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An Amazing & Successful Year!

Year End Report by *Samantha Stapleton*
SNAP President

Greetings!

It has been such an amazing year for SNAP and, as another term of office comes to a close, I must commend Pennsylvania in the dramatic strides that have occurred this year. This has been a difficult year for everyone, but our mission

as an organization has not faltered. So here is a quick recap of our successful year:

Our programs such as Capitol Hill Step-by-Step and our annual LEAD workshop have been a great success for the pre-professional development of our students. As student nurses, we must prepare to become the greatest nurses we can be and gather all the tools required to be amazing! We must be prepared to fight for

ourselves, serve as an advocate for our patients, and continue the mission of nursing.

At the NSNA Convention in the spring, Pennsylvania was extremely well represented by a large attendance of students. In the House of Delegates, we had three resolutions passed and were able to propose a bylaw change.

Though the bylaw was not passed, it still sparked a huge amount of constructive conversation amongst the membership. I have also represented the student nurse population on several state committees who are all fighting for a brighter future for nursing. It has been an honor to work with these leaders who are protecting the

future of nurses for generations to come. At the end of October, I was also privileged to represent Pennsylvania at NSNA's Annual

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

IN NOVEMBER 2009
SNAP 57th Annual Convention 18 - 21
Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square

IN DECEMBER 2009
Deadline for Winter *Insight* Articles 1

IN JANUARY 2010
SNAP Board Meeting TBD

IN MARCH 2010
SNAP Board of Directors Meeting19
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Capitol Hill Step by Step 30

IN APRIL 2010
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NSNA 58th Annual Convention 7 - 11
Disney's Coronado Spring Resort
Orlando, Florida

IN JUNE 2010
SNAP Board of Directors MeetingTBD

IN AUGUST 2010
Deadline for Fall *Insight* Articles 1

IN SEPTEMBER 2010
SNAP Board of Directors MeetingTBD
IN OCTOBER 2010

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Capitol Hill Step by Step 5
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including: Scholarships for First-Year Students; Scholarships for Upperclassmen; Community Health Awards; Newsletter and Website awards; Chapter Excellence Award; Jamey Thiel Miller Memorial Legislative Award; Rena M. Lawrence Memorial Award; Advisor of the Year Award (see SNAP website)

IN NOVEMBER 2010
Deadline for Consent To Serve forms 3
3rd Annual Student Nurse Challenge 17
SNAP 58th Annual Convention 17 - 20



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Regional Reports

Following are the regions of SNAP. Each region has a representative on the SNAP Board of Directors, whose report follows the region's list of schools (chapter membership # in parenthesis):

GREATER PITTSBURGH REGION

Carlow University (1)
CCAC, North
CCAC, Boyce (2)
CCAC, Allegheny (3)
CCAC, South (1)
Duquesne University (139)
Mercy Hospital (16)
St. Margaret Hospital (94)
Shadyside Hospital (44)
University of Pittsburgh (54)
Western Pennsylvania Hospital (149)



Greetings from the Steel City! I hope this article finds you in good health. I also hope this semester is going well for you. I know my semester has been an exciting one!

At the end of September, the G-20 Summit came to Pittsburgh. As many well know, this was a hectic few days in the city. I hope everyone that was around Pittsburgh during this time survived! At the University of Pittsburgh, I had classes canceled due to the event. I'm sure that this occurred at many local schools as well. This was a good preventative measure from the local schools to avoid the chaos that

occurred. In order to make up clinical time, I had to do multiple assignments for each class. If you had to do something similar due to canceled classes, I hope that the assignment went well. If you didn't have classes canceled, that could have been a good thing!

As we approach convention, there are some interesting events going on. If you are arriving to convention on Wednesday, I hope you strongly consider attending the Nurse Challenge Bowl. This is a fun, interactive event on the first evening of convention. I encourage you to even come dressed in your school apparel to participate! Another interesting aspect of convention is the different breakout sessions. This year, we are offering a variety of sessions on a multitude of topics. Topics this year include The Chilling Effects of Cardiac Care, Looking for Your First Job, Will There Be A Job For Me, and Emotional Intelligence. With so many interesting and exciting options, I know I am starting to plan now which ones I want to attend.

Looking back over this past year, I hope that I have given you as much as SNAP has given me. I would like you to know that I am always available to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Please feel free to contact me at any time. You may find my contact information on the SNAP website, www.snap-online.org. Hope to see you around convention!

YEAR-END REPORT

Over the past year, communication in the Pittsburgh region has improved. I received approximately five contacts at schools in the region from the previous coordinator that were still in their position. During the spring semester, I established and maintained contacts at three more schools. In the spring, I attended a local chapter's (Shadyside School of Nursing) event regarding Condition H. Over the summer, I established contacts at two other schools in the region. I also verified and updated contacts at the other seven schools. During the fall semester, I contacted CCAC North regarding a liaison at their school. They stated that they would put it on their agenda for one of their meetings. CCAC South has not responded to emails or phone calls as of yet (10/1/09). I have tried emailing multiple people regarding a liaison and got no response. Overall, I have contacts of nine of

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the eleven schools. I have information regarding who I have been emailing at the two other schools to pass along to the next regional coordinator.

Each year, a nurses' night is held at PNC Park. This year, two events were held. One was in June and the other in September. I'm not sure how attendance was at either event. The June nurses night was during the middle of the summer. The September nurses night was the Friday of the G-20 Summit. Either way, PNC Park organized the event and SNAP was at no loss for the events. I contacted Brandon Lawrence (Brandon.Lawrence@pirates.com) regarding the events.

Something that I began to plan in the region was an event in which all schools could participate, but at different times. For example, an event in February regarding heart healthy behavior. Each school could do a different event that was linked to a common theme. I will suggest this to the next coordinator to consider planning.

Next year, I would also like to see the coordinator visit more schools. I only had the opportunity to visit a few schools to meet their advisor or president. I think that once you meet the coordinator, schools might be more interested in responding to emails.

Overall, communication has greatly improved among schools in the region. I would like to see this improved even more. There also could be an event that is opened up to all schools in the region.

YEAR-END MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The role of this committee is to promote SNAP among all nursing schools in the state through the regional coordinators. The committee also promotes attendance at the SNAP convention. Annually, it is the role of the membership committee to review and edit the Chapter Excellence award. The committee also may review the Chapter Resource Guide annually to make any edits or recommendations. I have also been advised that this year's membership has reached unprecedented numbers, with 5,108 members at delegate credentialing cutoff, which was October 15.

For next year, I would suggest making a power point that describes SNAP and reasons to join. Also in the power point can be discussed what convention is, why a student should attend, and what to expect at convention.

Latasha Kast

Greater Pittsburgh Regional Coordinator

NORTHWEST REGION

Butler County Community College

Citizen's School of Nursing (282)

Clarion University (1)

Community College of Beaver County

Edinboro University

Gannon University

Jameson Memorial Hospital

LaRoche University

Lock Haven University, Clearfield Campus

Ohio Valley Hospital (75)

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SNAP Steth-a-SCOOP

- Penn State Behrend Campus (3)
- Robert Morris University (1)
- Sharon Regional Health System (1)
- Sewickley Valley Hospital
- University of Pittsburgh at Bradford

YEAR-END REPORT



It's time yet again for the SNAP annual convention, and I believe it will be the best one ever. We are very ecstatic about hosting the 2nd annual Nurse Challenge Super Bowl. And "The Power and Passion to Care" theme has

brought in some wonderful speakers. We are honored to have some great leaders in nursing willing to donate the time to teach and share a vast amount of knowledge with us. Using the tools that are presented will help give you the power to be the best that you can be. However, without the passion to care we would not be going into the nursing profession. It takes someone special to be a nurse and that person is YOU. Becoming a nurse is going to be one of the greatest accomplishments and challenges that you will face in life. To be able to give to your community and neighbors in such a selfless way is an admirable calling. I wish you all the best of luck.

Finally, I would like to thank you all very much for allowing me the opportunity to serve as Northwestern Regional Coordinator for the past year. I would like to take this final opportunity to ask of all regional schools to become involved. I have had the opportunity to talk to many individuals who belong to local SNAP chapters within their own schools and regions. They are excited and enjoy spending time with other students sharing knowledge as well as making new friends. Some SNAP chapters get involved in community health activities, some meet monthly to have local nurses and experts give informative talks and lectures, and many plan activities in which to fellowship with each other. It sounds like so much fun as well as a

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good way to share knowledge. I really wanted to see more involvement within the Northwestern Region. However, I hit a road block when I tried to get more involvement within the region. People seem so excited about all of the possibilities but are unwilling to give of themselves to start something new. For this new school year I would like to see nursing students help each other to create a local voice. We are professionals and we need to support one another. I would love to help get the FIRE started, and see the nursing students give of themselves in order to fan the flames. Start something that you can be proud of, that future generations will follow. Be a leader and get involved. If you need help starting a new SNAP chapter contact any one of the SNAP Board of Directors and we can lead you in the right direction.

Rebecca Guenther
NorthWest Regional Coordinator

SOUTHWEST REGION

- California University of Pennsylvania
- Conemaugh Valley Hospital (149)
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania (23)
- Mt. Aloysius College
- Penn State University, Altoona (4)
- Penn State University, Fayette (47)
- St. Francis University (1)
- Washington Hospital (22)
- Waynesburg College (1)
- Westmoreland County Community College (12)

YEAR-END REPORT

Hello again to all nursing students and faculty! Welcome to Convention! This has been almost a year in planning and I hope you enjoy it. There are some awesome speakers and workshops here this year. I enjoyed being the Southwest Regional Coordinator this year. It was a very enriching experience that helped me learn and grow in so many ways. I wish to



thank you all for electing me to the Southwest Regional Coordinator position. It has been a great year and I appreciate being able to be a part of this organization on the state level. It was an irreplaceable learning experience.

I spent most my term trying to establish contact with the other schools in my region. Presently, I have contacts with about half of the schools. I am hoping to pass these contacts on to the next coordinator so that he or she can possibly get the schools in the region more involved with SNAP at the state level and share ideas about how to keep members or brainstorm fund-raiser ideas. I had hoped to do these things but had problems establishing contacts; so, hopefully, these goals can be passed on to the next coordinator along with goals that he or she has in mind for the next year.

I wish everyone good luck in the rest of this school year and the rest of your school years. Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to share in the experience of the SNAP Board of Directors.

Courtney Stitzer
Southwest Regional Coordinator

SOUTHCENTRAL REGION

Alvernia University (54)
Brandywine Hospital (10)
Chester County Hospital
Delaware County Community College (3)
Harrisburg Area Comm College, Gettysburg
Harrisburg Area Comm College, Harrisburg (43)
Harrisburg Area Comm College, Lancaster (19)
Harrisburg Area Comm College, York (29)
Lancaster General Coll of Nsg & Health Scs (30)
Lewistown Hospital
Messiah College (4)
Millersville University (1)
Neumann University (5)
Penn State University, Mont Alto
Penn State University, Hershey/Main (4)
Reading Area Community College (1)
Reading Hospital (399)
West Chester University (6)
York College of Pennsylvania (20)

Helen Veet
SouthCentral Regional Coordinator



GREATER PHILADELPHIA REGION

Community College of Philadelphia (14)
Drexel University (763)
Eastern University (26)
Frankford Hospital (110)
Harcum College (111)
Holy Family University (30)
La Salle University (33)
Methodist Hospital School of Nursing
Northeastern Hospital School of Nursing (94)
Roxborough Hospital School of Nursing (3)
Temple University (56)
Thomas Jefferson University (27)
University of Pennsylvania (82)
Villanova University (112)
Widener University (727)

YEAR-END REPORT

The 2008-2009 year has been a productive one for the Greater Philadelphia Region.



Communication has improved significantly, as more and more of the regional chapters have been involved in the conversations of the region: updates, questions, and great input. The relationship between the students of this great region, their chapter presidents and faculty advisors, and myself and the state has strengthened and shows great signs of continued success for the future!

The Greater Philadelphia Region has been busy with many community involvement activities such as helping local girl scout troop earn medical badges, organizing a drive for items for US troops overseas, volunteering time at free clinics taking vital signs, helping orchestrate an on campus bone marrow drive and so much more. I have been fortunate enough to visit several chapter meetings and speak on the activities of SNAP and answer any questions posed. It was fantastic to hear all the feedback and to take what was heard and bring it to the State level. Also, within this term, the Philadelphia Region worked towards the first Annual Regional Nursing Bowl Challenge! This helps with reviewing for the NCLEX and class as well as a great way to bring the regional chapters together for a night of fun.

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Working For & With You!

The students, student leaders and faculty advisors have done a terrific job in the Greater Philadelphia Region. I am truly proud to be a part of the Greater Philadelphia region.

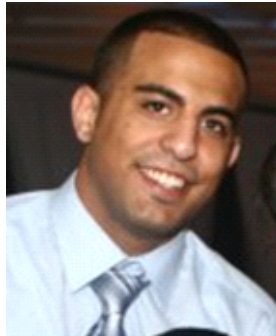
Thank you for a great year, SNAP!

Alison Spicer
Greater Philadelphia Regional Coordinator

NORTHEAST REGION

Bloomsburg University (3)
Misericordia University (281)
East Stroudsburg University (30)
Luzerne County Community College (2)
Mansfield University
Marywood University (113)
Mercyhurst College, North East
Penn College of Technology (8)
Penn State University, Worthington-Scranton (1)
Schuylkill Health School of Nursing (22)
Thomas Jefferson Univ., Geisinger Campus
University of Scranton (22)
Wilkes University (72)

YEAR-END REPORT



Greetings from the Northeast! I hope everyone is having another wonderful year and I would like to welcome all new members to SNAP. The start of the year has been very busy for the Board of Directors as we get ready for

convention. Convention is an excellent way to network within the nursing society to meet new people and opportunities. I highly encourage all students to attend convention. It is a great opportunity to expand your knowledge within the nursing field. There will be a number of outstanding speakers with workshops that will benefit you for the rest of your career. If there are any questions about convention, I highly recommend getting in contact with any one of the Board members and they will be more than happy to assist you with your questions. As your Northeast Regional Coordinator, I remain committed to increasing communication within the Northeast Region. I am working on a discussion board that will allow all chapters within the region to communicate together with information concerning nursing programs and any other concerns students may have. I feel this will benefit students by having

someone that is available that is in a nursing program that may have different knowledge or resources to assist in answering questions or concerns. I would like to encourage all chapters to contact me with updates and events going on in your area. I stand as your Northeast Regional Coordinator to answer any questions or concerns you have about SNAP and look forward to meeting everyone at convention!!

Josh Ballan
NorthEast Regional Coordinator

SOUTHEAST REGION

Abington Hospital School of Nursing (360)
Bucks County Community College (2)
Cedar Crest College (5)
deSales University (11)
Gwynedd Mercy College (43)
Lehigh Carbon Community College (2)
Montgomery County Community College (5)
Moravian College (7)
Northampton County Community College
St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing (159)

Melissa Love
SouthEast Regional Coordinator

A Call for Articles!

Insight is your newsletter! We encourage members and chapters to submit articles to be published in upcoming issues of *Insight* about events and activities happening at your school. All you need to do is submit your article as an attachment in an email to snap@snap-online.org. We also welcome pictures! We know you are doing great things at your school. Share that with your colleagues and see your name in print!





The Fourth Annual *LEAD* Workshop for Emerging SNAP Leaders

This workshop is designed for emerging leaders from Pennsylvania's local chapters to gain leadership and development skills. Ideally, participants will be freshmen or sophomores. Each school may send a total of four (4) students, and registration will be on a first come - first served basis, for a maximum of 60 participants.

This workshop was very well received in the past, and the SNAP Board of Directors is very excited to be able to offer this workshop to the SNAP membership for the third year! **The workshop will be held March 20 & 21, 2010.** The faculty includes David R. Ranck and Kristine Keefer Wolff, SNAP Professional Consultants, and many past SNAP leaders. We sincerely hope chapters take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to learn more about leadership and development on an individual and organizational level.

To register to attend, please email the names and email addresses of those wishing to attend to Cindy Shingler, SNAP Executive Director, at snap@snap-online.org. Remember that registration is on a **first-come, first-served** basis. The first 60 students will receive a participant profile via email so that we can learn about each person and their individual level of experience. **If you have any questions, feel free to call the SNAP office at (717)671-7110, or email David Ranck at davidranck@tlcinstitute.com or Kristine Wolff at keferkw@upmc.edu.**



2009 SNAP LEAD Participants & Speakers

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Year-End Report

By *Ellen Stoner*

*SNAP Secretary
Treasurer*



As we come together for our yearly assembly, I would like to reiterate the importance of convention. At this or any other meeting for an organization, the opportunities for

professional growth and development are boundless. One of my main intentions during this term was to produce an informative explanation of the “ins-and-outs” of conventions which would be made available to the members of SNAP. I plan on passing the progress I have made in this presentation on to the next Board, with the hope that it will one day be a resource for all of the nursing students in Pennsylvania; to encourage and promote participation in our professional organization.

In addition to maintaining accurate and detailed accounts of every Board meeting this year, my responsibilities as Secretary/Treasurer have included accounting for the monetary well-being of SNAP. Despite the ongoing changes in the economy, I am pleased to report that SNAP continues to be financially strong and that we have been able to adapt to the evolving fiscal atmosphere. Along with the challenges we have all encountered, I know that it can be difficult to find the support to travel to convention while still sufficiently managing educational funds. I strongly advise all nursing students to look to the hospitals, educational institutions, professional organizations, and any other groups we support for their assistance in our growing endeavors. Do not be intimidated to apply for scholarships, grants, or any other awards that might provide the backing and encouragement

Welcome!

*Year-End Report by Jatolloa Davis
SNAP Vice President*



WELCOME to convention. I cannot believe we have made it to this point, but I am glad we have arrived. There has been some major planning put into this convention as I mentioned before

but I know it was all worth it. This past year has been nothing short of amazing and I have thoroughly enjoyed serving you. I hope I was able to create a convention that provides a plethora of information that you can take back to your schools and into your professional lives. I hope convention is able to feed your **Power and Passion to Care!**

Fellow Board Members, thank you for all of your hard work and participation when it came to convention and business of the Board. Your suggestions and time are irreplaceable. The effort you put into each of your positions continues to inspire me! Thanks for always putting a smile on my face!

To our executive director, Cindy, and professional consultants, David and Kris, thank you for the constant support and encouragement you have provided over the last year. There is no way I could have done what I did without you all by my side cheering me on! I promise to take everything you have taught me into my professional nursing career!

And to the student nurses of Pennsylvania, again thank you for allowing me to serve you over the past year. It has truly been a pleasure and I hope with all my heart that you get everything you can out of convention. As the time neared for convention, I became more and more excited for the line up of excellent speakers! They indeed want to give all of us a piece of themselves to help all of us excel in the profession that we love. I tried my hardest to pour all the passion I had into this convention so I hope you enjoy it.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES TO CONSIDER 7 RESOLUTIONS



Year-End Report by **Michael Martinoli**
SNAP Legislative Coordinator

Hello SNAP! I hope everyone is looking forward to a fun, enriching, and memorable Convention! I know one of the best decisions I've made in college so far was deciding to run for office at convention last year, and I have been honored to serve as your Legislative Coordinator. We should all be proud that many students in our organization have taken a leadership role and participated in multiple events to strengthen their legislative knowledge and make their opinions as a student nurse heard.

Firstly, three resolutions that were passed at last year's state convention were taken to the NSNA Convention and also PASSED by the House of Delegates!! These resolutions included supporting awareness of the beneficial effects of music therapy submitted by Villanova University, supporting vaginal microbicide development submitted by UPENN, and supporting increased awareness and prevention of MRSA, which I presented on behalf of the Board of Directors. I encourage you all to take the initiative to voice your own opinion by writing and presenting a resolution at the 2010 NSNA Convention or the next SNAP Convention. One of the many benefits of being a member in SNAP is having the ability and tools to make a difference. Writing a resolution is one method to express your opinion, and if passed at convention, it will be the official stand that SNAP takes on that topic! I am pleased to announce that the SNAP House of Delegate will consider seven proposed resolutions at this year's meeting. I congratulate the authors of these resolutions for bringing these important issues before our voting body.

Also, hundreds of our members had the opportunity to attend Capitol Hill Step by Step in Harrisburg this past March and October. By hearing from a variety of knowledgeable speakers, they learned about the legislative issues that affect our career, and how we can become involved as student nurses to affect those issues. After the presentation, students then had the chance to tour the Capital building, meet their local representatives, and access the resources to contact them about any concerns and opinions.

While serving on the Communication Committee, I helped develop ideas for the SNAP website, which will be presented to the next Board of Directors. I hope to see a legislative section incorporated on the site where updates and useful information will be posted. We have grown so much as an organization this year, and I urge you all to stay informed with the legislative issues that affect us all. Once again, thank you for taking an active role concerning the legislative influences of nursing, and I'll see you in the House of Delegates at convention where we'll continue to advance our organization!



CAPITOL HILL: *Step by Step*
March 30 & October 5, 2010

Come to your state Capitol, and learn from nursing leaders the reason it is so important that every nurse be involved in the political process. Register online at www.snap-online.org or email Cindy Shingler at snap@snap-online.org.

What's Your Passion? Write a Resolution!

HAVE YOU READ . . .

The Glass Castle

by Jeannette Walls

A Book Review by Timothy Frazier

In this best-selling memoir, *The Glass Castle*, Jeannette Walls describes the trials and triumphs of her life growing up in a dysfunctional family with an alcoholic father and selfish mother. Through her writings, readers catch a rare glimpse of life as a poor Appalachian child, and the personal struggles she endured. Although deciding to share her story publicly was something Walls struggled with, her story gives hope to thousands of readers worldwide. Anyone who has ever felt wronged by his or her parents will benefit from the forgiveness theme woven throughout the biography. Deep, dark family secrets can be overcome. Any adult or child who is facing challenging times in their life can learn and benefit from the strength and courage that the children in this story displayed as they rose to meet and overcome the challenges that fate dealt them. Anyone who has ever had a dream or a promise made but not kept will benefit from the example of the author's endurance.

The author begins with her earliest memory of her childhood. When she was just three years old and cooking hot dogs on the stove unsupervised, her beautiful pink dress was set ablaze. She was badly burned, but she came through it. This was the beginning in what was to become a series of abuses and neglectful acts perpetrated by her parents directly and indirectly.

Wall's parents both were described as suffering from mental health challenges. Her father, Rex Walls, was an alcoholic and could not hold a steady job. He believed federal investigators were always one-step behind him. This caused him to be "always doing the skedaddle" as he labeled it. Of the three siblings, the author's father loved her the best. This did not stop him from prostituting her, stealing from her, and allowing her to sleep in a box. Wall's recalls that despite his shortcomings, her father was the greatest in her mind.

The author's mother, Rose Mary Walls, was not remembered as fondly. She suffered from her own demons. She was a trained educator who ascribed to become an artist and a writer. Although, she was never able to sell either a painting or her writings, "from time to time she did receive an encouraging rejection letter." Her selfishness was evidenced when she would hoard food from her children and refused to cook, as it was "a waste of time."

Walls' pain and embarrassment she felt at home was magnified at school. Often she was forced by her hunger to eat other children's discarded lunches. Walls' ordeal was worsened by her poor personal hygiene. Often the family lacked running water. Bathing was at best a weekly event. Clean clothes were a luxury. Even in a poor Appalachian community, this was unacceptable. In Welch, the family could not afford to dispose of their garbage. Their solution was to bury it. This only heightened the verbal and physical abuse the children endured at the hands of their classmates.

The story ends with each of the children overcoming their past abuse and neglect and fulfilling their dreams. The author, especially, overcame the obstacles that life placed in front of her and never quit. Her past adversity turned into triumph of the human spirit that is an inspiration for generations to come.

This student highly recommends this wonderfully written book. All readers will benefit from this tale of survival, of overcoming the worst that life has to offer, and of not only surviving but in thriving. As a nursing student, this book is highly recommended for its portrayal of the familiar hardships of life with alcoholic and neglectful parents. The description of life in the Appalachian culture is a rare glimpse into what those of us who grew up in that culture know to be all too true.

Timothy Frazier is a student at Alvernia University.



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MidYear Conference, which was extremely successful.

For those of you who are able to be in attendance for our 57th Annual Convention, I trust you will have an amazing time and encourage you to take full advantage of all resources made available to you. Pennsylvania will again be represented at the NSNA National Convention from April 7th-11th, 2010 and we encourage your participation at this event! The Pennsylvania delegation continues to be a well represented state, but we need your attendance and participation to continue that tradition! I am also very pleased and honored to report that SNAP's membership is currently 5,108 strong! That is amazing growth of almost 2,100 members just over the past year! And it is one of the largest number of members in the past 25 years of the organization.

Though we are all struggling in the current economy and some are struggling with the job market, SNAP still stands firm in its beliefs and dedication to the student nurse. We strongly believe that the empowerment of student nurses through experience, knowledge, and advocacy will better prepare the 'nurses of tomorrow'. The nursing profession has the potential to be one of the strongest voices in America and SNAP remains committed to forward that opportunity.

On behalf of the 2008-2009 Board of Directors, I want to personally thank the membership of SNAP and their ongoing support of our values and mission. I also want

to thank the Board of Directors, NEC, and staff for their unwavering support of SNAP and its goals. Best of luck for the conclusion of the fall semester!!!

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needed to fulfill and advance your progress as a nursing student. As future professionals in the medical field, it is crucial that we take every opportunity to become great and independent leaders.

As this term comes to an end, it is our intention as the Board of Directors to leave guidance and advice to the future Board to learn from the progress we have made this year. I truly hope that we have been able to provide assistance and support for the members of the Student Nurses' Association of Pennsylvania, and I look forward to seeing everyone in Lancaster!

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I would also like to thank all of the volunteers who donated their time to help convention run smoothly! And to the convention presenters, thank you for sharing your passion with us!

Good luck to all of those who are running for positions on the Board. Ahead awaits a wonderful journey and learning experience, so definitely take advantage of it!

Until we meet again Pennsylvania, remember to keep the PASSION of nursing burning bright! Thank You!

SCORE! NCLEX Prep Course

Attention - all seniors! Prepare & Pass with **SCORE!** This NCLEX review course was created for Pennsylvania's nursing students by the Student Nurses' Association of Pennsylvania and STAT, Inc. For more information and course offerings, go to the SNAP website at www.snap-online.org. Sign up for **SCORE!** to come to your school at the convention! Just visit Dr. Poorman and Melissa Mastorovich at Booth 92 in the exhibit hall to reserve your dates!

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