

2026 **CNSA** CONVENTION

guide

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH &
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH**

Hyatt Santa Clara

Santa Clara Convention Center



<https://www.cnsa.org/>

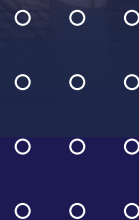




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The Executive BOARD



Roseanna Ma'afu

President

Hi future nurses, it has been an honor to serve as President. I commend your hard work—nursing school is tough, and you should be proud of yourselves. Join us at convention where you'll gain practical workshops to build hands-on skills, opportunities to network with peers and mentors, leadership development, and tips to enhance your resume and interviews. You'll also return with fresh perspectives to elevate patient care and ideas you can apply right away in your clinical practice. Can't wait to see you there!



Hunter Kellogg

Vice President

Hello everyone! Welcome to Convention; we are so happy you're here! I hope you leave here feeling inspired, motivated, and armed with the tools to make a difference in your communities and schools. CNSA is strong because of each and every one of you. The future of nursing in California is bright, and I can't wait to see what we accomplish. Nursing school goes fast, so please enjoy every moment. Although my time as a student is coming to a close, I am so excited to watch CNSA continue to grow, and to see all of you carry this organization forward. It's been an honor serving as your Vice President!



Elise Bartlett

Secretary/Treasurer

Hello student nurses,
I want to start by saying you should be so proud of yourself for choosing this career path. It is challenging and requires so much of yourself, but it is abundantly rewarding. Throughout nursing school, CNSA has been not only a wonderful resource, but also the foundation for so many friendships. Convention is an opportunity to expand this experience. From workshops to seminars to networking, convention provides so many growth opportunities. I hope to see you there :)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

& the committees they chair



Raffiele Flores

Chapter Connections & Member Engagement
Philanthropy & Awards



Alex Chiu

Community Health
Legislative/Resolutions



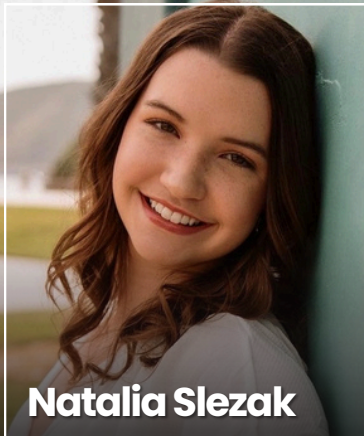
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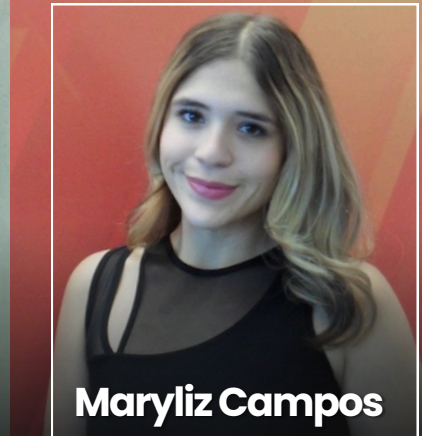
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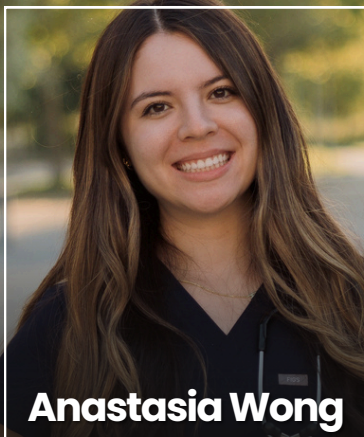
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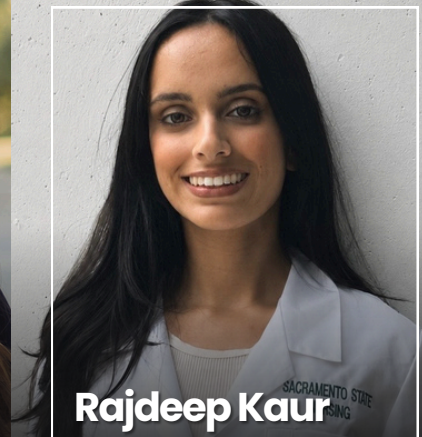
Jenna Culotti

Convention
Philanthropy & Awards



Anastasia Wong

Convention



Rajdeep Kaur

Community Health

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Santa Clara Convention Center

5001 Great America Pkwy, Santa Clara, CA 95054

CLICK [HERE](#) TO REGISTER!

VIEW THE PRELIMINARY PROGRAM [HERE](#)

REGISTRATION PRICING

	Early Bird	Regular	Onsite
Member	\$150	\$170	\$190
Non-Member	\$175	\$200	\$225
Faculty	\$140	\$160	\$180

***Early Bird pricing available until October 1st!**

REGISTRATION FOR GROUPS OF 10+

- Must be paid for via one invoice and cannot be applied to individual registrations

Email sara@cnsa.org

Provide the following information:

- Name of School/Chapter
- Total # of attendees

of Attendees Registration Discount (Per person)

10 – 24 : \$5 discount

25 – 39 : \$10 discount

40+ : \$15 discount

*Please note that all registration types are eligible for the group discount when paid for as a group. To receive the discount, your group **MUST** pay via invoice.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Hyatt Regency Santa Clara

5101 Great America Pkwy, Santa Clara, CA 95054

(408) 200-1234

CLICK [HERE](#) TO RESERVE.

HOTEL RATES

Single/Double	\$195 + tax/night
Triple	\$220 + tax/night
Quad	\$245 + tax/night

DEADLINE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 2026

WHY STAY AT THE CONFERENCE HOTEL?

Staying at the official conference hotel helps us meet our room night commitment with the hotel. Meeting that commitment allows us to keep meeting space costs low and avoid penalties, which helps keep registration fees affordable for everyone.

For group reservations, please complete the [credit card authorization](#) form to ensure a smooth check-in process. You must first make your reservations and then include the confirmation numbers for all rooms reserved on the form. When filling out the form, select "all charges" to allow your group members to check-in without presenting a credit card. Select "room & tax" for groups who will present a credit card for incidentals upon check-in. For any questions, please contact Sara Shippy at sara@cnsa.org.

Looking forward to SANTA CLARA

AIRPORTS



San Jose Mineta International Airport
Code: SJC | 5.9 miles distance to venue

San Francisco International Airport
Code: SFO | 31.1 miles distance to venue

EXPLORE & AMUSEMENT

- California's Great America
- Levi's Stadium
- 49ers Museum
- West Valley Fair
- Santana Row



WALKABLE EATS



- The Tailg8 Zone
- MenuStar
- Golkonda Indian Cuisine
- TOGO's Sandwiches
- Joe Chinese Fast Food

- Atrium Cafe
- Aabree Coffee Company
- 1 Oz Coffee
- Sierra Tea

SHORT DISTANCE DESTINATIONS



- The Roasted Crab
- Sifu Wong Kitchen
- Birk's Restaurant
- Joyride Pizza
- Pedro's Restaurant & Cantina
- Fremont Kabob Restaruant

- Nabi Cat Cafe
- Matsu Matcha
- Hello Kitty Cafe
- Paris Baguette
- Egghead Sando Cafe
- Redwood Place Cafe & Market

HOUSE OF *Delegates*

Constituent school chapters that have submitted for 2026 are able to send delegates to represent their chapter to vote on Resolutions and the 2026-2027 CNSA Board of Directors.

Click [**HERE**](#) to see how many delegates your Chapter can have participate at this year's Convention.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES SCHEDULE

Friday, November 6th
5:30pm – 7:30pm

Saturday, November 7th
4:45pm – 7:00pm

Resolution Writing



WHAT?

A resolution is a written statement that, when adopted by the House of Delegates at the Annual Conventions of NSNA and/or CNSA, becomes the basis for the policies and actions of both organizations.

HOW?

- Attend an online Resolution workshop session (8/13/26) or watch the recorded webinar
- This link highlights the resolutions guidelines defined by NSNA on the process of writing a resolution and the criteria: [click here](#)
- Submit an initial draft by the deadline
- Work with the Legislative/Resolution committee after submitting the initial draft
- **Present it at the convention and get a chance to present it at the national level**
 - You can present at the NSNA convention without it being passed at the CNSA convention; however, you must be present or have someone present it for you to the House of Delegates

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WHO?

Anyone who is currently a nursing student is eligible to write a resolution and present it to the House of Delegates at annual conventions for NSNA and/or CNSA

- Note: to present at NSNA, you *must still be a current nursing student at the date you present*, even if you were a student when you presented at the CNSA convention

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WHY?

- A way to make a difference by bringing awareness to the topic you're passionate about
- Can lead to real change through policy reform
- If there is no resolution, NSNA cannot speak on that specific issue

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INFO

- First scheduled workshop: August 13th at 6:00 PM over zoom
- Second workshop: TBD
- Topic submission: September 5, 2026
- First draft submission: October 2, 2026
- Final draft submission: October 16, 2026



Running for THE BOARD

WHAT?

- Elections for the 2026–2027 Board of Directors; 12 positions available
 - Executive Board
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary/Treasurer
 - General Board Director
 - 9 positions to serve as committee chairs

WHY?

Shape the future of nursing and nursing students in California, advocate for our profession, and gain professional and leadership experience!

HOW?

- **Pre-slate**
 - Deadline: Friday, October 30th at 11:59pm
- **Run from the floor** at convention
 - Deadline: Friday, November 6th at 4pm
- Prepare to have a “Meet the Candidates” tabling session to meet CNSA members

Go to <https://www.cnsa.org/> to complete the online application and find applicable forms

Email CNSA VP hunter@cnsa.org for any questions



REQUIREMENTS

- Be a current NSNA Member in good standing
- Must have at least 6 months left in your nursing program
 - (e.g. graduation date in May 2027 or later)
- All candidates must be registered and present at the convention
- Review and acknowledge the Responsibilities of Elected Board Members
- Have a completed Board Nomination/Election Faculty Authorization Form
- Have a prepared statement about what you would like to accomplish during your term

SCHOLARSHIPS

& Awards

FOR MORE INFO
CLICK [HERE](#)

Applications must be submitted by
Friday, October 9th, 2026 at 11:59pm

Outstanding Newsletter Award	Outstanding Chapter Social Media Award
Community Health Project Award	Breakthrough to Nursing Project Award
Member of the Year Award	Faculty of the Year Award
Star Chapter Award	Best Nurse Brain Award

\$500 Scholarship	Video Submission: Would you rather live in a perfectly fair world or a perfectly free one? Why?
\$250 Scholarship	Short Essay: Who has shaped you most in your nursing journey so far, and what did they teach you that no textbook could? How does that lesson define the kind of nurse you want to become?
\$250 Scholarship	Choose a resolution that was recently passed and discuss how you see it being implemented in your clinical setting.



The CNSA Daisy Award for
Advancing Health Equity
Submission Deadline
**Friday, September 25th, 2026 at
11:59pm**

Directory

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