

Get Ready for 2026!



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Bring on 2026! Can you believe we have made it through another incredible year? How ever you chose to close out 2025, whether through quiet reflection, joyful celebration with loved ones, moments of worship, or caring for others at the bedside, I hope it renewed your spirit and reminded you of the profound impact nurses have every single day.

As we step boldly into this new year, I invite you to embrace a New Year and a New Attitude, one fueled by purpose, passion, and pride in the extraordinary profession we share.

A Year to Remember

The year 2025 will go down as one of the most dynamic in healthcare. We witnessed robust debates around medication safety and neurodivergence, continued the fight for full practice authority for APRNs, and navigated complex discussions around Medicaid expansion, reproductive health policy, and medical cannabis. Yet through it all, one thing has remained clear:

There is no healthcare without nURses — and yes, that capital “U” and “S” is intentional!

A Year of Growth and Grit

At SCNA, we didn't just keep pace with change, we led it.

- **Hosted a record-breaking 2025 State Convention** in Hilton Head, where nurses from across South Carolina came together to learn, connect, and celebrate. And plans are already underway for an even more spectacular 2026 Convention!
- **Launched our new podcast**, Sweet Tea & Stethoscopes, now available on all major platforms and quickly gaining traction across the nursing community.
- **Welcomed the South Carolina Nurses Foundation** into our shared headquarters at 220 Stoneridge Drive... a true symbol of collaboration in action.
- **Reignited our partnership with the South Carolina Hospital Association**, our generous 2025 Gala Title Sponsor.
- **Expanded our Organizational Affiliates** by welcoming the Delta Eta Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Nursing Sorority, Inc., and initiated quarterly affiliate roundtables to strengthen collaboration statewide.
- **Completed a full organizational rebrand** in alignment with the American Nurses Association, ensuring our image reflects the innovation and integrity of our members.
- **Hosted our 2nd Annual Nurses 5K**, expanded our continuing education webinars, and extended our community reach.
- **Released our historic Racial Reckoning Statement** after over a year and a half of reflection, research, and partnership with

the University of South Carolina Center for Civil Rights, acknowledging our past and boldly defining who we will become.

These accomplishments represent more than milestones; they signify a movement. SCNA has shifted from waiting for opportunity to creating it. We're expanding partnerships, amplifying benefits, and elevating the voice of nursing across every arena of influence.

A Call to Every Nurse

As we launch into 2026, We want to hear from you. SCNA exists for nurses, but its strength comes from nurses. My personal goal is to increase our membership by more than **500 nurses** by year's end, and I know we can achieve it together.

Invite us to your workplace. Encourage a colleague to join. Participate in our many events, webinars, and initiatives — because everything we do is designed with you in mind.

Let's learn together. Laugh together. Lead together.

Because when nurses show up, **South Carolina moves forward.**

Here's to 2026, a year of innovation, collaboration, and the unstoppable Power of Nurses™. ■

