



# NSWS

## 23-24 IN REVIEW

presented by

2023 - 2024 NSWS President Karli Kooi



# MY ROLE AND JOURNEY

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- Originally wanted to be media director
- Signed on as Vice President in March 2023
- Attended annual NSNA convention and then planned last years' convention in *6 weeks*
- Voted in as 2023 - 2024 President
- Was voted to a position nationally - Representative West for the board of the Council of State Presidents
- #1 NSWWS Canva user

NURSING STUDENTS OF WASHINGTON STATE  
2023 IN-PERSON CONVENTION

**CARE WITH COURAGE:  
PROMOTING EQUITY AND  
RESILIENCE IN NURSING**

**Saturday,  
April 29th, 2023 | 10 am - 4 pm**

**ROBIN NARRUHN**  
PHD MN RN  
SPEAKER

**RAINIER OLYMPIC  
NURSES' ASSOCIATION**  
PRESENTER

**WSNA**  
WASHINGTON STATE  
NURSES' ASSOCIATION  
PRESENTER

**ANGELA  
WOLLE**  
SPEAKER

**PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY, TACOMA, WA**  
THROUGH PARTNERSHIP WITH PLU'S DELTA IOTA CHI

Register Here:  
\$15 to attend  
Lunch and Giveaways included!  
PLU Students: \$10 with code  
PLUStudent

Registration  
closes  
APRIL 24th  
at 3pm

<https://tinyurl.com/2023nsws>

[nswsboard@wsna.org](mailto:nswsboard@wsna.org)

# OUR BOARD

## ELECTED IN APRIL 2023

Karli, Leo, Laila, and Kharen  
(President, VP, Secretary, Director West)  
Continuing Consultants:  
Megan and Dr. Blakely



## APPOINTED

Kayla  
(Treasurer)  
Owen  
(Breakthrough to Nursing Director)



# SOCIAL MEDIA

## CREATED AND POSTED ON NEW IG AND FB

- NSWS's current IG:
  - @nsws\_wa
- NSWS's current FB
  - Nursing Students of Washington State

**HIGHLIGHT:** Scholarship Series

## Why?

Get newer, interested followers  
Revamp the posting theme  
and consistency

## How?

Approved by the 22-23 board  
I created the color + font  
themes, have used for posters  
All Canva!!

# WEBINARS

## “NSNA, NSWS, and You: Building School Chapters and Student Engagement”

November 2023

Sharing resources like steps to become an NSNA chapter, minutes templates, our contact, and more! Powerpoint and resources available on our website! Please check them out!

**ONLINE WEBINAR**

### NSNA, NSWS, and You: Building School Chapters and Student Engagement

Why should I join **National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA)**? **NSNA membership giveaways at end**

Hear from our current NSWS board members and state consultants including faculty and nurse leaders to learn the answers to these questions!

**Tuesday, November 14th**


**6:00 - 7:00pm: Webinar (recorded)**  
**7:00 - 7:30pm: Q&A and Networking**

What is **Nursing Students of Washington State (NSWS)**?

**NSWS**

How do we start and grow a **School NSNA chapter**?

QR code to the webpage with meeting link:  
<https://www.nsws.org/23-24-events>



# WEBINARS



**LIVE WEBINAR**

**ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL BOUNDARIES**



**WITH THE WASHINGTON BOARD OF NURSING**

WEDNESDAY **10** JANUARY

**5pm - 6pm PST**

*Link to meeting at: [www.nsws.org/23-24-events](http://www.nsws.org/23-24-events)*

## “Ethics and Professional Boundaries - WABON with NSWS”

January 2024

Large audience: 60+ attendees

Same speaker as later today,  
Margaret Holm

Provided valuable learning!



# VALUES-FORWARD

## Drafting, Editing, and posting our values statement



### NSWS VALUES

#### AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT OUR GUIDING PHILOSOPHIES

NSWS believes our differences make us better individuals, students, and nurses.

We continually work to embrace student nurses and people of all races, ethnicities, nationalities, citizenship status, religious beliefs, gender identities, sexual orientations, disabilities, educational backgrounds, health status, housing status, relationship and family status, and socioeconomic status.

## Scholarship Spotlight!

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### Scholarship Spotlight

## Rainier Olympic Nurses' Association (RONA)

Due February 29th, 2024

For students living/attending school in certain counties

Scholarships: Highschool, LPN to RN, College, and members

[More Info](#) →

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### Scholarship Spotlight

## The Foundation of National Student Nurses' Association

Due January 26th, 2024

For students graduating after July 1st, 2024

NSNA membership not required

[More Info](#) →

## Our Resolution: Inclusivity

<b>TOPIC:</b>	<b>EXPLORING THE SUITABILITY AND FEASIBILITY OF ACCEPTING LPN/LVN STUDENTS AS NSNA MEMBERS</b>
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<b>WHEREAS,</b>	Such an exploration into NSNA accepting LPN/LVN for student membership hasn't occurred since the 1970s, and the landscape of nursing education and professional collaboration has changed drastically since such investigation; and
<b>WHEREAS,</b>	LPN/LVN students and RN students/BSN students are pursuing education related to licenses which fall under the same National Council of State Boards of Nursing and under the same Board of Nursing or organization with the same function in all states, U.S. territories and DC but three, (NCSBN, n.d., p. 1) which demonstrates high proximity to the same professional standards; and
<b>WHEREAS,</b>	LPNs/LVNs and RNs are employed in similar healthcare settings with 81.7% and 72.5% practicing direct patient care, similarly experiencing workload increase due to COVID-19 at 62.9% and 61.8%, and feeling burned out every day with 25.3% and 25.8% respectively, demonstrating the significant overlap in professional concerns (Smiley R. A. et. al, 2023, p. 67, p. 34, p. 78, p. 45, p. 80, p. 47); and
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## “EXPLORING THE SUITABILITY AND FEASIBILITY OF ACCEPTING LPN/LVN STUDENTS AS NSNA MEMBERS”

Advised this was ‘too big of a deal’ to be a resolution change

The resolution committee seemed to be largely misunderstanding our resolution’s purpose

Encouraged to submit as a bylaw change...



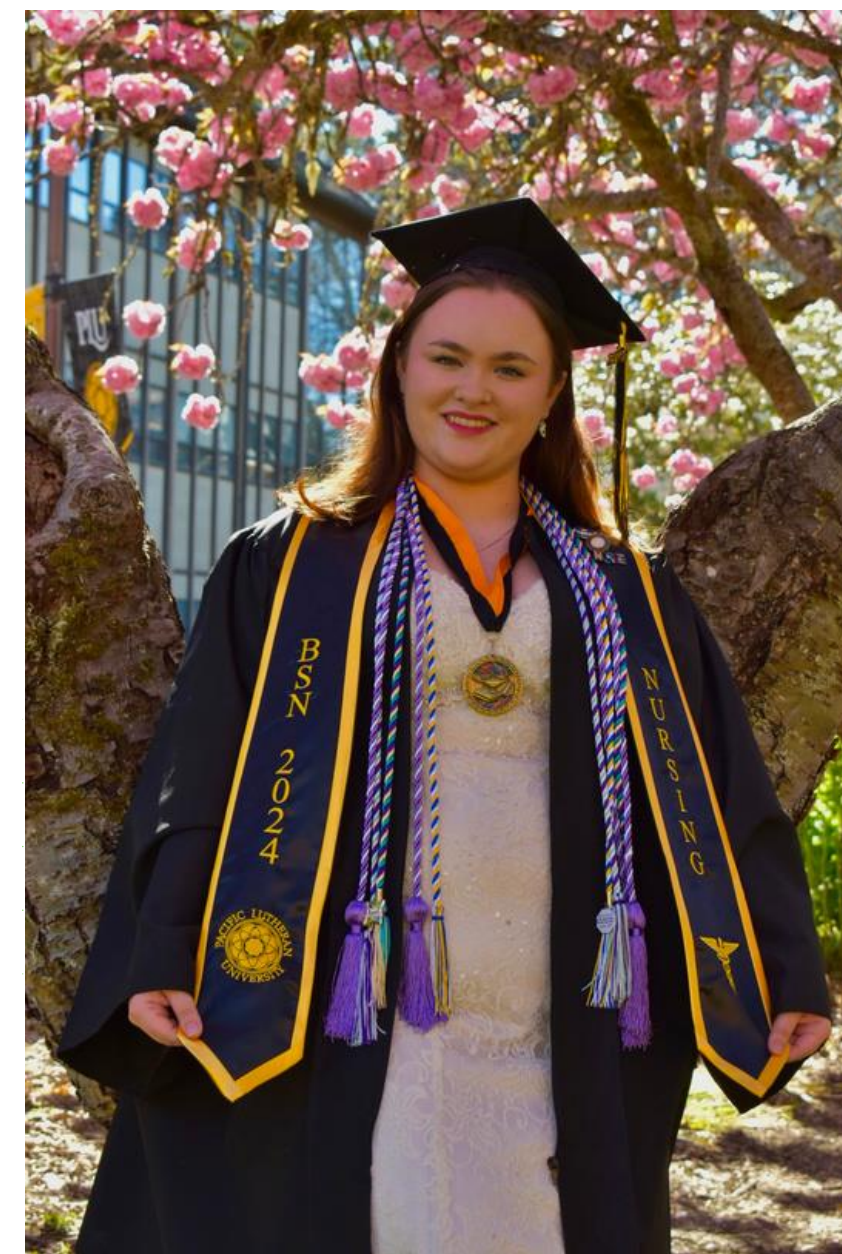
# REFLECTING

**“DISAGREE, AND DISAGREE PASSIONATELY”  
while still remaining professional**

NSNA, NSWS, and my roles in Nursing Student Leadership have fundamentally altered by competence and confidence in communication. I can definitely say it has significantly shaped who I am as a person and my future aspirations

# LOOKING FORWARD

- **Networking/LinkedIn Webinar**
  - (Owen and I LOVE LinkedIn)
- **Fundraising for Nurses' Month**
- **Orientation and Transferring to the Board**
- **I'm graduating!!!!!!!!!!!!!! (NCLEX?!?!)**
  - Tacoma Medical Trauma PCU Nurse :)
- **Future involvement in NSWS....**
- **Ensuring continuity of the initiative for LPN student inclusion in NSNA**

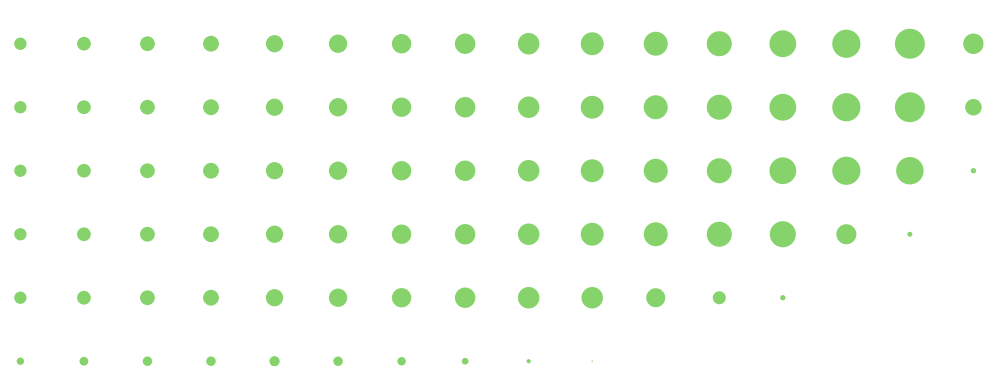


**THANK YOU!**

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# MOTION

**Mandate the 2024-2025 Nursing Students of Washington State board submit either an NSNA bylaw change or NSNA resolution pertaining to the topic of the 2024 rejected NSWWS resolution “EXPLORING THE SUITABILITY AND FEASIBILITY OF ACCEPTING LPN/LVN STUDENTS AS NSNA MEMBERS”**