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FNA Advocacy Days Wrap-Up

Nurses Make their Voices Heard in Tallahassee

Around 150 Registered Nurses, Advanced Practice Nurses, basic nursing students and graduate students attended FNA Advocacy Days in Tallahassee this year.

As usual, attendees heard from our lobbying firm, Gray|Robinson who set the stage for members and students to engage with their legislators at the Capitol. FNA President Janegale Boyd, who is a former legislator, served as the facilitator for the conference.



Speakers on the first day were Rheb Harbison, Jessica Love, Kim Armstrong and Todd Steibly of Gray|Robinson who covered such topics of how to communicate with legislators as well as the current climate of the Florida Legislator. They also detailed with bills they were following as well as other highlights of the current session. In order to make sure everyone gained understand they also covered the "basics" of how a bill becomes a law. FNA was also pleased to welcome State Attorney Jack Campbell who spoke to the group about workplace violence issues.

[View the most recent bill report](#)



Nurses and Students Meet with Legislators to Advocate for the Profession

After receiving guidance on current legislative issues from the Gray|Robinson team, nurses and students from every region of the state took to the Capitol to advocate for their profession by meeting with Legislators from their district.



FNA Members Marti Hanuschik and Ed Briggs with Rep. Cyndi Stevenson (Dx 17)



FNA Members Linda McKay and Suzie Farthing with Rep. Mike Hill (Dx. 1)



FNA Members Robyne Rentz, Meghan Moroney, and Sharon Blue along with FNSA Members Abbygail Lapinski and Jena Pecori meet with Rep. Ray Rodrigues (Dx 76)



FNA Members and students from Miami Dade College Benjamin Leon School of Nursing meet with Barbara Watson (Dx 107) outside the House Gallery



FNA Member Rhonda Goodman and students from Florida Atlantic University Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing meet with Senator Kevin Rader (Dx 29)

Five Members of FNA Receive BLI Scholarship



Left to right: Teresa Toledo, Noelle Jacobsen, Ann Pasquale, President Janegale Boyd, Isabel Francis, and Mark Roberts.

2019 BLI Scholarship Recipients

Five members of FNA received the Barbara Lumpkin Institute Scholarship to attend 2019 FNA Advocacy Days. Congratulations to the recipients!

[Hear from the BLI scholars about their experience at Advocacy Days...](#)

Members of the Florida Nurses Association Recognized During House Session...

Representative Cyndi Stevenson, member of the Health & Human Services Committee, recognized the presence of FNA Members, nurses, and nursing students in attendance in the House Gallery during session on March 13th.

Pictured: NW Region Director Jill Van Der Like with UWF nursing students in the House Gallery.



Legislators and Legislative Aides Meet Attendees at FNA Legislative Reception...

The FNA Legislative Reception was held on the evening of April 13th at the DoubleTree Hotel in Downtown Tallahassee. Attendees of the Reception were visited by several Legislators and Aides including:

- Rep. Jennifer Webb (Dx 69)
- Jeff Scala, LA to Sen. Lauren Book (Dx 22)
- Gianfranco Puppio, LA to Rep. Michael Grieco (Dx 113)
- Joey Planz, LA to Rep. Overdorf (Dx 83)
- Brandon Miller, LA to Rep. Cary Pigman (Dx 55)
- Earl Jones Jr., Chief LA to Rep. Tracie Davis (Dx 13)



Pictured: FNA Member and FNPAC Trustee Meghan Moroney with Rep. Jennifer Webb (Dx 69). The FL Nurses PAC endorsed Jennifer Webb in the 2018 election.

Second Day Presentations Highlighted Current Topics in Nursing...

The second day of Advocacy Days was highlighted by excellent presentations covering topics that are current and relevant to Florida Nurses. The presentations were:

Update on Nursing Legislation from the Florida Board of Nursing

Joe Baker, Jr., Executive Director
FL Board of Nursing

Disaster Preparedness for Nurses

Samantha Cooksey, Alternate Emergency Coordination Officer, State ESF8 Planning & Operations Section Manager
Bureau of Preparedness & Response, Department of Health

Opioid Overdose Prevention and Naloxone

Amanda Muller, Overdose Prevention Coordinator
Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, FL Dept of Children & Families

Broadcasting Your Message: Anatomy of an Op-Ed

Edward Briggs, MSN, DNP, APRN



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