



## IASN NEWSLETTER

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AUGUST 2021 Edition

### A Message from Our President Gloria E. Barrera MSN, RN, PEL-CSN



### 64th Annual Virtual IASN Conference - Thriving in School Nursing: Transforming Student Health *October 1-2, 2021*

**Registration is now OPEN!**

The IASN board is proud to offer a virtual experience for our members. As we continue to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, it was important to IASN to offer an opportunity for school nurses to come together to be inspired, empowered, and re-energized.

**Registration Fees**

IASN Members - \$49  
Non Members - \$79

### September 23rd - Virtual Annual Meeting

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Report from the President

Report from the Treasurer

Bylaws Amendments

Swearing in of new officers

Detailed agenda is pending

**Disclosures:** No conflict of interest is present on the part of the planning team. Speaker disclosures will be made at the time of the individual presentations.

### Friday, October 1st - Virtual Pre-Conference

Screening of *Resilience: The Biology of Stress & the Science of Hope*

7:00 PM: Screening Begins (#IASN21Screening)

8:05 - 8:15 PM: BREAK

8:30 PM: Roundtable Discussions led by IASN Board

### Saturday, October 2nd - Virtual Conference

9:00-9:15 AM: President's Welcome, Installation of Officers, Board Intros, Awards by INF

9:15-10:15 AM: Keith Carlson Keynote

10:15-10:20 AM: *BREAK*

10:20-11:15 AM IASN Talks (Ignite)

11:15-12:00 PM: *LUNCH BREAK*

12:00-1:00 PM: Presentation by Dr. Emily Landon (Title to be announced)

1:00-1:05 PM: *BREAK*

1:05-2:05 PM: Session (Speaker and Title to be announced)

2:05-3:15 PM Presentation by Robin Cogan

3:15-3:20 PM Giveaways presented by NASN Director and Wrap Up

[Register for the 2021 Virtual Conference Here](#)

Meet Our Conference Keynote -  
Keith Carlson RN, BSN, NC-BC



Nurse Keith has over two decades of experience in nursing and healthcare as a clinician, administrator, and entrepreneur.

As an accomplished speaker, writer, blogger, podcaster, consultant, and holistic career coach for nurses, Keith has his finger on the pulse of 21st-century nursing. He keenly understands the challenges faced by nursing professionals and healthcare organizations.

Keith's well-known nursing podcasts – The Nurse Keith Show and RNFM Radio – reach listeners on six continents. His message of savvy career advice for nurses has been featured by Nurse.com, Nurse.org, Working Nurse Magazine, American Sentinel University, MultiBriefs News Service, StaffGarden, American Nurse Today, NursingCE.com, Health eCareers, among others.

Keith is a Board Certified Nurse Coach (NC-BC) and has logged more than 1,000 hours providing holistic career coaching for nurses throughout the United States.

[Hear a brief clip from Keith here.](#)

## 2021 Foundation Grants, Scholarships and Awards

### IASN Foundation Grants, Scholarships, and Awards

The IASN Foundation offers multiple Scholarships, Grants, and Awards. These are intended to assist IASN members in obtaining school nurse certification, graduate education, and recognize professional achievement. IASN members are encouraged to apply for these.

### State-Wide School Nurse Certification Grant

Two \$800 grants given annually to nurses working to obtain their PEL-CSN. Recipients also receive complimentary admission to the next IASN Annual Conference (approximate value: \$150). Applicants must be enrolled in an Illinois School Nurse Certification Program or have completed a program within the past academic year.

### Margaret Winters Memorial Scholarship

One \$1,500 scholarship given to an IASN member currently enrolled in a graduate level program which has at its core, nursing or nursing management in the school setting. Your graduate program scholarly project may be used to fulfill the scholarship application requirements. The recipient will also receive complimentary admission to the next IASN Annual Conference (approximate value \$150).

### Lois Frels Research Award

One \$500 award given to an IASN member in recognition of research that impacts school nursing or the health of children/youth. The research must have been completed within 24 months of the application deadline.

### IASN Achievement Awards

Two \$150 awards annually to IASN members. These awards recognize achievements that impact school nursing or the health of children/youth. Achievements can consist of things such as: writing an article for publication in a professional journal, conducting a quality improvement project, developing and implementing a school program, developing and implementing a school based project, accomplishing a special project for IASN, first time oral presentation at the NASN conference.

### Cook County Legacy Grants

Up to ten grants of \$1,000 each annually to IASN members living in Cook County working on obtaining their Professional Educator's License as a School Nurse. Applicants must have been an IASN member for at least 1 year and been approved for and started in the internship program of a

PEL-CSN program, in the past 12 months.

#### DuPage and Will Counties PEL Grant

Up to 10 one-time grants of \$1,000 awarded annually to IASN members living in DuPage or Will counties working on obtaining their Professional Educator's License as a School Nurse. Applicants must have been an IASN member for at least 1 year and been approved for and started in the internship program of a PEL-CSN program, in the past 12 months.

#### Lake County Legacy Grant

One grant of \$2,000 to a nurse pursuing a Professional Educator's License as a School Nurse. The grants is for the purpose of assisting an IASN member residing in Lake County obtain their School Nurse Certification. The grant will go to a student attending Lewis University's ISU/Mennonite's School Nurse Certification Program. (The grants for other certification programs have already been awarded). Applicants must have been approved for and started in the internship program of a PEL-CSN program, in the past 12 months.

#### The South-Western Illinois PEL Grant

One grant of \$1,200 grant for the purpose of assisting an IASN member in the former Market-Kaskaskia area obtain their School Nurse Certification. Applicants must reside in Pike, Scott, Calhoun, Macoupin, Madison, Greene, Jersey, Montgomery, Bond, St. Clair, or Monroe counties. Applicants must have been approved for and started in an Approved Illinois School Nurse Certification Program.

#### Northwest IASN Conference Attendance Scholarship

Up to twelve \$150 grants will be awarded annually for IASN members in Boone, Winnebago, Ogle, Stephenson, Lee, or JoDavies counties. Applicants must agree to share information learned at the conference with other nurses in their school district after the conference and before the end of that school year

The deadline for all scholarships, grants, and awards is **September 1st**.

Additional information and application forms are available on the IASN Foundation page of the IASN Website. Send questions to [IASNFoundation.contact@gmail.org](mailto:IASNFoundation.contact@gmail.org).

## NASN and YOU!

Cathy Yonkaitis, DNP, RN, NCSN - NASN Director



I hope many of you were able to attend virtual NASN 2021. All reports are that virtual options are a big plus! NASN is considering how both live in-person and virtual conference presentations can be made available in the future. Stay tuned!

**Reminder:** Registered attendees can earn CE by watching the recorded conference sessions until September 23<sup>rd</sup>

CNE Certificates earned are stored in your [profile on the NASN Learning Center](#) where the event took place. You may also download a [transcript of CNE earned](#) in your my.nasn.org profile

#### School Nurse of the Year

Nominations have been submitted. Watch our social media platforms and your email

this fall to hear who the 2021 School Nurse of the Year recipient will be!

### School Nurse Administrator of the Year

Unfortunately, no complete nominations were submitted this year. Please consider submitting your nurse leader for this award next year! I am always happy to help with the nomination!

Additionally, please watch your inbox for a member survey coming out this fall.



*What does* **IASN**  
*mean to you?*

"IASN represents a collection of nurses working together for the wellness of children in schools. It helps give me a sense of community in an otherwise very autonomous role. Attending the IASN conference this year was an amazing way to network among peers, share challenges and triumphs, and stay informed on the most current practices."

Amy Janis