024

**HARD DEAD LINES:**

- Proposed resolutions due: 5 p.m. on October 15 2024
- SNAP Annual Convention: November 20-22 2024

If you're interested, we can start brainstorming topics together. I am also attaching the link to all of the NSNA resolutions from prior years, if interested you can browse through and see some of the amazing work fellow student nurses have done with resolutions in years past.

<https://www.nсна.org/resolutions-by-year.html>

I look forward to hearing from you all and am so excited to start this process.

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***Dear SNAP Member/Faculty Advisor:***

**I encourage you to submit articles and photos pertinent to other nursing students in Pennsylvania to be included in the next issue of INSIGHT. This is your newsletter and vehicle to let others know what is happening at your school and chapter.**

**Send your articles, pictures, calendar of events, and contact information to [snap@snap-online.org](mailto:snap@snap-online.org). The deadline to receive these items is approximately the first day of the month of publication.**

**We look forward to hearing from you soon!**

**Sincerely,**

***Jane Foster, SNAP Secretary Treasurer***

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