

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Keynote Speaker

Thursday, March 29th

Dr. M. Elaine Tagliareni, RN, CNE, FAAN

“The Future of Nursing: Leading Change and Advancing Health”

Dr. Tagliareni is the Chief Program Officer of the National League for Nursing (NLN). She is known for her work to advocate for excellence in nursing education through pedagogical research and promote dialogue about successful strategies to prepare a diverse nursing workforce.

Dr. Tagliareni was involved in early research and provided information to the Robert Wood Johnson Future of Nursing Initiative. That input shaped the content of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Report on the *Future of Nursing—Leading Change, Advancing the Health of the Nation*. Key findings from the IOM Report will be discussed in terms of its impact on nursing, NLN’s response to these findings and its implications for national curriculum reform.



Keynote Speaker

Friday, March 30th

Janet Tompkins McMahon, RN, MSN

“Answering the Call for Sustainability—Bullying and Incivility In the Classroom”

Ms. Tompkins McMahon will discuss how bullying and incivility is occurring in academia, within various settings on a daily basis. A bully could be the student in a classroom, colleague, supervisor or the person you wouldn’t suspect in the workplace. She will examine triggers for incivility and aggressive behavior, as well as strategies to improve and foster positive outcomes.

Come and learn how to improve your workforce environment. Ms. Tompkins McMahon is a Clinical Associate Professor of Nursing at Towson University in Hagerstown, Maryland. She is a nationally known inspirational speaker for continuing education programs in academia and nursing organization across the U.S.



*Eileen P. Williamson, RN, MSN
President*

New Jersey League for Nursing

I invite you to attend the 2012 New Jersey League for Nursing (NJLN) Convention, a true “coming together” that we’re proud to host once again for nurses and nursing students from around the state. NJLN has a history of producing successful, high-quality conventions for over 40 years. Our theme this year, “2012: Transforming Nursing for Healthcare’s New Age,” is an important and timely one as nurses here in New Jersey and across the nation work diligently to move nursing forward into a future that is bright with promise in education, excellence, leadership and professional advancement. We’ve designed the entire event to offer you the opportunity to not only network and share ideas, but to get up-to-the-minute information on important trends in nursing. We’ve created a wonderful variety of 20 continuing education sessions that will provide you with contact hours for license renewal, and give educators and clinical practitioners alike the ability to “learn and earn.” Our special “Student Track” of 4 educational programs has been designed exclusively for nursing students.

We will again attract a group of exhibitors you’ll surely want to visit with, and we’ve put together 16 educational Poster Sessions you definitely won’t want to miss! I hope you will register for our cutting-edge pre-convention Nurse Educator program, “Innovations in Teaching: An ACES Workshop,” that will take place on Wednesday, March 28th.

NJLN members and non-members are cordially invited to attend our 2012 Annual Business Meeting on Thursday, March 29th, at which I and other members of our Board of Directors will share news and information on the League’s activities over the past year, and tell you about our plans for the coming year. You’ll also get to witness the “passing of the gavel” from me to our incoming NJLN president.

I encourage you to attend and be part of all this Convention has to offer — from beginning to end! For those of you who have been part of our past Conventions, we say thank you for setting the dates aside to be with us again. To the nursing students who plan to join us, truly you are the “future of nursing,” and we will be honored to have you with us. From student to new grad, to the most seasoned among you, we look forward to having you at the Convention. And in the spirit of nursing camaraderie and collegiality, I ask that you plan to reach out to one another and experience the very special “coming together” that Convention can mean! Register early to save \$\$!