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Thank You to Nurses Everywhere for Your Dedication

As it is National Nurses Week, GAPNA would like to extend our thanks to nurses everywhere for your dedication to the profession, your patients, and the gerontological advanced practice nursing specialty.

GAPNA is proud to honor your compassion and commitment to saving lives and improving the health of millions of individuals. You are a vital part of both the health care system and the Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association.

Mary Smith Received Scholarship to NIWI

Join us in congratulating GAPNA member Mary Smith who was recently chosen as the sole recipient of a national scholarship to attend the Nurse in Washington Internship (NIWI) held by the Nursing Organizations Alliance (The Alliance) in Washington, DC, on March 17 – March 19, 2013.

Upcoming Events

New England Chapter "Antipsychotics: Appropriate Use & Dose Reduction & GNP: Consensus Model/Scope of Practice"

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

5:30pm to 9:00pm

Chateau Restaurant

95 Turnpike Road, Westboro, MA

Speakers: Dr. Scott Gonzales
(Community Health Link) and Laurie
Talarico (Board of Registration in
Nursing)

RSVP: Francisca Adams at
fkma7@charter.net

Delaware Valley Chapter "Advances in the Treatment of Pseudobulbar Affect (PBA)"

Presented by: Susan Scanland, MSN,
CRNP, GNP-BC, CDP

Sponsored by: Avanir

June 5, 2013 – 6:30pm to 9:00pm

Toscana 52, 4603 Street Rd.,
Feasterville, PA

RSVP: Matt Jennings
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**[Advances in the Treatment
of Osteoporosis in the
Gerontological Patient](#)**

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This nursing focused internship reinforced the fact that federal legislators view nurses as being very trustworthy, tenacious, reliable, and understanding the "big picture" of today's healthcare issues. [Read more about Mary's experience at NIWI.](#)

We want to hear from you... let us know if you have received a promotion/award, presented at a meeting, developed a practice pointer/innovation, or just want to share a personal experience or words of wisdom from the world of geriatric advanced practice nursing.

[Complete our "Tell Us About It" form.](#)

HRSA Released "US Nursing Workforce" Report

The U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has released "*U.S. Nursing Workforce: Trends in Supply and Education Report*," which presents data on the supply, distribution, and education of the U.S. nursing workforce.

The report presents an overview of the trends in the supply and pipeline of nurses to assist the work of national and state officials, policy makers, the nursing community, educators, and researchers focused on the nursing workforce. Data and information are incorporated from various sources covering both the registered nurse and licensed practical/vocational nurse workforces.

A copy of the full report, results in brief, a slide presentation, and technical documentation, are available on the [HRSA website](#).

NEW 2013-2014 ANP/GNP Student Scholarships Available

GAPNA is happy to announce that new student scholarships (up to \$5,000) are available. Some of the criteria candidates must meet include:

- Must be a full-time student matriculated or matriculating into one of the following programs:
 - Adult/Gero Primary Care NP
 - Adult/Gero Acute Care NP
 - Adult/Gero Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Must plan to work in the field of nursing focusing on the older adult
- Must be a GAPNA member in good standing (student membership is \$40)

Application submission deadline is June 15, 2013. [Click here](#) for more information or to download the Scholarship Application.

GAPNA Awards for Excellence - 4 Weeks Left

GAPNA will recognize the outstanding contributions of APNs by



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conferring five National Awards for Excellence. They include: Clinical Practice; Leadership; Research; Education; and Community Service.

We implore you to please take a moment to consider nominating an APN that demonstrates excellence in the care of older adults. These prestigious awards are open to the membership, who may be nominated or may self-nominate for one or more categories. All application deadlines are June 1, 2013, and submission details can be found [here](#).

The award recipients will be notified by July 15th and recognized at the Awards Dinner on Friday evening during the Annual Dinner in Chicago, IL at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers from September 18-21, 2013. All recipients are encouraged to attend.

Thank you for taking the time to submit a brief letter about a deserving peer, employee, faculty member, student, or yourself. We look forward to hearing from you!

GAPNA's Awards Committee

AVAILABLE NOW – GAPNA's Adult/Gero APRN Preceptor Toolkit

This toolbox is intended for use by clinicians or APRNs who are precepting nurse practitioner (NP) students in clinical sites with older adult populations.

The toolkit has two (2) sections; Preceptor resources and guidelines and Healthcare resources that promote quality care for older adult populations.

[Download your copy of GAPNA's Adult/Gero APRN Preceptor Toolkit today!](#)

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The Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association (GAPNA) is the organization of choice for advanced practice nurses who want to pursue continuing education in gerontological care and who seek peer support from experienced clinicians.

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