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## President's Message

During a conference call late last fall with NLN staff and other constituent league presidents, Dr. Beverly Malone, CEO of the NLN, shared with us what she called the campaign for transformative excellence. Dr. Malone's vision for this makeover comes from what she called the "three P's" – purpose, power, and passion.

The **purpose** for our work as an organization is defined in the NLN's mission statement and demonstrated in the implementation of the NLN's core values of caring, integrity, diversity, and excellence.

**Power** lies in the membership of the NLN originating from all parts of our nation, as well as 118 years of history as an organization. Furthermore, as the NLN offices transition to the Washington D.C. area, there will be additional opportunities to influence our country's legislators and their responses to our areas of concern. Achieving health system reform hinges on investment in the development of a 21<sup>st</sup> century healthcare workforce, and the NLN is a powerful voice in policy reform.

## CNE Preparation Opportunity

As a response to your requests, the KLN has joined with the Indiana League for Nursing to provide a Certified Nurse Educator preparation course here in Kentucky. If you are interested in attending, please be in touch with Jeanie Carman at [kyleague nursing@yahoo.com](mailto:kyleague nursing@yahoo.com)

Demonstration of the **passion** comes in the form of the six centers to be developed by the NLN, including a center for transformational leadership, center for geriatric nursing education, a center for innovation in simulation and technology, a science of nursing education center, a center on global and diversity initiatives, and a center for assessment and evaluation. Some of these centers are already in existence, such as the geriatric nursing education (ACES program) and the simulation and technology (SIRC) programs. One of the interesting aspects of the center for the science of nursing education will be in developing an evidence-based practice for nurse educators. We see evidence-based nursing practices in patient care areas every day, and it's time to bring evidence-based practice to nurse education. How do we know what we do to educate students is working? How can we best support nurse educators in identifying and implementing best practices in nurse education?

This brings us to research and the NLN's passion for promoting teaching scholarship by advocating for educators and students in the areas of support for research initiatives that enhance nurse education, and consequently patient care, at all levels. The Kentucky League for Nursing spreads across our Commonwealth and has similar opportunities and obligations to influence healthcare in Kentucky. Through sharing our research and ideas, we play a part in guiding the development of education for the modern healthcare workforce.

As we prepare to come together for our annual meeting in May, it is a pleasure to have received many proposals for presentations and posters and see the variety of ways your work is making a difference in Kentucky's healthcare workforce. I look forward to seeing your work and to refreshing my perspective through your presentations. Make plans to join us for our next annual meeting, May 17-18, 2012 in Carrollton!

—Emily Piercy, MSN, RN, CNE

or 859.314.5946 not later than February 10, 2012 for more information and to register. The review course will be conducted by Dr. Linda Caputi at the Galen College of Nursing, Louisville, Kentucky, on Friday, February 24, 2012. Cost for our KLN members is

only \$110 if you submit your registration by January 27th. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in pursuing the CNE certification. It's here in our state and at a very reasonable cost. A big thank you to Galen for supporting us with accommodations for this review course!

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## Teach Your Students to Think Like a Nurse!

Plan to join us May 17-18, 2012, in Carrollton, KY, as we welcome Dr. Linda Caputi to Kentucky! We look forward to her words of wisdom with regard to teaching strategies for nursing education.

Dr. Caputi is a Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) from the National League for Nursing. She has authored over 25 educational multimedia programs, nursing education books, produced and developed videotapes, and published book chapters, journal articles, and board games for nursing education. She is editor of the second edition (2010) of *Teaching Nursing: The Art and Science (Volumes 1, 2, & 3)*, and coauthor of *Teaching Nursing: The Art and Science, It's All About Student Success (Volume 4)*. She serves on the editorial staff for *Nursing Education Perspectives*, as the editor of the column *Innovation Center*, a publication of the National League for Nursing.

Dr. Caputi has presented her work nationally for over 20 years on many nursing education topics. The 2nd edition of her book *Teaching Nursing: The Art and Science* was selected as the winner of the 2010 Top Teaching Tools Award in the print category from the *Journal of Nursing Education*. Her work has won six awards from Sigma Theta Tau, two from American Journal of Nursing Company, and one from The Association for Educational Communication and Technology.

Dr. Caputi was acknowledged for teaching excellence in the 1998, 2002, and 2005 editions of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* and the 2008 edition of *Who's Who in Nursing*. Dr. Caputi was named Educator of the Year for 2004 by the National Organization of Associate Degree Nursing. She has recently served on the Board of Governors for the National League for Nursing. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society

of Nursing. She was an invited member to the National League for Nursing's Think Tank on Transformation of Clinical Instruction and the NLN's Think Tank of Standardized Testing in Nursing Education. In 2010, she was inducted as a Fellow into the Academy of Nursing Education.

Dr. Caputi is Professor Emerita at College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Illinois with over 25 years of teaching experience. She currently teaches online Masters in Nursing Education courses. Dr. Caputi is a consultant to undergraduate nursing programs in the areas of curriculum, student success, NCLEX success, and effective teaching strategies in the classroom, the nursing laboratory, and clinical. She has developed curriculum for Practical Nursing, Associate Degree Nursing, Baccalaureate Nursing, and RN to BSN programs. She also has extensive experience working with nursing programs as they seek initial or ongoing accreditation.

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Conference  
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## Excellence in Nursing Education

It's a new year, right? There is no better time to take a moment to reflect on who you believe is the best nurse educator in the Commonwealth and why you have come to believe in this person. Who is the educator that inspires students to do their best? What's their secret? Reach out and give her or him a pat on the back, and submit a nomination for the KLN's Award for Excellence in Nursing Educa-

tion. This Award for Excellence in Nursing Education in the Commonwealth of Kentucky will be presented to two outstanding academic nurse educators yearly during the annual business meeting of the Kentucky League for Nursing. The honor will recognize significant contribution to excellence and innovation in nursing education contributing to the preparation of the nursing workforce in the state. To learn

more about the KLN Award for Excellence in Nursing Education, check our website at <http://www.nln.org/CLWebsites/Kentucky/AwardOfExcellence.pdf> and get those nominations going!

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## Kentucky Nursing Capacity Consortium

The Kentucky Nursing Capacity Consortium (KNCC) was formed in 2008 and is a statewide initiative to advocate and act with one voice to advance nursing workforce capacity to meet the health care needs of the Commonwealth. KNCC with over 70 members represents a broad range of organizations and has become Kentucky's evidence based, nursing network with membership representation from all genres of nursing including academia, associations, employers, and independent contractors/consultants. KNCC members meet quarterly at various locations throughout Kentucky and conference calls are held in between face to face meetings. Membership is open to all interested persons.

In response to the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) 2010 report, *The Future of Nursing Leading Change, Advancing Health*, KNCC

members hosted Regional Awareness Meetings on the IOM report and have met numerous times with the Kentucky Coalition for Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Midwives (KCNPNM) to develop an action plan for Kentucky. Collectively we agreed to target four of the recommendations put forth in the IOM report: (1) remove scope-of-practice barriers; (2) implement nurse residency programs; (3) increase the proportion of nurses with a baccalaureate degree to 80 percent by 2020; and (4) double the number of nurses with a doctorate by 2020. Activities are currently underway related to each of these recommendations.

In August 2011 KNCC in collaboration with the Kentucky Coalition for Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Midwives (KCNPNM) submitted an application in the third wave of the Future of Nursing:

Campaign for Action to be recognized as an Action Coalition. Our application was approved and we are formally known as the Kentucky Action Coalition. To learn more about the national campaign visit <http://thefutureofnursing.org/about>. The Kentucky Action Coalition is co-chaired by Kim Dees, Vice President of Health Professions, Kentucky Hospital Association, and Jane Kirschling, Dean, University of Kentucky College of Nursing.

If you would like to become active in KNCC or the Kentucky Action Coalition please email Jane Kirschling at [janek@email.uky.edu](mailto:janek@email.uky.edu) or she can be reached at 859-323-4857.

—Jane Kirschling, DNS, RN, FAAN



Jane Kirschling, DNS, RN, FAAN

## Scholarship Opportunities

### Kathryn M. Mershon Nursing Faculty Scholarship

The Kathryn M. Mershon Nursing Faculty Scholarship is awarded by the Kentucky League for Nursing to honor a nurse who has worked tirelessly to improve nursing education and the nursing workforce in Kentucky and throughout the nation. The scholarship is awarded annually to a Kentucky League for Nursing member as a one-time only gift to a qualified nurse applicant pursuing graduate education with the intention of remaining in the Commonwealth of Kentucky to teach in an accredited undergraduate or graduate level program of nursing. For the application and additional information, visit our website at <http://www.nln.org/CLWebsites/Kentucky/>

[KathrynMershonScholarshipCriteria.pdf](#). The scholarship will be awarded during the annual meeting of the Kentucky League for Nursing.

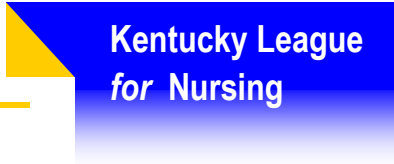
### Brother Ignatius Perkins Nursing Faculty Scholarship

The Brother Ignatius Perkins Nursing Faculty Scholarship is being awarded by the Kentucky League for Nursing in honor of Brother Ignatius Perkins who has served the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the National League for Nursing for many years through his activities enhancing nursing education. The scholarship is to be used by Kentucky League for Nursing members to assist preparation and examination for the NLN's Certified Nurse Educator credential.

The scholarship will be awarded by the Kentucky League for Nursing annually as a one-time only gift to qualified nurse applicants who plan to take the CNE exam within one year of the award. For the application and additional information, visit our website at <http://www.nln.org/CLWebsites/Kentucky/BIPApplication.pdf>. The scholarship will be awarded during the annual meeting of the Kentucky League for Nursing.



**Mark Your Calendar and Plan to Attend!**  
**February 24, 2012**  
**CNE Review Course**  
**Louisville, KY**



## Member Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent survey! We had a great response and we're excited that we can use that information to better serve our members. Here is a brief summary of the survey results.

First, several members expressed interest in assisting with conference planning, but the survey was anonymous, so we have no way of contacting you individually. Anyone who is interested in becoming more involved in KLN, please email us and we'll pass your name to the Nominations Committee. We're excited at the prospect of having more members actively involved!

A member asked if the presentation on Pediatric Abusive

Head Trauma at the May 2011 conference would meet the new KBN requirement - the answer is yes, the program does meet that requirement. We were very happy to be able to offer this to our members!

The survey asked about different potential locations for future conferences. The Lexington-Frankfort-Louisville area was the runaway favorite. 97% of the members would "definitely" or "probably" attend a conference held there. Of the other areas listed in the survey, none attracted more than 66% of the members who would "definitely" or "probably" attend a conference there. So, we're exploring options in the Lexington-Louisville-Frankfort area for the 2013 conference. We had

several specific conference sites suggested by members and we are checking into those. Thanks for your input! We also noted that 87% of you would like to spend less than \$100 per night for lodging, so we'll keep that in mind in our planning.

Thanks for helping us serve you better! See you at the conference May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012!

—Cynthia Frazer, MS, RN-BC,  
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