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FASN strives to improve the health and educational success of students and the school community by developing and providing leadership to advance school nursing practice.

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The Conference is Coming!

The conference is coming! The conference is coming! I'm registered, are you? Can you hear the excitement in my voice? I hope it's contagious and will inspire you to make your own plans to attend our 21st annual conference being held once again at the fabulous Florida Hotel in Orlando, January 27 and 28, 2017. School Nurses: Linking Health and Learning is jammed pack full of insightful topics impacting our everyday practice. New this year are concurrent sessions that give you a choice to identify an interest on a specific topic to your school needs or individual practice. The agenda for the 2 day conference is posted along with hotel information on our website and can be accessed using the conference tabs. Please review the expertise of our presenters and the topics to be discussed as you make plans to join us in Orlando. FASN's Education committee has been hard at work behind the scenes since February 2016 planning the 2017 Conference. It is the committees desire that you come away empowered to be an even better School Nurse and that you enjoyed the learning and networking opportunities.

And don't forget the FUN aspect of our conference. Besides networking with your

peers, meeting and making new friends, and celebrating the School Nurse of the Year, we can bid on baskets provided by our Regions, shop for a new purse donated by our Board for the Purses for Nurses, visit vendors and posters and earn another

CEU. Bring your dollars for the 50/50 raffle that supports Research, and your wallet and checkbook for the baskets and purses. These efforts support our scholarship fund.

Speaking of scholarships, FASN will support 10 attendees by providing scholarships for registration. Information and the [scholarship application](#) is on line with our conference information. Completed applications are due to Martha Hanna by December 20th. As a scholar-

ship winner, you are assigned a task to support conference needs which is a fabulous way to get to know the inner workings of the conference. Plus it's fun!

So what are you waiting for? Go online to FASN.nursingnetwork.net and access the conference information. Get registered, complete your scholarship application and book your hotel room. Be prepared to make great memories and grow professionally. We can't wait to see you!

BSN, RN, NCSN, Past President 2016-18



President's Message

Paula Alford, RN
President, FASN



I can hardly believe it, December is here! I love the cooler weather. It just seems so refreshing to me.



I hope each of you take the time to enjoy your family and friends during the holidays. Relaxing, laughing, and time spent with those you care about is important to our well-being.

We are also almost on top of our annual FASN conference. This is the 21st year of FASN conferences. I know for a fact that your FASN Education Committee has worked hard to bring you conference sessions of depth and quality. They have lined up speakers that will engage, facilitate, enhance learning and promote increased awareness in attendees.

You owe it to yourself to come and explore the benefits a conference with your school nursing peers. The conference provides for nourishment to your professional side while enhancing your support system and thus well-being. Engagement with other like-minded school nurses from across the state of Florida, Love It!

The 21st FASN conference will also provide you with a chance to rest, shop, dine out, and enjoy camaraderie with school nurses. The conference itself will have lots of vendors with current information relative to school nursing. We have our very own Market Place with goodies to purchase, basket and 50/50 raffle and also the silent auction for purses and the 50/50 raffle. The proceeds from the baskets and the purses go toward scholarships for future conference attendance while the 50/50 goes toward school nursing research. Lots of excitement, education, and friendship growth opportunities are waiting for YOU!



See You in Orlando!

Paula Alford



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School Nurses In the News!



Do You Know Someone Who Should Be Recognized?

Do you know a nurse or have you been recognized in school nursing? Have you made a special presentation that enhances school nurse skills or recognizes the importance of school nursing in helping students stay healthy? Has the media: TV, radio or newspaper made a point of covering school nursing or the health of students or contacted you to get the school nurse's perspective? Has an organization such as the PTA or Lions Club supported school nursing by sponsoring an FASN membership or registration to our state conference? Please let FASN know! We would like to recognize our school nurses in the newsletter and present them with a certificate. We can honor them as they have honored us. Please send the information to: FASNCommunications.

GET ENERGIZED

"FASN is an organization of school nurses for school nurses. At the conference, I see and hear from the officers. I can put names with faces. No longer are the officers a mysterious "they" out there. They are real people who are struggling with many of the same issues I am. We can talk, and together, come up with solutions or laugh over some incident that is unique to our profession. After the conference, I go back to work, energized for another year, knowing I have a support system out there."



"The Blessing of the Hands is a special quiet time. Everything stops for a few minutes as we reflect on the work of our hands. We always have so much to do. This allows us to remember that we aren't doing it alone."



Free Online Resources for School Nurses

[Become a NASN Member](#)

[FASN.net](#)

www.schoolnurse.com

www.gonoodle.com/plus-for-schools

www.cdc.gov/headsup/schools/index.html

[Advocacy](#)

www.aap.org

www.floridahealth.gov/index.html

<https://patiented.solutions.aap.org/handouts.aspx>

www.sads.org/

www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/medlineplus.html



Conference Information!!



Registration for rooms at the *Orlando Florida Hotel at the Florida Mall* must be made *separately*. Rates are \$128 plus taxes/room/night and are also available prior/post conference based on availability.

Reservations can be made by phone or online.

To reserve by phone, call 1-800-588-4656, asking for *Florida Association of School Nurses group rate*

Access online hotel registration at [FASN 2017](#)

No resort, service, or parking fees will be charged.

FASN 2016 Annual Conference Scholarship Application

The 21 Annual FASN Conference is nearly here. A limited number of scholarships are available for practicing Florida School Nurses.

The applications must be emailed to RNC525@aol.com by 12/20/16.

The selection will be made after Christmas and winners notified by 12/28/16.

You may take advantage of the early bird discount registration if you like (due by 12/14/16) and if selected, your registration fee will be refunded to you at the conference.

Scholarship winners must agree to attend and fulfill assigned duties at the FASN Conference.

[FASN 2017 Conference Scholarship Application](#)



Create a basket of Sunshine to make your county SHINE at our conference!



FASN members have a lot of fun at our conferences and many of you don't go home empty handed! Every dollar we raise in our Basket Raffle, Purses for Nurses, and our 50/50 raffle go towards payment of the conference fees to school nurses who are selected through our scholarship committee.

Bring your \$5's, \$10's and \$1's!

Purses for Tropical Nurses: County Liaisons and Regional Representatives are asked to donate a **new** purse at our annual conference and has created funding for about ten scholarships to date. It's a si-

lent auction where the highest bidder goes home with a beautiful purse!

Basket Raffle: A fun way to showcase your county! Each county puts together a basket or multiple baskets showcasing a theme or just a lot of great stuff. Tickets are purchased and if your ticket is pulled at the end of the conference, you go home with a fabulous basket! Last year, we raised over \$800!

50/50 Raffle: Throughout the conference, we will be selling tickets. One of you will be going home with **half the money** that is raised!

The tickets for the Basket and 50/50 Raffles are 6 tickets for five dollars or one dollar each.

So, come with cash in hand and you may be going home with a beautiful purse, basket or more money in your wallet!!

Have fun and good luck!!



RAFFLE

Conference Updates:

For the most up to date information—[Click here](#)



“And the networking! Conferences are fun! We grow, we learn, we laugh! We celebrate the accomplishments of others. Our non-school nurse speakers gain a new respect for our job, our professionalism, and our desire to constantly improve in our profession.”

Are you the next School Nurse of the Year?

Within all of us as School Nurses, there is a greatness that sets us apart from our colleagues, makes us shine if you will. It's who we are and why we do what we do daily for our students, staff and school campuses. For each of us there is that uniqueness and strength that drives us to excel. It might be our ability to assess and triage and implement that outcome, to self-evaluate and grow professionally, to educate our students, families and staff, to collaborate and communicate within our communities. It can be all of these and more! Florida is looking for the 2017 School Nurse of the Year! The purpose of the School Nurse of the year is to recognize the contributions of School Nurses by focusing on one School Nurse who has demonstrated excellence in School Nursing Practice and Leadership in School Health. The standards are high and are based on criteria adapted by the National Association of School Nurses. A full explanation of the selection criteria and application directions may be accessed @ [School Nurse of the Year](#). While lengthy and at times wordy, please do not let this deter you from applying. You are also able to nominate a colleague or other school nurse in the state who you feel is a candidate. We are constantly evolving our School Nurse practice and from growth, comes greatness. We know that Florida has some awesome school nurses that have been doing an outstanding job. This is what we are looking for in our next School Nurse of the year! It might just be you!

Thank You
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Gracias
Toda
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A big thank you to the Education chairs and committee for their tireless effort working on the 2017 FASN Conference. Their efforts and dedication are appreciated.



Lisa Kern RN, MSN, NCSN
FASN Director

FASN Director Message

As the first semester of the 2016 – 2017 school year comes to a close, I want to THANK all Florida school nurses and extend FASN best wishes

for a safe and blessed holiday break – you truly deserve it! The hard work that school nurses as health leaders do every day to support the health and wellbeing of Florida's children has a direct and significant impact on students' academic success and future. FASN appreciates YOU!

My first year as your director representing Florida on the board of the National Association of School Nurses (NASN) has truly been a positive growth experience for me! My passion and support for the work of Florida school nurses has helped to sustain and strengthen me for the challenges of this position. During the June 2016 board meeting, the NASN board of directors approved a new definition of school nursing as a specialized practice of public health nursing, protects and promotes student health, facilitates normal development, and advances academic success. School nurses, grounded in ethical and evidence-based practice, are the leaders that bridge

health care and education, provide care coordination, advocate for quality student-centered care, and collaborate to design systems that allow individuals and communities to develop their full potentials. The board of directors across the nation will meet again in February in our nation's capitol to review and approve revised documents (including NASN's strategic plan), celebrate successes, and identify opportunities for growth.

During the NASN board of directors annual 'trip to the hill', I will again have an opportunity to discuss the legislative priorities of NASN and Florida school nurses with our

state legislators. This year, I plan to focus on the American [Academy of Pediatrics' recent \(June 2016\) policy statement](#) recommending a minimum of one professional school nurse in every school, and to share and review Florida specific health data which demonstrate that our state data summary reports from 2008 to 2015 indicate:
A 50% increase in students with chronic health conditions
A 52% increase in students needing IHPs

A 212% increase in students needing medications or procedures

An overall decrease in [FDOH and district funding](#) (-\$34,190,943!)

All school nurses across the state should review their own county specific data and begin to have courageous conversations with school boards and district leaders. Students with chronic health conditions deserve access to a registered professional school nurse all day, every day! It is estimated that one in four students in the U.S. may have a chronic health condition and Florida's state data support this estimate with 27% of our students reported as having a health condition such as asthma, diabetes, or life threatening allergy.

Florida school districts must recognize that school nurses, as health leaders, are im-

portant members of their interdisciplinary support teams who can and do make a significant and sustainable contribution to students' academic success, and life long health. Given opportunity, time and access, FASN believes that Florida school nurses (YOU!) are uniquely positioned to help their communities identify and develop creative ideas, supports and partnerships committed to improving student health and access to care.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the FASN 2017 conference in January as we continue Linking Health and Learning!





End Notes



Join the FASN Website!

If you haven't joined the FASN Website already, please take a few moments and join as a follower. By joining you will receive announcements, event invites, group communications and access to the member's only areas.

The steps are easy:

- Go to the FASN website: FASN.net
- Click the "sign up" icon at the upper right hand corner of the screen
- Enter the *required ID information
- Create a password
- Click create your account

You are now ready to start receiving e-mail updates and stay connected with FASN!

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a
FRIEND!

And Watch Us Grow!

Refer a friend for FASN membership. It's an easy way to earn \$10 in e-commerce credit. You can use your Refer a Friend credit to help decrease your own membership fee!



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