



Georgia Association of Nursing Students

What is GANS?

GANS is a professional organization for nursing students in Georgia . With the ever changing health-care field, it is imperative that each nurse is involved and informed about the issues we face. GANS provides an opportunity for students to begin to be involved professionally in the nursing community. GANS offers opportunities for education,

leadership development, political involvement, and community outreach.

The GANS Mission is to: Organize, represent, and mentor students preparing for initial licensure as registered nurses, as well as those enrolled in baccalaureate completion programs; convey the standards and ethics of the nursing profession and NSNA; promote the development of skills

that students will need as responsible and accountable members of the nursing profession; advocate for high quality healthcare; advocate for and contribute to advances in nursing education.



Inside this issue:

From the VP	2
Race to the Finish	2
Pinning Ceremony 2009	3
Reflections from the first year	3
At the Starting Block	3
Review Course Information	4
It's about Time?	4

"Nurses don't wait till October to celebrate Make a Difference Day. They make a difference everyday>"
Author Unknown

GANS CONVENTION 2009

Mark it on your calendar and come prepared for an exciting convention.

- This year convention will take place in Athens, GA at the Athens Classic Center
- It will be held from October 15 through the 18, 2009

If you have any more questions you can contact the NGCSU GANS President Jacob at jcrich9081@student.ngcsu.edu

FROM THE VP...

Hi everybody, I am Dori Gilder, Vice-president of our schools chapter of Georgia Association of Nursing Students (GANS). GANS is a professional organization which gives nursing students the ability to get involved early in their career. After attending the GANS convention my first year, I decided to run for office. I am glad I made this decision. Along with our President: Carrie Hoskeer, secretary: Melanie Wolterink and Treasurer: Melissa Myrick, we were able to spread the word about GANS. We all attended the conventions our first and second year. At convention, you are able to network with different individuals and meet students

from all over Georgia. It really puts your mind at ease knowing everyone is going through the same issues as you. I recommend everyone joining GANS and also attending the conferences. This is a real opportunity to put your school on the map!



"When you're a nurse, you know that every day you will touch a life or a life will touch yours."

Author Unknown

Race to the Finish

I can't believe that nursing school is almost over. It has been an amazing, difficult and unforgettable journey. I once thought that I would not complete the program because of the demanding requirements. I was very fortunate to have found an amazing group of friends and classmates who encouraged me to study hard and give my best. This last semester has been one of the hardest of all. Medical surgical rotation was really challenging, but very helpful for my learning. I really enjoyed Psychiatric classes and my clinical rotation at Peachford Hospital. Unfortunately,

nursing school is not over yet. I still have 3 weeks of nursing classes to attend and the challenging final exams to complete. I'm trying hard to finish the semester well and hoping that soon I can start my new nursing career. I also have to thank all teachers and school staff for their help and support. They are very knowledgeable and always encouraging us to do our best; I have learned a lot from them. When school is over, I hope to put my knowledge into practice; I can't wait to work in a hospital and gain experience. I also plan to continue my nursing education in the fall semes-

ter. I heard that the BSN program is excellent.

I would highly recommend NGCSU school of nursing to anyone interested in the nursing profession. The program is very tough and demanding, although very rewarding when completed. I wish good luck to all students and I hope they have an incredible career.

Fabio Moraes

2nd year Nursing Student



PINNING 2009

The pinning ceremony for ASN graduates will be held on May 1st, 2009 7pm at the Georgia Mountain Center in Gainesville.

The pinning ceremony and lighting of the lamp is a tradition that began in honor of Florence



Nightingale.

Original Nightingale Pledge

"I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly: to pass my life in purity and to practice my profession faithfully; I will abstain from whatever is deleterious or mischievous and will not take or knowingly administer any

harmful drug; I will do all within my power to maintain and elevate the standards of my profession and will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping and family affairs coming to my knowledge in the practice of my calling:

With loyalty will I endeavor to aid the physician in his work and devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care."

Reflections from the first year...



1st year students!!! Picture from Katie Dorman...

Between tests, check-offs, and clinical, the first year of nursing school can seem like a blur. It is important to remember to have fun while accomplishing your goals!

Work hard and play hard!!!



In the Starting Blocks

Hello, My name is Chelsea Bazemore and I am a pre-nursing student. I have always had a desire to be a nurse for many reasons but mostly because I love the medical field and want to be able to be in an environment where I can help so many people. On a more personal note, I specifically want to be an oncology nurse, because my grandmother has been battling cancer and while she has been going through chemo, the nurses have made her smile and helped her so much. How-

ever, to achieve my goal I will have to overcome the challenges of nursing school. To start off, I will have to get accepted into NGCSU's nursing school. I have applied but I was unfortunately put on the waiting list. This setback will not keep me from my goal of being a nurse. I will keep working hard for good grades in my core classes and will keep trying to reach my goal!



NGCSU Chapter

Georgia

.....

Association of
Nursing Students

NCLEX REVIEW COURSES 2009

Sylvia Rayfield

May 24th-28th

Talk to Mary Burnside to register

KAPLAIN REVIEW

May 14th-18th

Go online to register

For questions contact Tracy Benson



IT'S ABOUT TIME! Georgia had a state wide trauma system.

Developing a state wide trauma system is a professional issue concerning all nurses and future nurses.

Georgia has only 15 Trauma centers in the state. While some urban areas have adequate access to appropriate care there are many gaps.

Treating a trauma patient during the golden hour; the first hour after the injury occurs, is crucial in getting the best outcome possible.

Studies show that as many as 1/3 of the trauma deaths that occur in an area without a trauma system could be preventable.

What can I do?

Go to <http://georgiatsabouttime.org/> and sign the e-petition supporting a statewide trauma system.

