




# NJLN 2026 CONVENTION AGENDA

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

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

5:00 PM – 9:00 PM	<b>CONVENTION REGISTRATION OPEN</b>	Gallery 3rd Floor Coastal Tower
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM	<b>WELCOME RECEPTION</b> POSTER PRESENTATIONS AND EXHIBIT AREA OPEN <i>SPONSOR:</i> <b>AtlantiCare</b>	Exhibition Hall (Brigantine Room, Ballroom A, B)
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	<b>KEYNOTE PRESENTATION</b> <b>LEADING WITH LOVE: THE BOLD STRATEGY THAT'S TRANSFORMING LEADERSHIP</b> Genevieve Piturro, National Speaker, Author, Founder of the Pajama Program	Ballroom C

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7:30 AM – 11:30 AM	<b>REGISTRATION OPEN</b>	Gallery 3rd Floor Coastal Tower
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	<b>CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST</b> <b>EXHIBIT AREA OPEN</b> <i>SPONSOR</i> <b>RWJBarnabas HEALTH</b>	Exhibition Hall (Brigantine Room, Ballroom A, B)
8:45 AM – 9:45 AM	<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b>	
<i>SESSION 1</i>	<b>NAVIGATING UNCERTAINTY: TRAUMA, HEALING, AND GROWTH</b> Brenda Marshall, EdD, APN, PMHNP-BC, ANEF, FAANP	Ocean City
<i>SESSION 2</i>	<b>STRATEGIES FOR EASING THE TRANSITION FOR NEW-TO-PRACTICE NURSES</b> Mary Wunnenberg, EdD, MSN, RN, APN, PMHNP-BC, CNE Tyshaneka Saffold, PhD, MSN, RN	Longport
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	<b>STUDENT SESSION</b> <b>PREPARING FOR THE NCLEX</b>  Tammy Gerrity, MSN, RN, ATI Nurse Educator	Ballroom C, D

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10:15 AM - 12:00 Noon **GENERAL SESSION** Waterfront Convention Center  
Wildwood Ballroom

10:15 AM - 10:45 AM **OPENING REMARKS**

Donna M. Penn, DNP, RN, CNE, NEA-BC  
NJLN President

### **BOARD OF NURSING UPDATE**

Barbara Blozen, EdD, MA, RN, BC CNL  
President, New Jersey Board of Nursing (NJBON)

10:45 AM - 12:00 Noon **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION**

### **NICOLE SALZANO: JUST KEEP SWIMMING**

*The Power of Yet Changes Everything*

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

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12:45 PM - 1:45 PM

### **SESSION**

SESSION 3:  
STUDENTS /  
OPEN TO ALL

### **HOW TO B.E.C.O.M.E. YOUR BEST NURSE: A PANEL DISCUSSION**

Ballroom C, D

Moderator: Dione Sandiford, PhD, RN, CNE, CHSE

Sharmine Brassington, PhD, RN

Arianna Duncan, MSN, RN

Jessica Stanford, MSN, RN, MEDSURG-BC

Natalee White-Smith, MSN, RN, CEN

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2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	<b>EXPLORE EXHIBITORS</b>	Exhibition Hall (Brigantine Room, Ballroom A, B)
2:15 PM – 3:15 PM	<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b>	
<i>SESSION 4</i>	<b>BENEFITS OF AI COMPANION INTEGRATION FOR FACULTY AND STUDENTS</b> Lisa Drews, RN, EdD., MSN, CNE, CNEcl, CNML	Ocean City
<i>SESSION 5</i>	<b>CLICKS, CLIPS &amp; CLINICAL JUDGMENT: EDUCATING THE TIKTOK GENERATION OF NURSES</b> Robert Hennigar, MSN-ED, RN, CEN	Longport
<i>SESSION 6: STUDENTS / OPEN TO ALL</i>	<b>HOW TO SET YOUR PATH IN NURSING</b> Donna Murray, MSN, RN, APN, WHNP-BC Donna Penn, DNP, RN, CNE, NEA-BC Nina Vaid Raoji, DNP, APN-BC, MSN, RN	Ballroom C, D
3:15 PM – 3:45 PM	<b>EXPLORE EXHIBITS AND NETWORKING BREAK</b> <i>VISIT EXHIBITS, PASSPORT CONTEST AND PRIZE DRAWING</i>	Exhibition Hall (Brigantine Room, Ballroom A, B)
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	<b>BREAKOUT SESSION</b>	
<i>SESSION 7</i>	<b>THE RESILIENT NURSE: EMERGENCY CARE, TRAUMA AND END-OF-LIFE MOMENTS</b> Ryan Mion, MSN, RN Richard E. Schultz Jr., MSN, RN, NE-BC, CEN	Ocean City
<i>SESSION 8</i>	<b>FROM ADJUNCT TO FULL-TIME: BUILDING A COMPREHENSIVE FACULTY ORIENTATION TO SUPPORT TEACHING, MENTORSHIP, AND SCHOLARSHIP</b> Denise Nash-Luckenbach, PhD, MS, RN, APRN, CCRN, CPNP Alexandra Tegethoff, EdD, MSN, RN	Longport

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5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

### **NJLN BUSINESS MEETING**

Ballroom C, D

*SESSION 9*

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

### ***PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION TO FOLLOW***

Rum Point Restaurant



In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences and the New Jersey League for Nursing. Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

8.25 Contact Hours