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From the Desk of the President . . .

Hello, all Nursing Students!

Yes; the time has come again to prepare for our annual convention.

The NSSNA Board is so excited for this year's convention!

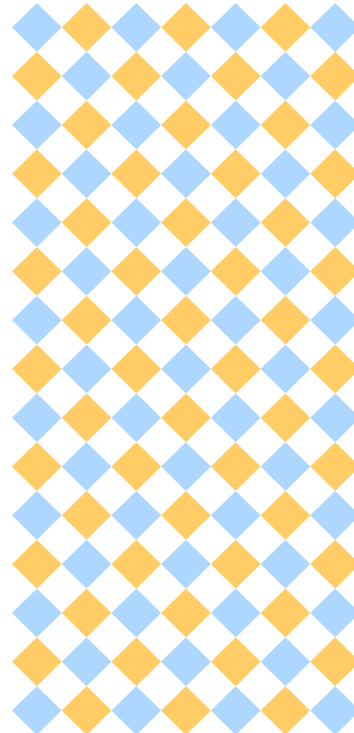
The location is set at Bryan LGH College of Health Sciences.

The speakers for this year are from all over the United States and specialize in vary diverse areas of medicine.

I hope you are all as excited as I am to join in the fun!

I can't wait to see you all there!!

~ Dawnielle Herbig ~



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CONVENTION SPEAKERS FOR 2006:

Dr. Sarah Combs ~ Working with Victims of Torture

Dr. Loretta Baca ~ The Holistic Approach

Ms. Carol O'Neill ~ Preparing for Nursing Job Interviews

Dr. Kathryn Fiandt ~ Nurse Practitioner: A Role for the Future

Dr. Linda Christensen ~ Nursing Law

CONVENTION 2006

- February 4th, 2006
- Lincoln, Nebraska
- One day only!
- Register online at www.nssna.com
- Pre-slate for NSSNA Board office
- High School students welcome!!

Pre-Slate for an NSSNA Board office for 2006-2007

Offices to be filled:

President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Communications Editor
Nominations Chair
Image of Nursing Chair
Legislation Chair
Breakthrough Chair
Community Service Chair
Student Advisor

NSSNA Board members meet monthly to conduct the business of promoting nursing and nursing students' interests statewide. Communication is also maintained via e-mail and telephone contact. Each member is responsible for her/his respective office and assigned duties, but the Board operates as a team.

The recent addition of the web page has increased availability of NSSNA information for nursing students across the state. The site provides access to employment opportunities, scholarships, and other valuable resources. As Board members become more familiar with preparing information for online distribution, the site will grow and expand.

. . . BREAKING NEWS . . .

Telephone Conferencing

An account for NSSNA has been established with

The Conference Depot

and a toll-free number has been obtained for the purpose of conducting Board

meetings and conference calls. The cost of time and travel will be greatly reduced for meeting attendance! It is hoped that telephone conferencing will also encourage more nursing students from across the state of Nebraska to participate in NSSNA!!

Thank you, Annette & Sharon for

your assistance with this project!



Jodi (Tobiasson) Cain

Jodi Lin (Tobiasson) Cain, 24, died Saturday, Nov. 26, 2005, at University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born Sept. 16, 1981, in North Platte. She grew up in Chadron and graduated in 2000 from Chadron High School as one of the valedictorians of her class.

She graduated magna cum laude in May 2005 from Midland Lutheran College in Fremont, re-

ceiving her bachelor's of science degree in nursing. She married Nathan Allan Cain on Oct. 15, 2005, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chadron.

Jodi was the Breakthrough to Nursing Chair for the Nebraska State Student Nurses' Association during the 2004-2005 school year.

In February 2005, she received the **2005 Nebraska State Student Nurse Of the Year Award. She**

was also awarded the Army Nurse Corps Spirit of Nursing Award.

Memorials in memory of Jodi for a Midland Lutheran College Nursing Scholarship may be sent to First National Bank of North Platte, PO Box 511, Chadron, NE 69337



Courtesy of *The Fremont Tribune Online*, December 2, 2005.

Jodi Tobiasson Cain

JODI

by Jill Anderson, NSSNA Nominations Chair

Jodi Tobiasson was a very great person. She passed away Saturday, Nov. 26.2005.

Jodi had a long battle with ovarian cancer. She was so young (24), but she did so much. She fought every step of the way. She was re-diagnosed in the spring and she went through many surgeries and through chemo and still managed to pass at the top of her nursing class at Midland Lutheran College. She never once got down. She was always one to keep her head up. She married her long time boyfriend, Nathan Cain, on October 15, 2005. They took a honeymoon in the Black Hills, South Dakota, before returning to University of Nebraska Medical Center where she was receiving treatments.

She had a way with people. She had a heart of gold. She treated everyone with such great respect. She was very helpful in the classroom and at work. Jodi was the president of MLC's SNA in 2003-2004. She did a wonderful job of including students and encouraging students to join SNA. She had very creative ideas. She also served as the Breakthrough Chair for NSSNA in 2004-2005. During that time, she was the student nurse of the year at Midland Lutheran College and she was also the Nebraska State Student Nurse of the Year. She is known by many, many people, not just here in Nebraska, but many other states as well. Anyone who has ever met her, I am sure, can say that she touched their lives in some way.

Jodi and I were friends since the first time I met her. I was a new employee at FAMC and AJ Merrick Manor. She took me under her wing right away. Even at school. Every time I was frustrated, she would look at me and smile and say, "You can do it. Just Don't give up. I am always here to help." And, she was. She took so many under her wing as an Angel from above.

I miss her very much, but I am so thankful to have had a friend that was so great and so strong.

There is a memorial set up in Jodi's honor.

Donations can be made to Memorials for a Midland Lutheran College Nursing Scholarship at the First National Bank of North Platte, P.O. Box 511, Chadron, Nebraska 69337

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THANK YOU!

***The NSSNA Board extends sincere
thanks to the
members of the
Nebraska League of Nursing
for generously
sponsoring the
NSSNA 58th Annual Convention!***

Nebraska State Student Nurse of the Year

Information for the nomination of a nursing student from each school of nursing has been sent to the SNA advisors of each school.

Please be advised that the deadline for submission of the applications is approaching.

Interviews *will* be held at the convention (in the morning) on Saturday. Since the convention is only one day in length, the selected candidate will be announced at the Awards Ceremony that afternoon.

Please ensure that your school is represented by completing the requirements and posting the nominations packet in a timely fashion to the NSSNA office in Lincoln.

Your cooperation with the specific procedure is essential.

THANK YOU!

