

ATTENTION Student Nurses Assoc. (SNA) MEMBERS & ALL NURSING STUDENTS

SNA's Weekly Update:

Member of the week: Scott Watkins

Year: 8th semester

Why nursing: My father's mother was a nurse, and he became a surgeon. My mother was an RN. My son became an RN and I felt like a missing link.

What does SNA mean to you: The Student Nurse's Association has been a platform that allowed me to broaden my nursing network across the nursing school and around the Treasure Valley. It has allowed me to view health care and healthcare reform on a national level. My membership in the NSNA expired this last weekend. In following through with the same principles, I joined the Idaho Nurses Association on Friday at the INA conference. I believe that ANA/INA allows me to have a voice in nursing. A lot of people complain about things and do nothing about it, that's not me, I try to be part of the solution. Being a SNA member is being part of the solution.

Why did you join SNA: I joined the SNA before I was accepted to the nursing school. I took the Step Into Nursing course and heard about it there. My father has always been involved in the AMA, so I followed his example.

What have you accomplished through SNA: In my first week of nursing school I noticed that the SNA was building a bra for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. I commented to the guy standing next to me that it did not sound like something to many males would be involved in. In thinking that through I thought about male cancers and testicular cancer. Last Spring we launched the first testicular cancer self exam here on campus during Testicular Cancer Awareness Week. Testicular cancer is most prevalent in males 18-30 which is the average age for students here.

What are your future nursing plans: I have already been offered a job before school is even over. I have been a CNA in the ICU at St. Al's in Nampa for over a

year. I will be a RN in that unit upon graduation. I plan on being involved in the Idaho Nurses Association as I was in the SNA.

Next lecture series

When: Nov. 8 after the general meeting (about 5:15 p.m.)

Where: Room 410/411 in Norco

Speakers: Cecile Evans

Topic: Phantom limb pain

Pizza will be provided!

Next general meeting

When: November 7 and 8 from 4:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

Where: Room 410/411 in Norco

Agenda: Badge holder making

Volunteer opportunities

What: Rake Up Boise

When: November 17

Where: TBA

As soon as we know what time and where, we'll make an announcement. If you're interested in participating, please e-mail Kaylee Humphrey at bsusna@gmail.com.

What: Boise Rescue Mission Thanksgiving Dinner

When: Nov. 21 from 12:50 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Where: Boise Rescue Mission

We will be serving dinner among other things. If interested, please e-mail Kaylee Humphrey at bsusna@gmail.com.

T-shirts on sale

We have a limited number of the Buster Bronco t-shirts still for sale. Please contact Elise Russell-Manicke at bsusna@gmail.com to purchase one.

Thanks to everyone who ordered t-shirts. They are currently being printed. We will keep you posted on the orders' status and let you know when to pick up your shirts.

Idaho SNA offices open

The Idaho Student Nurses Association currently has multiple openings on its board, including legislative chair. For more information, please contact ISNA president Chelsea Collins at collchel@isu.edu.

Help us fill the diaper!

We'll be collecting diapers for local refugees from Oct. 15 until Nov. 15. We need sizes newborn, 1, 2, 3, and 4. Donation bins will be located in the LRC, SNA breakroom, and the atrium on the third floor. The diapers will be given to CARES, a maternal child program. For more information, please e-mail us at bsusna@gmail.com.

SNA elections

Elections are going on now. Voting ends Oct. 31.

Career fair

Want to brush up your resume? Meet potential employers? Listen to tips on job searches? Come to our career fair on November 10 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free for SNA members and \$5 for non-members. More information will be announced as we get closer to the fair.

Seniors needed

The NCSBN National Simulation Study needs 12 senior students on Nov. 2 to assist with the final testing of materials to be used in graduating post-tests for the sim study. These materials will be used in the final Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE). This is the same premise that medical students go through to get their medical licenses.

There will be five stations, each lasting from 10-15 minutes. This is a precheck, so students are not being evaluated. The material is.

The event will occur Friday, Nov. 2 from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the Simulation Lab.

Men in nursing event

What: A panel discussion on being a male nurse

When: Nov. 7 from 3-5 p.m.

Where: Norco room 112

Topic: Stereotypes/multi-media images of male nurses, a panel presentation from BSU alumni working a variety of nursing fields, recent research concerning gender issues in nursing, and a Q&A session with the panelists.

All genders are welcome to attend.