

Presidents Message

Greetings from the KLN! I hope that the new academic year is beginning well for all of you. We had a terrific conference last May – our tenth annual conference and our first at the Crowne Plaza in Louisville! We had a terrific turnout – thanks for your support! The facilities at the Crowne Plaza were top-notch and we had the opportunity to have some fun on Thursday evening cruising on the Ohio River. It will be hard to top that next year, but we're already working hard to do just that. During the annual membership meeting, a member proposed, and the membership voted, that the KLN should pursue becoming involved with nominating individuals for the Governor to appoint to the Board of Nursing (BON). The KLN Board has been working on the issue. It's important to understand that currently the statute reads that the Kentucky Nurses Association nomi-

nates individuals for appointment to the BON. In order for the KLN to have any official role in nominating individuals a law would have to be passed. We have not been able to find any interest in the legislature to change the law. We have, however, been working to build a stronger relationship with the KNA. The KNA President and Executive Director will be meeting with the KLN Board. We hope to be able to work with the KNA to identify individuals who would be well qualified represent nursing education on the BON.

It's not too soon to be thinking about our 2015 conference! We are very excited that Nurse Tim will be our keynote speaker! The topic of the conference is "Flip or Flop: the Future is Now!" It's not too early to prepare your abstract for your presentation at the conference. Come share your expertise with your peers!

We are very excited to be going back to the Crowne Plaza for our 2015 conference! The facilities at the Crowne Plaza solved several problems we had at our previous venue. And, judging from the feedback we got, the members loved the experience. In order to stay at the Crowne Plaza, we did have to increase the 2015 conference fee, however. Even with the necessary increase, we're confident that the conference is still by far the best value anywhere. We look forward to you joining us in 2015! Check out the rest of the newsletter for information about you League and make plans to join us May 21st and 22nd for another terrific conference!

Cindy Frazer

President, KLN



A Message from Nurse Tim

Flipping Successfully = Bringing Clinical To Class with Nurse Tim
Student success, NCLEX pass rates, Faculty workload. These are as of education are all crucial pieces of the same puzzle. This year, the Kentucky League for Nursing will have Dr. Tim Bristol guide us through one of the most interactive workshops faculty have ever experienced. The process of flipping the classroom in nursing education necessitates bringing clinical to class. By building reality into every class, lab, and simulation, faculty are able to help students build higher order thinking skills. These skills are the very ones needed to not only pass NCLEX but also become a successful nurse. Using educational innovations that include 3x5 Index Cards, music, games, and much more, the faculty are able to transform any lecture hall, classroom, or lab, into a learning experience that will help students learn how to learn.

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Having Fun in Louisville!!



Our new location was a great success! Overall reviews have been very positive. There were many highlights to the new location and programming of the conference. Among the highlights of the conference were our keynote speakers. Beverly Malone, PHD, RN, FAAN gave a informative and timely presentation pertaining to The Future of Nursing and the direction we are taking as a profession. In addition, Dr. Malone presented strategies nurses can take to affect the future of nursing. Mable Smith gave an entertaining and enlightening presentation on Legal Issues in Nursing Education. Dr. Smith presented current legal topics that addressed concerns of constituents of the Kentucky League for Nursing and addressed challenges Nurse Educators face as a Profession.

A new highlight added to the conference was an optional outing. This outing was a dinner Cruise along the Ohio River for an evening of fun! The Belle of Louisville was commissioned by the KLN for a dinner cruise up and back on the Ohio River and participants enjoyed the sights and sounds of the shores of Louisville; all while enjoying a dinner buffet.

Check out all the other exciting adventures Louisville has to offer at: www.gotolouisville.com

Present at the Kentucky League for Nursing!!

The KLN welcomes educators and students to submit abstracts for podium and/or poster presentations! If you would like to submit an abstract, the deadline is February 1st, 2015!!

2015 Nominating Committee

- Dawn Garret Wright (Western Kentucky University)
- Susan Jones (Western Kentucky University)
- Debra Terry (Jefferson Community & Technical College)
- Carol Mattingly (Henderson Community & Technical College)



Welcome to the New Board Member!!

Beth McGinnis, MSN, RN



Beth received her BSN from Marshall University in 1988 and recently completed her

MSN. She is an Associate Professor and PN Program Coordinator at Ashland Community and Technical College and KNAT Coordinator for region 10. Her special areas include: human simulation, geriatrics, trauma and emergency nursing.



Above: Celeste Hardesty of Elizabethtown Community and Technical College was presented with the Kathryn M. Mershon scholarship by Board Member Sandra Holmes. The Mershon scholarship is presented to outstanding nurse's who have been nominated by their peers for their efforts in advancing nursing as a profession.

Right: Dara Lanham was the recipient of the JoAnn M. Weaver Award for Excellence Nursing Education. This award was presented by Dr. JoAnn Weaver. The Weaver Scholarship recognizes exceptional educators in the state of Kentucky.



Teresa Villaran is presented the Brother Ignatius Perkins Scholarship, which is awarded to person who pursuing certification as an Certified Nurse Educator (CNE).



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- Annual Conference Information
- Scholarship/Award Criteria and Applications
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GET INVOLVED WITH KLN!!

The Kentucky League for Nursing is excited to be a growing, vibrant organization. We invite you to grow along with us. There are many opportunities within the league to volunteer. If you have a skill or talent you feel will benefit the KLN, please let us know at <http://www.kyleaguenursing.org> and then click on "Get Involved"

KLN KORNER!!!

The KLN is proud to present Nurse Tim Bristol, PhD, RN, CNE, ANEF at our 2015 conference. Dr. Bristol has worked with teams across the country at all levels of education and accreditation. He has led teams as a faculty member, administrator, and consultant where his experience includes curriculum revision, initial program approval, interim reports, and reaccreditation. He specializes in active learning for class, clinical, and lab environments. Schools and government organizations consult with Tim to integrate new standards, curricular innovation, educational accessibility, and development of strategic plans. He has authored and contributed to numerous written works. Tim is currently a faculty member with Walden University, FSIL Nursing - Haiti, and owner of NurseTim, Inc.

Come Join the Fun in May 2015!!!!



Vendors from the May 2014 KLN Conference provided educators with new available resources!



Attendees of the May 2014 KLN Conference! Come meet



KLN President Cyndi Frazier with Keynote Speaker Mable Smith at the May 2014 KLN Conference!!



KLN President Cyndi Frazier with Keynote Speaker Beverly Malone at the May 2014 KLN Conference!

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