Members,

It is such a humbling experience to once again be able to address you – the membership. I am happy to report that the Board has been working diligently to get our annual conference together. While we may not be able to have an ‘in-person’ conference, we are doing the next best thing – presenting our conference LIVE, and in real time! If you have the opportunity to attend virtually, please do so. The topics are meaningful, the concurrent presenters will be live and there will be discussion rooms where you may meet and greet each other, exchange your ideas and to get your personal questions answered by presenters.

I must take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the excellent level of care being provided by the nurses across this great state – the majority of whom were trained by yourselves! As of 03/21/2021 the Kentucky Department of Public Health reports there have been 416,610 confirmed cases of COVID within our state which have resulted in a total of 9,325 deaths – or only 1 death per 44.68 cases (1:45 cases). While even one death is unfortunate, still, this is an excellent outcome when compared to the national rate which is 1:55 cases. Given the nature of the population within our state, having so many of the ‘at-risk’ factors – obesity, COPD, other co-morbid conditions, and advanced age – it is only through the excellent care provided through the nursing staff that the peoples of our state have been spared.

I, again, welcome all of the long-standing members – as well as any – ‘newcomers’ to our membership! Please know that the Board welcomes your comments, both positive and constructive. Please make time to identify your representatives and become involved in making our membership stronger by your participation! Let us know of your concerns, your questions, or any other communication you feel will make our organization even more outstanding.

We stand ready to assist you, your universities/colleges, and your students to become the most outstanding in the nation!

Thank you all for this opportunity to serve you in meeting the educational needs of yourself, your students, and as we move into the future of nursing education, nursing care, and nursing innovation!

President,

D. Scott Treadway
The 17th Annual Nurse Educator Conference and Meeting

The annual conference will be held online via Zoom May 13-14, 2021! Our conference theme is “Celebrating You!” Celebrating and Showcasing Kentucky Nurse Educators Evolution of Best Practices During a Pandemic. The KLN Board of Directors invites you to join us in celebrating YOUR successes in nursing education during the pandemic of 2020-2021, and to listen as Dr. Tim Bristol (NurseTim) teaches and encourages us to become leaders in our field who value excellence and growth, while demonstrating value and inclusion of diverse student populations. Please join us for both an informative and relaxing conference. We are excited to have all of our members in attendance.

Please see http://www.kyleaguenursing.org/ for further information regarding registration.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Leadership and Diversity: Two Great Tastes That Go Great Together

Tim J. Bristol, PhD, RN, CNE, ANEF, FAADN, FAAN.

Tim J. Bristol, PhD, RN, CNE, ANEF, FAADN, FAAN. Dr. Bristol has worked with teams across the country at all levels of education and accreditation. He has led teams as a faculty member, administrator, and consultant where his experience includes initial program approval, interim reports, and reaccreditation. He specializes in active learning for class, clinical, and lab environments. Schools and government organizations consult with Tim to integrate new standards, curricular innovation, educational accessibility, and development of strategic plans. He has authored and contributed to numerous written works. Tim is currently a faculty member with Walden University, FSIL Nursing - Haiti, and owner of NurseTim, Inc.
Poster Presentation Applications are still being considered. Please see http://www.kyleaguenursing.org for an application and submit by April 15, 2021.

Podium presentation applications are still being considered. Please see http://www.kyleaguenursing.org for an application and submit by April 15, 2021.

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KLN OPPORTUNITIES

KLN currently has two leadership positions available, President-elect, and Board of Director.

Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting in May!

**Responsibilities of President-elect:** Attend meetings of the board approximately monthly and .....(This is a summary. For full description see KLN webpage)

**Responsibilities of Board of Directors include:** Attend meetings of the board approximately monthly August –May each year. Attend and assist at the annual meeting/convention in May each year. Assist in planning the annual convention. Other duties as assigned.

To stay up to date regarding what is new with KLN, visit the website:

http://www.kyleaguenursing.org/
SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES (Deadline April 15, 2021)

To find out more about Scholarships visit:
http://www.kyleaguenursing.org

- Kathryn M. Mershon Nursing Faculty Scholarship - Graduate Education
- Brother Ignatius Perkins Nursing Faculty Scholarship—Certified Nurse Educator Exam
- Helen Watts Lester Carpenter Scholarship - Service Learning or Medical Missions Project
- Kentucky League for Nursing Research Scholarship
- Jo Ann Maurer Wever Excellence in Teaching—Nursing Education Award

Registration Fee for May 2021 Conference: Includes continuing education certificate

- $250—members of KLN who register before 4/1/21
- $275—members of KLN who register after 4/1/21
- $125—student members of KLN (See KLN website to apply for student membership)
- $290—non-members who register before 4/1/21 (Includes KLN Membership)
- $315—non-members who register after 4/1/21 (Includes KLN Membership)

Presentation materials will be available on the KLN website.

- $25—printed materials—Check for “Yes”

KLN reserves the right to cancel or alter the program if unanticipated circumstances necessitate change.