



NJLN 2026 CONVENTION AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

BOLD PATHS, BRIGHT FUTURES: EMPOWERING NURSES THROUGH LEARNING AND CONNECTIONS

7:30 AM – 4:15 PM	PRE-CONVENTION PROGRAM Teaching as We Practice: Strengthening Competence, Confidence, and Professional Identity Through Case-Based Learning Dr. Maria Flores Harris, KeithRN <i>Note: Pre-Registration Required, not included with Convention</i>	Ocean City/Longport
5:00 PM – 9:00 PM	CONVENTION REGISTRATION OPEN	Gallery 3rd Floor Coastal Ballroom
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM	WELCOME RECEPTION PRESENTATIONS OF POSTERS AND EXHIBIT AREA OPEN	Exhibition Hall (Brigantine Room, Ballroom A, B)
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION LEADING WITH LOVE: THE BOLD STRATEGY THAT'S TRANSFORMING LEADERSHIP Genevieve Piturro, National Speaker, Author, Founder of the Pajama Program	Ballroom C

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7:30 AM – 11:30 AM	REGISTRATION OPEN	Pre-function Area (Outside Exhibit Hall)
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST EXHIBIT AREA OPEN <i>SPONSORED BY</i> RWJBarnabas HEALTH	Exhibition Hall (Brigantine Room, Ballroom A, B)
8:45 AM – 9:45 AM	BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
SESSION 1	Navigating Uncertainty: Trauma, Healing, and Growth Brenda Marshall, EdD, APN, PMHNP-BC, ANEF, FAANP	Ocean City
SESSION 2	Strategies for Easing the Transition for New-to-Practice Nurses Mary Wunnenberg, EdD, MSN, RN, APN, PMHNP-BC, CNE Tyshaneka Saffold, PhD, MSN, RN	Longport

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9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	STUDENT SESSION PREPARING FOR THE NCLEX Tammy Gerrity, MSN, RN, ATI Nurse Educator <i>Sponsored by</i> 	Ballroom C, D
10:15 AM – 12:00 Noon	GENERAL SESSION	Ballroom C, D
10:15 AM – 10:45 AM	OPENING REMARKS Donna M. Penn, DNP, RN, CNE, NEA-BC NJLN President	
10:45 AM – 12:00 Noon	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION NICOLE SALZANO: JUST KEEP SWIMMING <i>The Power of Yet Changes Everything</i>	
12:00 Noon – 12:45 PM	EXPLORE EXHIBITORS NETWORKING BREAK	Exhibition Hall (Brigantine Room, Ballroom A, B)
12:45 PM – 2:00 PM	NETWORKING LUNCHEON (*Pre-purchased Tickets Required)	La Strada Restaurant
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	SESSION <i>Refreshments will be provided</i> HOW TO B.E.C.O.M.E. YOUR BEST NURSE: A PANEL DISCUSSION	Ballroom C, D
<i>SESSION 3: STUDENTS / OPEN TO ALL</i>		



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2:15 PM – 3:15 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

SESSION 4

BENEFITS OF AI COMPANION INTEGRATION FOR FACULTY AND STUDENTS

Ocean City

Lisa Drews, RN, EdD., MSN, CNE, CNEcl, CNML

SESSION 5

CLICKS, CLIPS & CLINICAL JUDGMENT: EDUCATING THE TIKTOK GENERATION OF NURSES

Longport

Robert Hennigar, MSN-ED, RN, CEN

SESSION 6:
STUDENTS /
OPEN TO ALL

HOW TO SET YOUR PATH IN NURSING

Ballroom C, D

Donna Murray, MSN, RN, APN, WHNP-BC

Donna Penn, DNP, RN, CNE, NEA-BC

Nina Vaid Raoji, DNP, APN-BC, MSN, RN

3:15 PM – 3:45 PM

EXPLORE EXHIBITS AND NETWORKING BREAK

Exhibition Hall
(Brigantine Room,
Ballroom A, B)

VISIT EXHIBITS, LEARN AND EARN AND
PRIZE DRAWING

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

BREAKOUT SESSION

SESSION 7

THE RESILIENT NURSE: EMERGENCY CARE, TRAUMA AND END-OF-LIFE MOMENTS

Ocean City

Ryan Mion, MSN, RN

Richard E. Schultz Jr., MSN, RN, NE-BC, CEN

SESSION 8

FROM ADJUNCT TO FULL-TIME: BUILDING A COMPREHENSIVE FACULTY ORIENTATION TO SUPPORT TEACHING, MENTORSHIP, AND SCHOLARSHIP

Longport

Denise Nash-Luckenbach, PhD, MS, RN, APRN, CCRN, CPNP

Alexandra Tegethoff, EdD, MSN, RN

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5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

SESSION 9

NJLN BUSINESS MEETING

Ballroom C, D

Join the NJLN Board of Directors for our Annual Business Meeting. Election Results will be announced.

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

Rum Point Restaurant



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