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withdrawal. This can be by checking account or a credit card. We are recommending using a checking account because this has no expiration date like a credit card does unless you are better at remembering than I am to update every auto payment I have when my credit card expiration date changes.

Have You set up your NNA Info Hub Account? This is the MEMBERS ONLY section of the NNA website (<https://nebraskanurses.org/>) where you will find member

resources such as past Nebraska Nurse issues, Bylaws, Legislative testimony & letters Plus forums to connect with other members and more!! It's easy. Go to the NNA website and look for the member login on the upper right side, it will walk you through the set up. 🔥

Nebraska Student Nurse Association Update

Seven UNMC CON WND/Scottsbluff students and one advisor attended the National Students Nurses Convention in April in Seattle, WA. Students and faculty attended various educational sessions. Their merchandise was very popular, with additional orders taken online after some items were sold out. Emma Fink was the delegate. Steffi Geline Tactacan ran for the national Vice President position with the assistance of Ben Klemesrud and Andrea Pearson and was ultimately elected to the Nominations and Elections Committee. Katelyn Ott was instrumental in planning, organizing, and ordering the merchandise and was primarily assisted by Jessica Harvey

and Stephanie Lopez at the booth. The students were excellent representatives for UNMC. We would all like to thank UNMC CON Dean Sharp-McHenry for her generous support for this student event.

The graduating "Student Nurses of the Year" were recognized by NNA MIG 1 for Western Nebraska Community College - Kathryn Blankenship and the University of Nebraska College of Nursing WND/ Scottsbluff division- Emma Wareham. Congratulations to them and all the spring nursing graduates! 🔥

2025 Nurses Week Proclamation

Whereas, nurses in Nebraska constitute our state's largest health care profession; and

Whereas, the more than 36,000 registered nurses, advanced practice nurses and licensed practical nurses in Nebraska are not only the cornerstone of patient care, but are also at the forefront in improving the quality of care and seeking ways to continue increasing access to care; and

Whereas, in addition to addressing vital healthcare needs, nurses have a critical understanding of the challenges patients face, and are concerned with their patient's overall well-being and encourage healthy living and preventative practices; and

Whereas, nurses are advocates, healers, and bridge builders, and believe in creating conditions for everyone to thrive and will lead the charge to transform healthcare into a system that is just, inclusive, and truly equitable for all; and

Whereas, the Nebraska Nurses Association is the voice

for the nurses in this area. The association is working to chart a new course for a healthy state that relies on increasing delivery of primary and preventative health care; and

Whereas, the nursing profession is dedicated to meeting the emerging healthcare needs of the state by saving lives and improving the outcome of medical care in a wide range of settings; and

Whereas, nurses show unwavering dedication to their patients by providing the highest level of individual care and attention by meeting healthcare needs and preserving the dignity of each patient; and

Whereas, for twenty-three consecutive years, the American Public has ranked nurses the professionals with the highest honesty and ethical standards. These results underscore the deep trust the public has in nurses.

Whereas, nurses throughout Nebraska are recognized for their outstanding commitment to serving the health and welfare needs of the citizens of our state and, in turn,

helping to make Nebraska the best place to live, work, and raise a family.

Whereas, along with the American Nurses Association, the Nebraska Nurses Association has declared May 6-12 as Nurses Week, with the theme “The Power of Nurses,” with appreciation for nurses’ unparalleled impact and their contributions to health care, and an open invitation to thank a nurse at #ThankANurse for enriching our lives and the world we live in, therefore be it

Resolved, that I, Governor Jim Pillen, ask that all residents of Nebraska join me in honoring the nurses who care for all of us, and be it further

Resolved, that the residents of Nebraska celebrate nurses’ accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system and show our appreciation for the nation’s nurses not just during this week, but at every opportunity throughout the year. 💡



Nurses Week Proclamation photo (left to right): Krystal Davis- NPDC Chair, Kim Houtwed- Executive Director, Blake Smith- President-Elect, Governor Jim Pillen, Molly Herzberg- Treasurer, Linda Hardy- President

NNA MOURNS THE LOSS OF DON WESELY



Don Wesely was the long-time lobbyist for NNA. He provided knowledge, guidance, and support for our advocacy efforts. He was there when we testified and provided unfailing praise for our efforts. He was awarded the Friend of NNA Award at our convention this past October. Don was at the Capital with us in February for our Nurses and Student Nurses Day at the Legislature.

We will miss his quiet but powerful presence. 💡