



# Kentucky League for Nursing

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## Presidents Message

I hope this letter finds everyone well and settling into the fall semester. This is such an exciting time for new and returning students, eager to learn, on their academic journey to becoming a Registered Professional Nurse. It is such a privilege to be able to mentor these new students as they aspire to become our future colleagues. I hope that each of you share the same enthusiasm for teaching as the students have for learning.

This is both an exciting and trying time in nursing education. As nurses, we have always adapted, improvised, and overcome hardships faced by nursing education across Kentucky. I am confident that we will continue to do this moving into a future of uncertainty and financial challenges. It is now more important than ever to find new and creative ways to educate future nurses. Pay for performance will be a subject well worth monitoring in the months to come.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each one who attended the Spring Nurse Educator Conference. It was a great conference and I hope that each of you took away some things that you can use in your practice, as I sure did. We have enjoyed reading all of the evaluations. You have all provided very useful “news we can use” to improve your future conference experiences. We have been busy planning a very interactive conference for May 2018, and hope that you will plan to join us. Please stay tuned in to our website for more information as it becomes available. This year’s conference will be held on May 17 & 18, 2018 at the Crowne Plaza in Louisville.

We are very excited for our Fall PD offering on October 13, 2018 at Galen College in Louisville. Our featured speaker is **Keith Rischer, MA, RN, CEN, and CCRN**. Keith is an author, blogger, nurse educator, and staff nurse who has practiced for thirty-one years in a wide variety of clinical settings. He currently works in critical care and ED. Defined by his passion for nursing and excellence in education; he is a recognized authority on clinical reasoning and its relevance to nursing practice. We need nurses who can think critically and are practice ready upon graduation. Keith will be sharing strategies that will enable us to transform nursing education and the way we prepare students to be practice ready. We hope that you have saved the date and will be joining us for this presentation.

The most recent legislative session entertained a number of bills that pertained to nursing. HB 304 enacted the enhanced nurse licensure compact,  
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HB 333 affected APRN's that prescribe controlled substances, HB 309 provided for mandatory reporting of domestic violence and abuse or dating violence and abuse to a law enforcement officer, professionals including nurses, and finally SB 4 mandates that all medical malpractice suits first be reviewed by a medical review panel (nurses may be asked to serve on the review panel). Please stay involved with your local policy makers and make your voices heard. This is how we, together, as a profession, influence health care policy in our state.

Please feel free to contact any board member or myself if we can be of service to you. The purpose of the Kentucky League for Nursing is to support and implement the mission of the National League for Nursing (NLN) to advance quality, nursing education to meet the unique needs of diverse populations in an ever changing healthcare environment at the constituent level to advance the nation's health.

I hope that each of you have a productive and blessed fall semester.

*Elizabeth J. McGinnis MSN/Ed., BSN, RN*

### Fall CEU Conference

Friday, October 13, 2017

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. (Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.)

Galen College of Nursing

“Teach Students to THINK Like a Nurse”

Transformational Strategies that will Prepare

Students for Practice.

This workshop presentation provides a practical framework for what is needed to implement transformational change that is needed in nursing education to better prepare students for clinical practice.

### Keynote Speaker for Fall CEU Conference

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### Congratulations to the 2017 Scholarship and Award Recipients

- **Wever Excellence in Nursing Education Award: Dr. Alicia Marquess**
- **Mershon Nursing Faculty Scholarship: Dr. Susan Piper**



### The 13th Annual Nurse Educator Conference and Meeting *'Shaping Student Thinking: Strategies for Implementing Debriefing Across the Curriculum'*

The annual conference was held at the Crown Plaza in Louisville, KY. Many expressed positive comments regarding information presented by Dr. Carol Durham, the Keynote speaker, as well as for concurrent sessions and poster presentations. We thank all our presenters. The special evening entertainment of attending the performance of "Sister Act" at the Derby Dinner Playhouse was also a big success.



### Welcome New Board Members

**Dr. Scott Tradway**  
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We appreciate them assuming a leadership role to promote the mission of the Kentucky League of Nursing

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**Don't forget to register**

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**2017 KLN Annual Meeting and  
Nurse Educator Conference  
May 18th-19th, 2017**

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