

Nurses Deal in Advocacy

Political Action Committee

American Nurses Association New York

The American Nurses Association-New York Political Action Committee (ANA-NY PAC) was established to raise funds to support state legislators and candidates seeking elected office who champion the nursing profession.

Registered nurses (RNs) around the state lead daily, from working on the front lines to caring for patients to mentoring the next generation of RNs. It is essential that we support state legislators and candidates who advocate for registered nurses and the nursing profession to continue to build healthy work environments in every setting where an RN practices.

The PAC goal is to achieve 100% participation from our 9,200+ fellow ANA-NY

members.

We want to thank everyone who has donated to the PAC so far in 2026. This year we have a record number of individual donations to date! In 2026, we want to have more house parties to continue this trend. If you are interested in hosting a house party to support the PAC, please email us at pac@anany.org.

We encourage you to please donate to the PAC by clicking on the [link](#) or scanning the below QR code:



Your ANA-NY PAC donation is not tax-deductible, must be in your name (not in memory or honor of another person), will be public record, and your employer cannot reimburse the contribution.*Please note that when you renew your annual ANA dues and select to donate money to the PAC, your money goes to the national ANA PAC, not your state ANA-NY PAC.

We are gearing up for the ANA-NY Annual meeting on November 12, 2026. Come by and see us at our table! ■

Wishing you a wonderful summer,
ANA-NY PAC Board

Committee Spotlight – Awards Committee

The Awards Committee typically meets once or twice a year in the Spring. The office team sends out the call for award nominees for that year's categories. The committee electronically

scores the submissions and then meets to finalize the awardees. Volunteer for this committee if you want a chance to be wowed by the accomplishments of our members. ■

The 2026 members of the Awards Committee are:



Chair – Tanya Drake, MSN, RN

Tanya Drake is a Charter and Founding Member of the American Nurses Association-New York, as well as the immediate past Vice President and former Secretary. She is passionate about nursing, advocacy, equitable healthcare for all, community service, and strongly believes that we are all obliged to give back to our profession. She has been active in professional organizations on the local, state, and national level throughout her career and held numerous leadership positions. A published author, Tanya retired after a 50-year career in nursing and was honored to be named Professor Emerita of SUNY Rockland Community College. Among the many acknowledgements of her contributions to the profession are the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service, the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Award for Leadership and Teaching Excellence, The Long Island University Top 50 Distinguished Nursing Alumni Award, and the Excellence in Clinical Practice Award from the Alpha Phi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, Int. Currently, Tanya is Secretary of Nurses House, Inc., a member of the Board of Trustees of Montefiore Nyack Hospital, a Community Educator for the Hudson Valley Chapter of the

Alzheimer's Association, and works on the construction crew of Rockland County Habitat for Humanity. Tanya enjoys expedition travel and was thrilled to recently discover a fossilized dinosaur eggs nest while hiking in the Gobi in Mongolia.



Verlia Brown, MA, RN, BC (Ret'd)

Verlia Brown is a retired Critical Care Nursing Care Coordinator from Kings County Hospital Center in Brooklyn, New York, who has dedicated her career to promoting excellence in nursing practice, leadership, and professional service. She currently serves on the Awards Committee and as the Alternate ANA-NY representative to the ANA Membership Assembly, continuing her long-standing commitment to strengthening the nursing profession at the state and national levels. Her previous leadership roles include serving on the ANA-NY Board of Directors, acting as Board Liaison to the Awards Committee, representing ANA-NY at the ANA Membership Assembly, chairing the Awards Committee, and contributing as a member of the Bylaws Committee. A dedicated advocate for professional development, she remains active in the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses, Sigma Theta Tau In-