

# SCNA Leads with The Power of Nurses™



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## Hello, Fall...

The leaves should be changing, and there should be a cool breeze in the air, but let's be honest, this is South Carolina... so it's probably 82 degrees and sunny as you're reading this! But no matter the temperature, one thing is for sure: **nothing could be finer than to be a nurse in Carolina.**

Over the past few months, your SCNA team has been moving full speed ahead hosting webinars and symposiums, showing up at your workplaces, presenting at nursing schools, advocating for meaningful legislation, coordinating our annual 5K run/walk, and offering impactful continuing professional development opportunities. And that's just the tip of the iceberg!

## Why do we do it? Because you never stop.

You care from the bedside to the boardroom and everywhere in between. You

lead. You advocate. You educate. And at SCNA, we show up to match that same energy. We have built new partnerships to amplify your voice, brought on bright interns to invest in our future, and continued working with organizations that bring you more value for your membership. We are streamlining costs and reinvesting those savings into efforts that matter to you, your patients, and the nursing profession in South Carolina.

You are our greatest strength, your voice, your passion, your feedback, and your leadership fuel everything we do. So please, keep sharing your ideas and your concerns. Challenge us to do more. We are only as strong as the nurses who make up this association.

Don't forget to nominate your peers for our **SCNA statewide DAISY Awards**, the **Judith C. Thompson "Nurse Accomplice" Award**, and the **Dr. Stephanie Burgess**

**Nurse Advocacy Award** because part of our job is to not just work for you, but to *celebrate you*.

As always, we are just a phone call or email away. I truly look forward to connecting with more of you in the months ahead and hearing how we can keep showing up for you.

Thank you for your passion in the face of adversity, your compassion in the face of indifference, and your consistency in the face of challenge. You keep showing up because you believe in what we do and who we are.

We are **nurses first**. Here at SCNA, we will continue to harness **The Power of Nurses™** to make South Carolina a healthier, stronger place to live, work, and thrive. ■

## Members in the News

Congratulations to Demetrius Abshire of Columbia, Katherine Chike-Harris of Charleston, Carolyn Harmon of Rock Hill, Evangeline Dennis of Anderson, Sheryl Mitchell of Blythewood, and Malissa Mulkey of Columbia on their upcoming

induction into the American Academy of Nursing's 2025 Class of New Fellows.

Congratulations to Dr. Glenda Sims, of Spartanburg on being pictured on the Southside Cultural Monument in Spartanburg. We thank you for your contribution

to the African American history in Spartanburg.

Congratulations to Dr. Nikki Smith, of Elgin as the recipient of the 2025 AANP State Award for Outstanding Contributions. ■

### PAPIN Peer Assistance Program in Nursing Nurses Helping Nurses



Peer Assistance Program in Nursing (PAPIN) is a support group for nurses with substance use disorders. It collaborates with the Recovering Professionals Program (RPP) assisting nurses in getting their professional and personal lives back on track to sustain the recovery abilities of nurse participants across South Carolina.

PAPIN meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month, virtually at 5:30PM. For meeting access and other helpful information go to <https://www.scnurses.org/page/PAPIN>