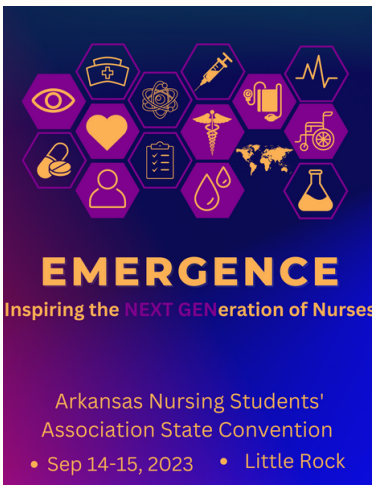


# April Newsletter

## State Convention: Inspiring the Next Generation of Nurses

September 14–15, 2023  
Little Rock, AR  
Marriott of Little Rock

More information coming soon!



## NSNA Convention

The annual NSNA Convention in Nashville, TN was a huge success! Thank you to all the local chapter in attendance. If you missed this year, don't worry, there will be another convention next year! The NSNA Conventions are an amazing opportunity to learn more about the nursing profession from nurses and nurse executives across the country. For more information, visit [www.nsna.org](http://www.nsna.org)

## Spotlight: Open Position

The ANSA Board of Directors is looking for a new officer! Our Breakthrough to Nursing Position (BTN) is still available! If you are interested, please feel free to visit our website [www.arknursingstudents.org](http://www.arknursingstudents.org) and fill out an application. Once you are done, email the application to the [lnec@arknursingstudents.org](mailto:lnec@arknursingstudents.org). For more information about the position, please feel free to contact your District Directors!

## 2023 ANSA Convention Resolutions

Submission Deadline August 1, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. CST (want this bolded or highlighted)  
Visit [arknursingstudents.org](http://arknursingstudents.org) for more details!  
Reach out to [LNEC@arknursingstudents.org](mailto:LNEC@arknursingstudents.org) with any questions or concerns!



**Kenya D. Williams Appointed NSNA  
Executive Director  
NSNA's 5th ED in 71 years!**

# Kenya D. Williams Appointed NSNA Executive Director

Brooklyn, NY – The National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Kenya D. Williams, EdD, RN, RP, CAE, as Executive Director effective August 1, 2023. Dr. Williams currently serves as the NSNA Deputy Executive Director and replaces Diane J. Mancino, EdD, RN, CAE, FAAN, who has served with distinction for 27 years. In this role, Dr. Williams will also serve as the Executive Director of the Foundation of the NSNA. Dr. Williams becomes the fifth Executive Director in the organization's 71-year history.

Dr. Williams said, "I am honored to be appointed the next NSNA Executive Director. I am committed to advancing the mission of NSNA and the Foundation through innovative approaches that enhance the leadership experience of student nurses and contribute to the preparation of future nurse leaders. I am eager to work with the Board of Directors to develop and implement strategies to build on NSNA's many accomplishments."

As Deputy Executive Director for NSNA, Dr. Williams is responsible for aligning and integrating the mission of NSNA to further advance a socially responsible organization through innovation, operational excellence, and leadership.

With more than 18 years of experience and involvement with NSNA, Williams began her leadership as the Missouri Student Nurses' Association St. Louis Area District Officer. She was then elected to serve on the NSNA Nominating and Elections Committee and continued her involvement on the NSNA Board of Directors as Breakthrough to Nursing® Director. She was then elected as the first African American woman to serve as NSNA President and subsequently as the Foundation President.

Before joining NSNA, Dr. Williams was the Cardiology and Respiratory Care Service Line Director at Barnes Jewish St. Peters in St. Peters, MO, and Progress West Hospital, O'Fallon, MO. She led and managed cardiac catheterization labs, cardiopulmonary rehab terms, invasive and noninvasive cardiology, and respiratory therapy teams. Williams designed and implemented a joint Cardiovascular Echo Call team across both hospitals. Barnes Jewish St. Peters Hospital also successfully achieved Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care: Chest Pain Center Accreditation under her leadership.

In addition to being a Registered Parliamentarian (RP), Dr. Williams earned the Certified Association Executive (CAE®) designation by the American Society of Association Executives. The CAE is the highest professional credential in Association Management.

A native of Missouri, Williams earned an Associate of Science in Nursing from St. Louis Community College, St. Louis, MO, and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Missouri, St. Louis, MO. She earned a Master's of Science in Nursing focusing on Health Systems Management from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA. She completed a Doctor of Education in Interdisciplinary Leadership at Creighton University, Omaha, NE. Williams is completing a Master's in Business Administration at Webster University, St. Louis, MO.

Tuft & Associates, Chicago, IL, was engaged as the search firm for the NSNA Executive Director position. Pam Thompson, MS, RN, CENP, FAAN, Chief Executive Officer Emeritus of the American Organization for Nursing Leadership (AONL) chaired the search committee.

About the National Student Nurses Association (NSNA)  
& Foundation of the NSNA (Foundation)

NSNA is a membership organization representing over 50,000 students in Associate Degree, Diploma, Baccalaureate, and generic Masters programs preparing students for Registered Nurse licensure, as well as RNs in BSN completion programs. Visit [www.nсна.org](http://www.nсна.org) for more information.

The Foundation of the National Student Nurses Association (Foundation) was created in 1969 to honor Frances Tompkins, the Association's first Executive Director. Organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, the Foundation awards scholarships to qualified nursing students. Contributions to the FNSNA are tax-deductible. Since 1974, the FNSNA has awarded over \$5 million dollars in scholarships to undergraduate nursing students. The Foundation is organized as a 501 C3 charitable foundation. Visit <https://www.forevernursing.org/> for more information.





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