



**Nichole Bobo, MSN, RN**

Nichole received her BSN from Valparaiso University in Indiana and her MSN from the University of Akron.

Nichole has had the privilege of reaching the lives of many children and adolescents cared for by school nurses across our nation in her role as the Director of Nursing Education at the National Association of School Nurses (NASN) since 2000. This reach has included providing tools, resources, and educational offerings to practicing school nurses; and being a co-author of

the NASN *Framework for 21<sup>st</sup> Century School Nursing Practice<sup>TM</sup>* (2016).

She is the current Project Director of the five-year CDC funded cooperative agreement, *Collaboration to Support Students with Chronic Health Conditions*. Part of this project included the convening a stakeholder meeting, *Supporting Students Academic Success by Managing Chronic Health Conditions in Schools – Strategy to Action Roundtable*, in April 2018. The resulting white paper from this meeting, *Translating Strategies into Actions to Improve Care Coordination for Students with Chronic Health Conditions*, provides recommendations for building school nurse led programming to support students with chronic health conditions.

In February 2019, NASN provided *Skills-Based Approach to Managing Chronic Health Conditions in Schools*, a training-of-trainers from the 17 1801 CDC-funded states. Two of the modules in this training addressed case finding and nursing assessment and planning and implementing care – topics requested by our TSNO planning committee.

Nichole is an accomplished authored advancing the practice of School Nursing in *The Journal of School Nursing*, *the NASN School Nurse*, *Psychology in the Schools*, as well as the 2017 text *Principles for practice – The role of individualized healthcare plans (IHPs) in care coordination for students with chronic health conditions* and the 2014 & 2018 text *Principles for practice - Nursing delegation to unlicensed assistive personnel in the school setting*.

Nichole has shared her expertise on the *Framework for 21<sup>st</sup> Century School Nursing Practice*, *Care Coordination and supporting students with Chronic Health Conditions* at NASN conferences, with other Affiliates across the country Affiliates and other organizations.



**Deana Bunting, RN**

Deana has been a Registered Nurse for over 21 years. Her practice began in the Emergency Room then transitioned to Labor and Delivery for several years. In 2006, she took the position at Vidor High School as their school nurse and continues to serve there today. In 2013, Deana was promoted to the District Health Services Coordinator/Nurse coordinator in addition to her campus responsibilities. Since taking the school nurse position, she felt it

was important to join her professional organization; joining TSNO in 2006. Deana has remained a member since and is currently involved with the TSNO Executive Committee as the Regional Presidents Coordinator. The biggest job she has, though, is being a mother to 3 beautiful children ages 16-21 and a wife of 23 years.



**Elizabeth Carver DNP, FNP-BC, CNE**

Elizabeth (Libby) Carver, DNP, FNP-BC, CNE, a proud member of the National Association of School Nurses, has worked in the Duke University Health System for more than 20 years in patient care, research and education. She graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with degrees in psychology and nursing. She completed her master's degree in nursing at Duke University in research management and completed her Doctorate in Nursing Education in 2015.

She earned a Post Master's Certificate from Duke in 2018 and is a Family Nurse Practitioner. Libby has been an undergraduate nursing faculty member for more than a decade. Her students have completed clinical hours with school nurses. As a nurse and a mother of school-aged children, she appreciates the value of school nurses and the role they play in family education and disease prevention. She counsels healthcare professionals around the country on proper measures to take in the identification and prevention of diseases spread by mosquitoes and ticks. A mother of school-aged children, she appreciates the value of school nurses and their crucial role in education and disease prevention. She currently is a Nurse Practitioner, Duke Employee Occupational Health and Travel Clinic.



**Robin Cogan, MEd, RN, NCSN**

Robin is a Nationally Certified School Nurse (NCSN), currently in her 18th year as a New Jersey school nurse in the Camden City School District. Robin is the Education Chair for the New Jersey State School Nurses Association. She is proud to be a Johnson & Johnson School Health Leadership Fellow and Program Mentor. She has been recognized in her home state of New Jersey and nationally for her community-based initiative called “The

Community Café: A Conversation That Matters.” Robin is the honored recipient of multiple awards for her work in school nursing and population health. These awards include, 2018 NCSN School Nurse of the Year, 2017 Johnson & Johnson School Nurse of the Year, and the New Jersey Department of Health 2017 Population Health Hero Award. Robin serves as faculty in the School Nurse Specialty Program at Rutgers University-Camden School of Nursing, where she teaches the next generation of school nurses. She was presented the 2018 Rutgers University – Camden Chancellor’s Teaching Excellence Award for Part-time Faculty. Robin writes a weekly blog called The Relentless School Nurse; you can access it on her website: <https://relentlesschoolnurse.com/>.



**NASN President, Laurie G. Combe**

Laurie is a Nationally Certified School Nurse, having earned both Bachelor of Science Nursing and Master of Nursing degrees from Louisiana State University Medical Center, New Orleans. She has nursing experience with inpatient adolescent psychiatry, nursing education and home health hospice nursing.

Laurie found her passion in school nursing, serving in Klein ISD as a school nurse for 12

years and 13 years as Health Services Coordinator. In this role, she supported health care for 53,000+ students with at least one school nurse assigned to each school, all day, every day.

Laurie now works as an independent consultant for school nursing and school health services and is currently under contract with the Texas Region 4 Education Service Center.

Laurie has been married to her husband, Pete, for 42 years, has three grown sons, and four grandchildren. Laurie practices self-care in her garden and along hiking trails in state and national parks.





**Mustapha Debboun, Ph.D., BCE, ESA Fellow**  
Colonel (Ret), Medical Service Corps, United States Army

Dr. Mustapha Debboun, world-renowned medical and veterinary entomologist, has authored three books and 110+ scientific, technical/non-technical publications. He has presented at 125+ national and international conferences. He served as Chairman of the Global Armed Forces Pest Management Board's Repellents Committee, Vice Chairman of its Education and Training Committee, and as Director of the Entomological Society of America's Pest Management

Certification Board and President of its International Committee. He has organized and moderated symposia for the International Congress of Entomology. As director, Mosquito & Vector Control Division, Harris County Public Health, he is responsible for protection of five million residents of Harris County and the City of Houston from mosquito and other vector-borne diseases. He champions partnerships with government, industry, and academia. Among his distinctive military assignments, he led program accreditation, student enrollment, faculty/staff training, and academic policy for 22 courses and served as Director and Executive Manager for the Texas A&M University Principles of Military Preventive Medicine Course. He developed the only national and international field training package for personal protection from pests and vector-borne diseases in the Middle East, implemented by more than 247,000 military personnel and established vector-borne disease management collaborations with Navy, Air Force, and the CDC.



**Adalia DelBosque, MSN, RN, NCSN**

Adalia earned an Associate of Applied Nursing, Bachelor of Nursing and a Master of Nursing from the University of Texas Brownsville in 2014. She is a National Certified National School Nurse. Currently, Adalia is the Director of Health Services she has worked with McAllen ISD for over 27 years in different capacities. She has worked in all three grade levels of school nursing and Employee Wellness. Adalia was a 2010 winner for Voices of Meningitis Challenge, through the National Association of School

Nurses. She also received recognition for the Discovery Award through the Texas Department of Health “Improving Asthma Knowledge in Schools.” Adalia is also a presenter for school nurses on Jurisprudence and Ethics. Adalia is a Youth Mental Health First Aid instructor, AHA CPR Instructor, and Vision and Hearing Instructor. Adalia has been involved in the community with the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, McAllen Mayor Wellness Council and RGV CARES Board Member. Adalia likes the outdoors and enjoys going fishing, she looks forward to one day catching a big fish.



**NATALIE D GARRY, RN, MSN, GNP-BC**

Natalie received her Associate Degree and Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Cameron University, Lawton, OK in 1975 and 1983. She earned her Master of Science in Nursing from Webster University, St. Louis, MO. Her passion focused to Geriatric nursing and in 1998, Natalie completed her Advanced Practice Nurse Certification from the Jewish College of Nursing and Allied Health at Washington University Medical Center, St. Louis,

MO.

Natalie's geriatric experience is rich with community health, ambulatory care, Parish health, and Nurse Coordination. As a Geriatric Nurse Practitioner, Natalie practiced for Baylor Geriatrics, Health Essentials and Advanced Clinical Solutions in Dallas, and is currently at UTSW Medical Center in the Housecalls program in the Geriatrics Division of General Internal Medicine Department.

Natalie will celebrate 50 years of marriage next February. And as mother of 3 grown sons, she is also a grandmother of 4 ranging in age from 4-34 and has 5 great granddaughters ranging from 1 1/2 to 10, none of whom live in Texas. So, she enjoys traveling.

Natalie has a real passion for nursing and has been instrumental in educating school nurses across Texas on how geriatrics might affect our school nursing practice.





**Denise Kablaitis, MSN, RN**

Denise has an Associate Degree in Nursing from Mercy College of Detroit, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Detroit-Mercy, and a Master of Science in Nursing from Wayne State University in Detroit.

Denise began her career as a RN in several different health care environments, including hospitals and was a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in a School Based Health Care Center in

Detroit, Michigan.

After moving to Texas, Denise worked with Hutto ISD, serving first as a campus registered nurse, followed by administrative positions, including the Director of Health and Safety services.

Currently, Denise has been working with Pflugerville ISD, for just over two years as the Executive Director of Health, Safety, Crisis and Emergency Management. In that role, Denise is responsible for developing, implementing and coordinating a comprehensive program of health, safety, social work and emergency management services for the district.



**Francis Luna, MSN, RN, NCSN**

Francis Luna has been an active member of the TSNO Executive Board for over 11 years and currently elected as the Texas Director for the National Association of School Nurses. She is a member of the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee with the Texas Board of Nursing where she contributed to the development of the Algorithms for determining the School RN's role in delegation.

Francis just completed her Master of Science in Nursing Administration from the University of Texas at Arlington in May 2019 and received her certification from the National Board for Certification of School Nurses.

She is currently employed at Garland Independent School District as a campus nurse and recognized in Evidence of Excellent by the Board of Trustees for three years. In March 2019, she was recognized in D Magazine for the Excellence in Nursing Award.

She is a transformational leader in the advancement of the future of school health and nursing care. She comes with a vision and passion to motivate and inspire others to advocate and lead in improving the healthcare of students so they can be healthy, safe and ready to learn.



### **Chief Patrick Petherbridge**

Patrick began his law enforcement career in 1998 as a Patrol Officer with Pflugerville Police Department. During his career, Chief Petherbridge has been assigned to various roles including K-9 handler, Field Training Officer, Patrol Sergeant, Professional Standards Sergeant and Patrol Lieutenant. In 2017, Patrick was appointed Chief of

the Pflugerville ISD Police Department.

Chief Petherbridge received his instructor certification in 2002 and has instructed numerous topics over the years including active shooter response and tactical medical interventions through the ALERRT (Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training) program.



### **Patricia Sulak, MD**

Dr. Sulak is a nationally recognized practicing physician, researcher, speaker, and medical school professor. She graduated from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio School of Medicine and was named a Distinguished Alumnus. In addition to her busy clinical practice, she presents throughout the country to businesses, organizations, schools, churches, and healthcare institutions on disease prevention through healthy living.

**Dr. Sulak** is author of *Should I Fire My Doctor?* and also a comprehensive wellness program Living WELL Aware™: Eleven Essential Elements to Health and Happiness.

She continues to be included in “Best Doctors in America” and “Texas Super Docs” and has been selected as an Outstanding Clinical Instructor by the Texas A&M College of Medicine medical students.

**Dr. Sulak** was given a “Heroes for Children” award by the Texas State Board of Education and received the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology Community Service Award for her work in school health. She founded and continues to direct the Adolescent Wellness & Sexual Health Program, one of the most commonly utilized sexual health curriculums in Texas and beyond.

Her latest pursuit is a truly unique wellness program *Living WELL Aware*™ encompasses all aspects of our health: physical, emotional, social, financial, and spiritual.

([www.livingWELLaware.com](http://www.livingWELLaware.com)) Her books, keynote addresses, conferences, and comprehensive multi-faceted wellness program delineate essential elements to health and happiness, empowering participants to take ownership of their well-being and partner with their healthcare providers for optimal health.

**Dr. Sulak** is married to Jeffrey A. Waxman, MD, a practicing urologist and medical school professor. He often teams up with Dr. Sulak to conduct wellness conferences and speak on men’s health issues.