



# Kentucky League for Nursing

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## Presidents Message

Hello colleagues,

My two years as president of KLN is winding down rapidly – the semesters go by faster every year. It has been such an honor to serve the educators of Kentucky through the Kentucky League for Nursing. I have learned so much and I believe KLN has accomplished a great deal in the last few years. We have documented the organization’s long history as an advocate for the state’s nursing educators, improved the quality of educational programs we offer our members, developed and maintained a user-friendly website that continues to grow and serve as a resource for KLN members, and reviewed and updated the KLN policy manual.

I could not have accomplished these tasks without the generous and unfailing support of the KLN Board members. In particular, I want to thank Jeanie Carman, our Executive Director, for keeping me on the straight and narrow, and Nikole Hicks, our ‘web master’, for her diligent work on our awesome website.

An important task for our organization has been reestablishing a positive and active working relationship with other nursing organizations in the state, including the Kentucky Nurse’s Association (KNA), the Kentucky Association of Nursing Students (KANS) and the Kentucky Center for Nursing (KCN). I am firmly convinced that if nurses pool resources we can accomplish great things for our profession and for our clients. I hope to continue this work in coming years.

We have an exciting annual educational conference planned for May. Simulation and tailored debriefing are the future of nursing education and we are hoping to provide greater networking and sharing among our membership about this growing field of educational practice. The Board hopes that your attendance at KLN events with nationally known speakers plus current recommendations from the Kentucky Board of Nursing make a difference in your practice as nurse educators.

In addition, I want to encourage members to think about running for a position on the KLN Board. It is more than just a way to fulfill a promotion requirement. It is an excellent means of connecting with other caring faculty and programs across the state. In a time when we may feel uncertainty about the future of nursing and nursing education, our specialty organizations can be vehicles for promoting professional solidarity and advocating for a positive healthcare agenda. The ultimate outcome is the health and welfare of our nation’s residents. Isn’t this why we decided upon nursing as a career in the first place? Join KLN leadership in making a difference in the state’s nursing education community. And if you can’t serve on the Board at this time, ask about other opportunities for involvement.



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

May 18-19, 2017  
Crown Plaza Louisville, KY  
Airport Expo Center

The 2015 Living Document from the National League for Nursing (NLN), authored in collaboration with the International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning (INACSL), makes a clear statement for the use of evidence and theory-based debriefing in more than just a post-simulation setting. The call to action: "*How will we integrate the principles of debriefing across the curriculum to co-create contextual learning environments and actively engage students in the process for transformational learning?*" The KLN 13th Annual Nurse Educator Conference will address topics related to answering this call to action.

### We are excited to have Carol Durham, EdD, RN, ANEF, FAAN as the Keynote Speaker



Carol Fowler Durham is a Professor and Director of the Education-Innovation-Simulation Learning Environments at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Nursing.

As a member of the Robert Wood Johnson Fellowship's Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) project, Dr. Durham has developed simulation-based learning educational experiences that reflect cutting edge pedagogy. Dr. Durham has made significant and sustaining contributions inter-professional education and is a leader in pre-paring faculty to integrate the topics of quality and safety across the curriculum in the education of healthcare providers. She uses innovative strategies such as *Friday Night at the ER* to demonstrate the system of care in which healthcare professionals influence outcomes and to uncover bias and behaviors that affect quality in patient care.

### Special Evening Entertainment for Conference Attendees

A fun event is planned at the **DERBY DINNER PLAYHOUSE** for Thursday evening, May 18. We have reserved 60 seats for the performance of "**Sister Act.**" Admission includes your meal and beverage (coffee or tea). Other beverages or desserts are an additional cost. The limited tickets are expected to be taken early. Register to reserve your ticket!

Check out all the other exciting adventures Louisville has to offer at: [www.gotolouisville.com](http://www.gotolouisville.com)

Church Hill Downs—Kentucky Derby Museum— Slugger Museum — Louisville Zoo—Fourth Street Live



**Become More involved in the Kentucky League of Nursing  
The Following Board Positions are Available  
Visit <http://www.kyleaguenursing.org/> to submit a nomination**

**President Elect:** 4-year term—will serve as President Elect 2017-2019 and President 2019-2020

- Perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President.
- Specific duties as assigned by the President.
- Prepare to assume the office of President.

**Secretary:** 3-year term

- Record accurate minutes of the Board's meetings.
- Distribute copies of the minutes to the Board members.

**Treasurer:** 3-year term

- Control the funds of the organization.
- Report to the Board on the status of the organization's finances at each meeting.
- Prepare information tax returns (postcard return) for the IRS annually.
- Report payments to individuals via form 1099-MISC as necessary.

**Director :** 3-year term

- Attend meetings of the board approximately monthly (on Saturdays) August through May each year.
- Attend and assist at the annual meeting/convention in May each year.
- Assist in planning the annual convention.
- Other duties as assigned.

**To Stay Up to Date Regarding What is New with KLN, visit the website:  
<http://www.kyleaguenursing.org/>**

**Nurse Tim Scholarship Recipient**

**R. Faith Corbin, MSN, RN, from Campbellsville University School of Nursing was the recipient of the NurseTime® Scholarship.** Faith stated "Thank you so much for awarding me the 2016 Nurse Tim Scholarship. It has truly been a blessing! I have not only been empowered in the classroom by Nurse Tim's active learning strategies but my students have been as well. Students in my classroom are more engaged and have increased their critical thinking abilities. Thanks again for your investment in my future as an educator as well as the students that I touch in my classroom!"

We also want to thank NurseTim for his generosity.



**Members ' Achievements**

- **Congratulations to Dr. Lori Alexander for receiving her DNP from Western Kentucky University (WKU) in December of 2017. Dr. Alexander is a nurse educator in the RN to BSN program at WKU.**
- **Congratulations to Charles "Chad" Rogers for receiving his Post-Masters Certification in Family Nurse Practitioner from Northern Kentucky University in September 2016. Chad is an Associate Professor of Nursing in the BSN program at Morehead State University.**

**Please submit information regarding members' achievements for future newsletters!**



**Connect with peers at a KLN Conference**

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**Don't forget to register**

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