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President's Message

Wow! Where has the year gone?! It's time to plan our next annual conference and meeting. Before I get into that, allow me to recap our 2011 Annual Nurse Educator Conference. We had an outstanding turnout of 156 members representing 44 different programs of nursing from three states. The featured speaker, Dr. Judy Herrman, certainly kept our attention and gave us many ideas for our classrooms this fall, while

she validated some of the strategies we have been using. Attendees had an opportunity to view and discuss about a dozen different poster presentations. I know I came away with some food for thought there, and the concurrent sessions were exceptional. I hope many of you are planning your posters and presentations for our 2012 conference. Because of your generosity through the raffles, KLN was able

to provide scholarships supporting nurse educators in our state. Gina Purdue, ECU, was the recipient of the Brother Ignatius Perkins Scholarship, and LaDonna Michelle LaClave was the recipient of the Kathryn Mershon Scholarship. Congratulations to you both! The KLN Awards for Excellence in Nursing Education this year went to Carol Murch, Henderson CTC, and Evelyn Grigsby, Bluegrass CTC. We look forward to seeing them in action through their presentation at our next conference. Which leads me to our next conference...

Mark your calendars, and save the date! May 17-18, 2012 Our featured guest will be Dr. Linda Caputi. Please see additional information on page two, and consider being an active participant in our League by soliciting raffle items for our scholarships and serving as an officer.



Pictured left: Dawn Garrett-Wright, Deanna Hanson, and Kim Botner, Western Kentucky University, present their poster.

KLN Scholarship Opportunities

The KLN is pleased to offer new scholarship opportunities for members. The Brother Ignatius Perkins Scholarship has now been revised to support faculty who plan to take the NLN Certified Nurse Educator Exam (CNE). A \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded for use toward the cost of the exam. The Kathryn Mershon Scholarship will support tuition costs for nurse educators pursuing a graduate degree. There will be one scholarship awarded for \$1000.00.

In the past several years, KLN has re-evaluated the scholarship program and made changes to further support the mission of the KLN and the NLN.

Proceeds from the raffle at the annual KLN educators' meeting are the primary source of scholarship funding. In the future, KLN hopes to provide more opportunities

for members to participate in fundraising as we strive to increase scholarship opportunities for members.

Please check our web site for the criteria and scholarship application forms.

<http://www.nln.org/CLWebsites/Kentucky/index.htm>



Pictured right: Evelyn Grigsby, recipient of KLN's 2012 Excellence in Nursing Education Award, with Donna Ricketts, KLN Director

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Meet and Learn with Dr. Linda Caputi

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.

Linda 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 Soci-

ety 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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Call for Presentations

Plan to share your knowledge and creativity with nurse educators from across the state and beyond.

Faculty members from across the state are invited to submit a proposal for a concurrent session presentation for the Kentucky League for Nursing's 2012 Annual Nurse Educator Conference.

Submission Guidelines:

Prepare a narrative of the concurrent session presentation. Concurrent sessions will be 50 minutes in

length, but may run across two time periods.

- Title of the concurrent session
- Speaker(s) names and titles, including primary contact person and contact information (e-mail address and phone number)
- Teaching methods to be used: lecture, discussion, etc.
- Participant learning objective(s)
- Focused area of presentation

- One paragraph description of the session to be used in the conference agenda

Submit your proposal via e-mail no later than January 15, 2012 to emily.piercy@kctcs.edu. Presenters must be registered for the conference. Acceptance will be acknowledged via e-mail to the primary contact by February 15, 2012.



Above: Jeff Clark, Somerset Community College responds to questions following his presentation of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in the Classroom.

Mark Your Calendar and Plan to Attend! May 17-18, 2012. KLN 2012 Annual Nurse Educator Conference

Brother Ignatius Nursing Faculty C. N. E. Scholarship Application

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name: _____
(First) (Last)

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

E-Mail: _____

Telephone: Home/Cell () _____ Work () _____

Are you a current member of the Kentucky League for Nursing? Yes ___ No ___

Do you hold a current KY nursing license? Yes ___ No ___

Current place of employment: _____

Area of expertise: _____

Anticipated date of CNE exam: _____

Please attach the following documents:

Curriculum vitae

Typed response to the following question:

Write a brief description re: purpose for CNE certification and your plans to use the NLN core nursing educator competencies to strengthen your practice

Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Kathryn Mershon Faculty Scholarship Application

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name: _____
(First) (Last)

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

E-Mail: _____

Telephone: Home/Cell () _____ Work () _____

Are you a current member of the Kentucky League for Nursing? Yes ___ No ___

Do you hold a current KY nursing license? Yes ___ No ___

Major/Degree Program: _____

Credit Hours completed: _____ Date Degree Expected: _____

Current employment: _____

Please attach the following documents:

- One letter of recommendation
- Curriculum vitae
- Typed response to the following:

Describe how you intend to promote professional practice in nursing education, both in theory and engagement in professional organizations

Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Call for Poster Presentations

Submission Guidelines:

Prepare a narrative of the poster presentation including the title of the poster, abstract, participants' names and credentials, school affiliation, contact information.

Submit your proposal by January 15, 2012 via e-mail to: emily.piercy@kctcs.edu. Presenters must be registered for the conference and be available for the poster session on the evening of May 17th. Acceptance of your poster will be acknowledged via e-mail to the primary contact by February 15, 2012.



Chad Rogers, Morehead State University, shared his work.

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