



Membership Update

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<http://www.wisconsinwln.org>

Membership Q & A:

Q. If I am a member of the NLN am I automatically a member of my state constituent league?

A. No, membership in the WLN is separate from the NLN membership even though they support the same mission.

Q. What is the membership fee and what is it used for?

A. The WLN membership fee is \$25 annually and is used to support the mission of the NLN

Q. Are the board members paid?

A. No, all board members in the WLN volunteer their time to support the overall mission of the NLN/WLN.

Q. How can I become a board member?

A. Nominations are held annually in January by WLN members. You must first be a member of the WLN to run

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Membership Update Continued

Q. What are the benefits of joining the WLN?

A. Eligibility for leadership in the only organization representing all levels of nursing education. Subscription to The Communiqué Newsletter designed to keep you current in your professional skills and up to date with healthcare trends and issues. Direct avenue for input into nursing and healthcare for a position.

Save the Date

Spring 2018 Conference

April 25, 2018

Tours & Open House – 5:00pm

Program – 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Inspire Center – Gateway Technical College
Kenosha, WI

Topic: Simulation

Co-Sponsored event with Illinois
League for Nursing

Speaker: Dr. Jane B. Paige

See our website for registration and details

www.wisconsinwln.org

Financial Corner

Treasurer's Report from Maureen T. Greene

Your Treasurer is reporting that at Year End 2017, WLN has \$49,148 in the bank which includes scholarship residual of \$39,855.

Leaving us a working balance of **\$9,293.00**

We are proud of our investment account as we are good stewards to the resources by reinvesting this past August 2017, yielding a "change in value" to add \$4841.35. The balance at year end is **\$51,738.25**.

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Wisconsin League for Nursing Presidents Report

Welcome to Spring!

The Wisconsin League for Nursing (WLN), has completed its annual report, budget projections, and strategic plan for 2018. We remain solid with our finances and investments and look forward to a successful year with emphasis on growing our membership, and continued exceptional educational conferences.

In 2017 we accomplished some great things. We were awarded the NLN Constituent League Innovations award for our outstanding scholarship program that supports Wisconsin nurses at all levels. A huge thank you to our Scholarship Director's Nancy Stuever and Linda Matheson.

We redeployed our wisconsinwln.org website and invite you to take a virtual tour and learn about membership opportunities, scholarship information and upcoming programs.

The call for nominations was answered and we have four new members for board positions.

My time as your President is coming to an end this April, with the changing of the guard! Dr. April Folgert will transition into the President position on our Executive Board. You couldn't be in better leadership hands! I will continue to serve on the board as immediate past-president.

I have enjoyed my time and have learned much along the way. Thank you to our Board of Directors, for their engagement throughout the year. Thank you to our members for supporting our league and our profession. I invite everyone to become more involved at our league level, so that we may plan for a successful and exciting year that will continue to advance the mission and vision of the NLN through our constituent league work.

Thank you for all you do,

Suzanne Williamson MSN RN

President, Wisconsin League for Nursing



WLN Fall 2018 Conference Review

The WLN Fall Nursing Conference was held on November 10, 2017 at the R. Anderson Conference Center of Waukesha County Technical College in Pewaukee. Nurse leaders, educators, and students gathered to learn more about Interprofessional Education (IPE) and its application to training nurses in Wisconsin. Dr. Jean Nagelkerk, VP Provost of Grand Valley State College in Grand Rapids, MI provided the Keynote Address. This was followed by featured speaker, Ms. Vicki Hulback, Dean of the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Gateway Technical College, who highlighted use of IPE in simulation. Afternoon breakouts continued the theme of IPE and the benefits of its application in the clinical setting. A poster session included work by doctoral nursing candidates with dynamic research related to nursing education, practice, and future trends. Students received scholarships totaling \$22,750.00.

**We would like to acknowledge
Waukesha County Technical College
for your generosity in hosting this event**



WLN AWARDS 2017 SCHOLARSHIPS AT THE ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE

WLN is proud to continue its long tradition of distributing scholarship funds to students who are preparing for a nursing career and nurses seeking to advance their educational preparation. In 2017 we received 85 scholarship applications; after reviewing all applications the Scholarship Committee selected 14 recipients of the Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation scholarships, six recipients of the Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association scholarships, one recipient each of the Jeannette McKelvey and NurseTim, Inc. scholarships, and two recipients of the Helen Daniels Bader Fund scholarships.

Scholarship awardees were announced and recognized at the WLN Fall Conference which was held November 10, 2017 at the Waukesha County Technical College. The 2017 scholarship recipients are listed at the end of this article.

The 2017 scholarships were funded by several longtime supporters of this program, including Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation, Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association, NurseTim, Inc., and the Helen Daniels Bader Fund.

Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation has provided funding for nursing education through the WLN scholarships for over 50 years, and in 2017 continued its long-standing and generous support for nursing education in Wisconsin. The 2017 Anthem scholarship recipients represent nursing students at the associates, baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral degree levels. WLN is proud of its association with the Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation and we look forward to many more years of partnership in providing educational scholarships to nursing students.

The Greater Milwaukee Foundation is a family of more than 1100 individual charitable funds, each created by donors to serve the charitable causes of their choice. Grants from these funds serve people throughout Milwaukee, Waukesha, Ozaukee, and Washington counties and beyond. Started in 1915, the Greater Milwaukee Foundation is one of the oldest and largest community foundations in the world. Annually, the \$1,000 Jeannette McKelvey Scholarship is provided by the Greater Milwaukee Foundation in support of an undergraduate or graduate nursing student, and in recognition of the service of nurses to the health of a community.

The Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association has proudly supported nursing education in Wisconsin for many years. In 2017 the Association donated \$6,000 to fund six separate educational scholarships. Unique to this funding is the LaVerne Foster Memorial Scholarship, generally awarded to a high school student who will be entering a nursing education program. The Deaconess Alumnae Association also funds a scholarship that is awarded in memory of Captain Russell Seager, a 1981 Deaconess graduate and psychiatric nurse practitioner who was killed in the mass shooting at Fort Hood in 2009. WLN is grateful for our continuing partnership with the Deaconess SON Alumnae Association and for their support of our scholarship program.

We are also grateful to NurseTim, Inc., which provides high quality, interactive continuing education for nurses through webinars, onsite programs, conferences, and consultations. The scholarship funded by NurseTim, Inc. provides support to a graduate-level nurse educator student. We thank NurseTim, Inc. for their generosity in providing this scholarship!

In 2017 WLN was again pleased to distribute scholarships funded by the Helen Daniels Bader Fund (HBDF), a subsidiary of Bader Philanthropies, Inc. A key goal of the HBDF is to further healthy aging in Wisconsin, particularly with respect to the impact of Alzheimer's disease.

In seeking to achieve that goal, the Helen Daniels Bader Fund supports the efforts of health professionals, caregivers, and family members to sharpen their skills and stay current with aging-related issues. A 2-year grant from the HBDF, totaling \$60,000, supports WLN's efforts to promote advanced nursing studies with an emphasis on gerontology in rural areas of Wisconsin. Based on an extreme shortage of nurses and individuals who are able to care for older adults, particularly in rural Wisconsin, the WLN offers tuition support to individuals who will focus on gerontology as they pursue an advanced practice nursing degree or post-master's certification in gerontology nursing. The program allows individuals currently employed (full-time or part-time) and located in rural communities an opportunity to update their required academic degrees.

A call will be issued for the 2018 WLN scholarships in late March/early April. Watch for this announcement on the WLN website at <http://www.wisconsinwln.org/>. A full list of the 2017 scholarship recipients follows

2017 WLN Scholarship Award Recipients

Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation

Tasha Arndt – Chippewa Valley Technical College
Courtney Meyer – Chippewa Valley Technical College
Chelsea Selner – Northwest Wisconsin Technical College
Emily Braatz – Marian University
Chenequa Higgins – University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Moira Kilgas – Concordia University of Wisconsin
Andrea Kline – Carthage College
Karissa Preston – Marian University
Amalia Wilde – Wisconsin Lutheran College
Jason Free – Marquette University
Rachel Krueger – Marquette University
Amy Ketchum – Alverno College
Jayme Cotter – University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Greater Milwaukee Foundation – Jeannette McKelvey Scholarship

Melanie Greene – Marian University

Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association

Razan Assad – University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Callie Hoerning – University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Emma Lorenz – Chippewa Valley Technical College (Russell Seager Memorial Scholarship)
Ashley Hamin – Mid-State Technical College (LaVerne Foster Memorial Scholarship)

NurseTim, Inc.

Brandie Kertho – Concordia University of Wisconsin

Helen Daniels Bader Fund Scholarships

Jason Lewis – Concordia University of Wisconsin
Nicole Sixel – University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Congratulations to all 2017 Wisconsin League for Nursing Scholarship Recipients!



Call for Scholarship

**The Helen Daniels Bader Scholarship application remains available
on our website www.wisconsinwln.org**

Please share this page with potential prospects!

Helen Daniels Bader Fund (HDBF) supports a grant through WLN's efforts to promote advanced nursing studies, with an emphasis on gerontology in rural areas of Wisconsin. The WLN offers tuition support to individuals who will focus on gerontology as they pursue an advanced practice nursing degree or post-master's certificate of education degree. An additional grant subsidy by the HDBF focuses on adult geriatric certification of registered nurses and advanced practice nurses in the immediate post-graduation period. This unique grant reimburses eligible applicants who do not have financial support from employers to take the certification tests.

My Experience at the NLN Education Summit

I have attended the NLN Education Summit twice. My first experience at the NLN Summit was in September, 2012 when the summit was held in Anaheim, CA. This summit was entitled, Opening Doors to Leadership: Purpose, Power, and Passion. I had been at Gateway Technical College for 1 ½ years at this time. The conference was highly recommended to me by a colleague. Never before had I attended a conference with so many nurses. I was not with a colleague at this first conference, and I have to say that it was a little overwhelming. There were so many great workshops that I wanted to attend; however, I had to make my selections. Despite feeling a little overwhelmed, I learned new teaching methods/strategies which I was able to bring back to my college. At the President's Reception, I walked in to find a table full of Wisconsin nurses. One of my goals was to network so I was happy to join their table. "You meet like-minded people with the same struggles and ambitions, and gain insight into how nursing is changing" (ANA Career Center Staff, 2015). I was encouraged and motivated by these Wisconsin nurses. Overall, hearing about transformational leadership prompted me to reflect on leadership in general and the type of leadership I envisioned using in my own career. I found this experience challenging, motivating, and enlightening.

My second experience at the NLN Education Summit occurred this past year in San Diego, CA. The theme of this summit was "Our Community of Colleagues". This time I attended with several colleagues so I was able to discuss what I had learned and hear about their experiences. I had a better idea about what to expect, and so I was not overwhelmed by the experience. The overall experience was uplifting and energizing. The workshops seemed to end too soon, and I found myself with a desire to know more. I listened to fellow educators describe creative innovations for teaching. One in particular stood out for me. One educator developed an e-book for simulation experiences. All of the patients that students would care for during that semester in simulation, were found in this e-book. What a creative and innovative way to take students through a semester of simulation.

We need to be more connected with deep, lasting learning activities and strategies, so that our students are prepared to fully engage in caring, thinking, and acting as a nurse (Godfrey, 2017). Creative and innovative teaching strategies will challenge and develop critical thinking in nursing students. If I am able, and since the conference is so close this year, I am planning on attending the 2018 NLN Education Summit.

Respectfully submitted by Christina Sima, RN-MSN-CNE
ANA Career Center Staff. (2015). Professional Networking for Nurses. Retrieved from <http://nursingworld.org/Professional-Networking-for-Nurses>
Godfrey, N. (2017). Elsevier Nursing Education Conference. Retrieved from <https://evolve.elsevier.com/education/elsevier-nursing-education-conference/speakers-quotes/>



The Wisconsin League for Nursing is the proud recipient of the 2017 Innovation award. The WLN was recognized for earning \$41,000 to support nursing scholarships for all levels of nurses; LPN, RN, DNP, PHD, and Gerontology certifications. — with Cherie Tenfel, Sue Mours, Vicki Hulback, Julie Teeter, and Maureen Greene.

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**Wisconsin League
for Nursing**

Join us for the Spring Meeting!

A Wisconsin League for Nursing & Illinois League for Nursing co-sponsored event

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Speaker: Dr. Jane B. Paige (Milwaukee School of Engineering)

Inspire Center - Gateway Technical College

Kenosha, WI

Topic: Simulation

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NLN Leadership Institute for Simulation Leaders – A Member’s Perspective

Is your career stale or boring? Do you feel as though you are doing the same thing every day and not getting anywhere? Numerous websites and self-help books are available with ideas on how to refresh or reinvent yourself and your career. I felt this way in 2014, but did not realize it. I had been buying a few of those self-help books and even contemplated doing a vision board. Then I read about the National League for Nursing (NLN) Leadership Institute for Simulation Leaders. A year long, intense submersion into not only simulation but leadership with cutting edge curriculum, national leaders, career development, and the ability to network.

Since the year ended in 2015, I still keep in touch with almost all of the 22 “friends” from as far away as South Africa and Australia, as well as top simulation educators. I have made essential decisions about my career and continued to make an impact into nursing simulation. Within each cohort the members were divided up into smaller “project” groups. My group took on the idea of developing a multi-patient simulation template from pre-briefing, to chart forms, to debriefing. Over the past 2 years, this group has developed an ongoing template which can be easily incorporated into a simulation program. And just this past December 2017, the group project was accepted for publication for [Nursing Education Perspectives](#) by the NLN after a year of revisions.

How could you interject energy and excitement into your career? So far, my group has spoken at three national NLN conferences, and is waiting to hear if the abstract was accepted for the NLN Education Summit 2018. Others within the 2015 cohort have advanced their career by taking director positions with larger universities, written a medical-surgical nursing textbook, and started their own business, called Simple Simulation, for example. Other jumpstarts exist such as a similar simulation program through [International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning \(INACSL\) /CAE](#), certification through the [Society for Simulation in Healthcare](#), attend short conferences by several universities across the nation, or find a scholarly writing retreat. Lastly, as a member of the [International Nurses Association \(INA\)](#), I became a mentor to a new nursing educator who just happens to live in Milwaukee. Witnessing her energy and enthusiasm for her growing career has helped to transform mine as well. What could you do?

Vanessa Kramasz MSN RN

Wisconsin League for Nursing Roster

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