



Candidate Position Statement and Biographical Information

Position: President-Elect

1. Candidate Information

Name of Nominee:

Brenda Marshall, EdD, APRN, ANEF, FAANP

Education (Highest Degree Held and School):

EdD, Teachers College, Columbia University

Position Statement:

I am honored to submit my candidacy for President-Elect of NJLN. My professional nursing journey has always been guided by a simple belief: **we change lives by showing up for one another with compassion, courage, and curiosity.** From my beginnings as a diploma RN to becoming a textbook author, professor, and Fulbright Scholar, I have learned that our only true limitations are the ones we place on ourselves—and that when nurses unite for equity, education, and wellbeing, **the sky is truly the limit.**

Whether at the bedside or behind a podium, my commitment has remained the same: to provide excellent care and make learning accessible, engaging, and transformative for every nurse. These efforts reflect my enduring belief that nursing leadership must be current, proactive, compassionate, and grounded in evidence-based practice. From ICU nurse to Psych APN, I have worked to reduce stigma, strengthen curricula, integrate simulation and emerging technologies, and promote clinician wellbeing.

Nursing is at a crossroads, and this moment calls for leaders who help us reconnect with our shared purpose and remember why we entered this extraordinary profession. As both a transformational and servant leader, I strive to create spaces where every nurse feels seen, valued, and empowered. Our diverse voices and stories are the true heart of nursing.

As President-Elect, I will bring my experience, my integrity, and my unwavering commitment to lifting up nurses at every stage of their journey. Together, we can continue building an NJLN defined by **innovation, inclusivity, and hope.**

2. Major Positions Held During the Past 10 Years

Date	Title of Position	Employer
2024-Current	Director - Diagnosis to Recovery Initiative	Montclair State University
2023-Current	Professor	Montclair State University
2011-2023	DNP coordinator	WPUNJ

3. NJLN Activities During the Past 10 Years

Date	Activity
2025	Nurse Recognition Award

4. Major Activities in Other Professional Organizations During the Past 5 Years

Date	Activity	Organization
2023-Present	Foundation Board	2023-Present
2017-2024	Secretary and Board Member	Cannabis Research Institute

5. Awards, Publications, Scholarly Activity

Awards:

- Fulbright Scholar Specialist (2025-2028) Mental Health
- New Jersey League for Nursing (NJLN) Nurse Recognition Award 2025
- AANP Advocate State Award for Excellence in New Jersey 2023
- Excellence in Teaching Award. William Paterson University 2021
- Fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners: FAANP (2020)
- Fulbright Scholar Specialist (2017-2024) Mental Health/Education

Funded Research:

2024-2027 – SAMHSA PCSSU: Diagnosis 2 Recovery Substance Use Disorder education program. PI B. Marshall. \$859,699.00

2023 – CHHS MSU - Friendship Bench. Montclair State University. \$2,000.00

2022-Teen Mental Health First Aid – for Wayne Valley Public High School, Wayne NJ. 20,000.00 for 6 months. Grant writer – B. Marshall

2021-2026 – SAMHSA 93.243 We Provide Mental Health Awareness. Provision of Mental Health First Aid certification to all students and faculty/staff at William Paterson University. \$125,000.00 per year for 5 years. PI's Marshall and Atte.

Books and Book Chapters:

Marshall, B. (2025) Chapter 8-Substance-related and addictive disorders, in Rhoads 3rd edition in Clinical Consult to Psychiatric Mental Health Management for Nurse Practitioners. Springer Publications. New York.

Marshall, B., Bliss, J, and Drake, S. (Eds) (2025). Psychiatric Mental Health Guidelines for Advanced Practice Nurses. Springer Publication, New York.

Berc, K. and Marshall, B. (2025). Chapter 6 – Conducting the Geriatric Psychiatric Assessment in Marshall, Bliss & Drake's (Eds) Psychiatric Mental Health Guidelines for Advanced Practice Nurses. Springer Publication, New York. 75-85.

Marshall, B., Rodriguez, R., Betts, V. & Fitzgerald, E. (2025). Chapter 7 – Psychiatric Assessment Scales in Marshall, Bliss & Drake's (Eds) Psychiatric Mental Health Guidelines for Advanced Practice Nurses. Springer Publication, New York. 85-93.

Marshall, B., Nguyen, N. (2025) Chapter 9 – Anxiety Disorders in Marshall, Bliss & Drake's (Eds) Psychiatric Mental Health Guidelines for Advanced Practice Nurses. Springer Publication, New York. 113-136.

Hanif, R., Spencer, J. & Marshall, B. (2025) Chapter 16 Substance Use Disorders in Marshall, Bliss & Drake's (Eds) Psychiatric Mental Health Guidelines for Advanced Practice Nurses. Springer Publication, New York.

Books and Book Chapters:

Marshall, B., McCoy, K. Baker, M, & Pancione, K. (2025). Chapter 31- Intersection of Health Comorbidities and Mental Health in Marshall, Bliss & Drake's (Eds) Psychiatric Mental Health Guidelines for Advanced Practice Nurses. Springer Publication, New York. 471-476.

Marshall, L. & Marshall, B. (2025). Symptom Sharing Between Medical and Psychiatric Disorders in Marshall, Bliss & Drake's (Eds) Psychiatric Mental Health Guidelines for Advanced Practice Nurses. Springer Publication, New York. 477-486

Marshall, B. (2021). Chapter 14 – Mental Illness in Loschiavo's School Nursing: The Essential Reference. Springer Publishing. New York.

Marshall, B. & Roberts. (2021) K. Chapter 17 Bullying in Loschiavo's School Nursing: The Essential Reference. Springer Publishing, New York.

Selected publications:

Betts, V., Reinisch, C., & Marshall, B., (2026). Building Mental Readiness: A pilot study Evaluating the Effects of stress first aid Training on Prelicensure Nursing Students. J Comp Nurs Res Care 11(1):223. doi: <https://doi.org/10.33790/jcnrc1100223> .

Holguin, ME., Marshall, B., Atte F., Roberts, K. (2025). Mental Health First Aid Impact on Filipino Nurses' Ability to Increase Personal Help-Seeking Behaviors, Self-Awareness of Health Changes, and Improved Self-Connection. AIMS Public Health.12,4. 1265-1277. Doi: 10.3934/publichealth.

Joseph, M., Venugopal, U. & Marshall, B. (2025). Fostering Connection and Engagement: Evaluating the Role of Peer Review in Asynchronous Research Courses.

Journal of Comprehensive Nursing Research and Care. ISSN: 2581-3846

Donnelly, Young, Marshall, Hecht, & Saldutti. (2022) Public Health Implications of Cannabis Legalization: An exploration of adolescent use and evidence-based interventions. International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health.