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HERE'S THE SCOOP FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Emergency Nurses,

As the temps get cooler and the year comes to a close, I hope you all have remained safe with the excess amounts of water that have come our way. If you have been a victim of flooding, you may be a candidate for an assistance grant from the Texas ENA Ansley fund. Please reach out to me for details and process.

It has been an amazing year as your president. I have learned so much from my board and the responsibilities of the position. I am forever grateful for this opportunity at self-development and the trust given to me to lead this organization. I am but one man, and my team are the true heroes that made this year so successful. Many thanks to all that offered me their support this year.

As the year winds down, we have much to celebrate, but another year's challenges are soon approaching. We offered TCRN and CEN review courses this summer providing approximately 60 nurses with the knowledge to jumpstart their studying for certification! The conference held this past weekend offered up to 14 CEU for over 100 nurses! This was the culmination of partnership with multiple vendors and many hours of work on behalf of your professional education committee. It is thanks to them that we can offer these great educational opportunities. Now we are preparing our budget and education for next year. Let us know what is important to you.

In keeping with my slogan for the year of "Finding Your Voice", I hope you all are seeing ways to improve yourself personally and professionally by speaking up on large and small occasions. It is election season and early voting has already started. I plead with you to honor your civic duty and get to the polls. We can only make a difference when our concerns are heard. On that note, next year is a legislative year here in Texas and we will be partnering with TNA to offer a chance to speak to your state representatives at a Nurses Day on Hill. Specifics will come in the beginning of next year.

If you haven't seen the news release, National ENA is rebranding our logo with an emphasis on the "N" for Nursing. The project is already started and will be implemented throughout the year. Check it out on www.ena.org. Speaking to that, know that it is never too late to rebrand yourself to meet your goals. I hope to see you at our next

SAENA Meetings 2018:

- **November 12, 2018 – Business Meeting & Educational Event: 'Immune Response: Natural barriers, the inflammatory response, and their nursing implications' Monique S. Jesionowski, DNP, RN, ACCNS-AG, AGACNP-AG, CEN Methodist Stone Oak Hospital - 1139 E. Sonterra Blvd San Antonio, 78258*
- **December 10, 2018 Dinner Meeting! Outback Steakhouse - 12511 W, I-10, San Antonio. White Elephant Gift!*
- *January 14, 2019 - Business Meeting: Budget Peterson Regional Medical Center 551 Hill Country Dr, Kerrville, TX 78028*
- *February 11, 2019 – Business meeting & Education Event: Misdiagnosed patients in the ED – thromboses (Tenative) Toni Peel, Alexion/Solaris. No CNEs for this lecture Southwest General Hospital 7400 Barlite Boulevard, San Antonio, TX78224*

* Note: Date changed due to Holidays.

Join the Business meetings virtually - see the website Meeting tab for more information.

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2019 Officer Electeds

- *San Antonio ENA:*
 - President Elect: Michael Moon
 - Treasurer: Erick Christensen
 - Secretary: Carol Twombly
 - Director: Curtis Townsend
- *Texas State Council:*
 - President Elect: Dan DiDonato
 - Secretary Elect: Bre Ward
 - Director: Yvonne Moseley
- *ENA National:*
 - President Elect: Michael Hastings
 - Secretary/Treasurer: Ron Krause
 - Directors:
 - Terry Foster
 - Kristen Cline
 - Joop Breuer
 - Nominations & Elections Comm.
 - David Samuelson
 - Nicholas Nelson,
 - Marge Letitia

meeting or event. Many blessings in the holiday season to come and my best wishes for the new year!



William R. Barbre, RN, CEN, Paramedic
President San Antonio ENA 2018

ENPC / TNCC

2019 dates for the ENPC and TNCC have not yet been identified as yet. Watch the San Antonio ENA website education page for more information!
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'Concepts of Emergency and Critical Care Nursing – 2018'

The San Antonio ENA wishes to thank all of the speakers, attendees, exhibitors/sponsors and the Norris Conference Center for helping to make this year's conference a success! Attendees not only had the opportunity to obtain as many as 14 CNEs over the 2 days but also to attend the Texas Board of Nursing's mandatory education courses on Forensics, Geriatrics and Nursing Jurisprudence and Ethics.

Watch for information on our 2019 conference in the San Antonio website, on flyers and in future Newsletters. See you all in 2019!

2019 Texas ENA Meetings

Q1 – Feb. 7-9th Austin. Feb. 7th - Government Affairs
Workshop and Leadership Orientation

Q2 – April 12-13th Kileen

Q3 – July 12-13th Lubbock

YOUR BOARD

President: Bill Barbre President-elect: Janet Pena
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University Hospital System Trauma Fellowship Program

Trauma Fellowship Program Overview

Nurses accepted into our program will learn about all aspects of trauma care including:

- Injury prevention
- Pre-hospital care
- Rural trauma outreach
- Trauma education
- Trauma-related legislation
- Trauma research
- Trauma surgery
- Regional trauma system

Fellows will participate in the following clinical rotations:

- AirLIFE & Emergency Services pre-hospital unit (SAFD)
- Trauma Resuscitation Unit (TRU)
- Injury prevention
- Surgical Trauma ICU
- Trauma Program Administration
- Trauma Pediatric ICU
- Operating Room
- Trauma Follow-up Clinic
- Trauma Case Management

Nurses accepted into the program will receive a stipend for certifications, outreach and travel. Completion of the program is recognized and acknowledged by the Clinical Advancement Program.

Eligibility Requirements

This unique six-month program requires RNs to have a minimum of 2 years of nursing experience – with at least one of them in critical care. Nurses do not need to be employed by University Health System to apply. For current UHS nurses that are accepted into the program, salary, paid time off, benefits and leave accrual will remain in place.

After completing the six-month program

After completing the six-month program, a two-year commitment providing clinical services in a trauma area as a full-time nurse with University Health System is required. These trauma areas within the University Health System include the STICU, PICU, Trauma Administration, Emergency Department Critical Care Team, or the Trauma Team. If the Trauma Fellow is a current Trauma Team member, the Trauma Fellow may return to the Trauma Team after completion of the Fellowship. Completion of the Trauma Nurse Fellowship does not guarantee a position on the Trauma team.

Nurses will receive a financial stipend at the end of each successful year of their two-year commitment. Additionally, continuing education funding is available as part of the Trauma Nurse Fellowship. This education funding can be used for trauma education, conferences or preparation for the Society of Trauma Nurses – Trauma Certification Registered Nurse Exam (TCRN).

For more information or to apply, contact: TraumaNurseFellowship@uhs-sa.com.