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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL NURSES OPENS ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN BALTIMORE MARYLAND CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

NASN2018: Power of the Past, Force of the Future

(Silver Spring, MD) – The National Association of School Nurses (NASN) opens its 50th Annual Conference, themed, Power of the Past, Force of the Future, on June 30 at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland. NASN will celebrate 50 years of optimizing student health and learning by advancing the practice of school nursing.

This four-day conference (June 30-July 3, 2018) offers school nurses from across the country strategies to build their leadership skills as well as enhance their understanding of laws and policies affecting school health. In addition, there will be special events to kick off its 50th Anniversary, including a NASN Gallery that takes you on a tour of NASN’s 50 year history with school nurse stories, archived publications, and photos, as well as a dance party, and opportunity for attendees to share their reflections about NASN on video.

“NASN2018 presents a wonderful opportunity for school nurses to develop new skills, gain hands-on experience about products and services, as well as network with colleagues from across the country,” said NASN President Nina Fekaris, MS, BSN, RN, NCSN. “The conference offers a variety of formats in thought provoking breakout sessions, workshops, poster presentations, demonstrations, live streaming, and general sessions.”

The focus of the general, breakout, and workshop sessions this year include professional and current practice topics such as developing school health policies and protocols, interdisciplinary collaborations and partnership building to promote student health, ways to collect and use data, opioid addiction, how to tackle chronic absenteeism in schools, management of children with chronic condition, various school-aged mental health awareness topics, as well as telehealth and ways to handle digital technology in the classroom, legal issues for school nurses, the Framework for 21st Century School Nursing Practice™, and much more.

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“The NASN2018 conference gives school nurses an occasion to learn and apply proven nursing strategies for increasing the self-management behaviors of children as well as develop collaborative partnerships at the local, state, and national levels to improve the health of the school and community,” said NASN Executive Director Donna Mazyck, MS, RN, NCSN, CAE.

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The National Association of School Nurses is a non-profit specialty nursing organization, first organized in 1968 and incorporated in 1977, representing school nurses exclusively. NASN has more than 16,000 members and 50 affiliates, including the District of Columbia and overseas school nurses. The mission of NASN is to optimize student health and learning by advancing the practice of school nursing. Please visit us on the Web at www.nasn.org.

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