

## Special Programs This Month

March 31<sup>st</sup> 2016, upper division students (NURE 231, 232 and 250) will be attending the New Jersey League of Nursing Convention in Atlantic City. This yearly event, brings students to a professional conference, where this year they will attend the key note address: **Breaking the Rules: The Secret to Making it Up as You Go Along**. Speaker Donna Wright MS, RN, is best known for work on ensuring accountability and measuring competency, as well as her two books, *The Ultimate Guide to Competency Assessment and Relationship-Based Care*.

Students will attend CONTINUING EDUCATION SESSION – STUDENT TRACKS, *Thinking Your Way Through Nursing School: Understanding and Building Critical Thinking Skills and Nursing's Greatest Leaders: A History of Activism*. Throughout the day, they will have access to the hall to visit a variety of career and education exhibitors and poster presentations.

NURE 131 & NURE 132 Students' Spring 2016 Professional Education Day, is taking place on Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am - 2:00pm at The Westwood in Garwood, New Jersey. Presentations on legal issues in nursing, by Debbie Dolan, the Director of Risk Management at the Trinitas Regional Medical Center. She is a graduate from Seton Hall University of Health Law and Public Policy and is certified by the American Society of Health Care Risk Managers and the American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants. She has been appointed to the Union County Attorney Ethics Committee by the New Jersey Supreme Court.

Dr. Norma Bowe, has undergraduate degrees in Nursing and Community Health, a Masters in Health Administration and a Ph.D. in Community Health Policy. She began her career bringing medical care to rural areas in Fluvanna County, Virginia. She has also worked in the ICU, ER, and Hospice assisting with those patients transitioning from life to death and families experiencing loss and bereavement. Later she worked as a psychiatric nurse advocate for the mentally ill. Dr. Bowe is a tenured Professor in the College of Education at Kean University in Union N.J. She developed the course curriculum for Death in Perspective which has a three year waiting list and is the subject of the book *The Death Class: A True Story About Life*, by Erika Hayasaki a former LA Times journalist. (<http://www.normabowe.com/bio>). A buffet luncheon is being provided.

### Learning Simulation Center Attendance

The basics of the new LSC policy are the same. Students are expected to attend all scheduled skills practice or evaluation sessions at the Learning Simulation Center to become proficient in the nursing skills required in clinical practice. Cancellations, lateness and absences are a violation of the Trinitas School of Nursing Student Code of Conduct and can lead to a progressive disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the program.

The changes made to the policy were done to make it clearer, easier to understand and enforce.

**Absence** is defined as a no show for a scheduled practice or evaluation session without notification of the Learning Simulation Center.

**Cancellation** is defined as canceling a previously scheduled skills practice or evaluation session at the Learning/Simulation Center.

Students with either an absence or cancellation will receive an official LSC Warning. The LSC warning will be signed by a member of the LSC staff and the student. (As with clinical warnings, a student's signature does not denote agreement, but only acknowledges receipt) LSC warning forms will be forwarded to the appropriate course/clinical faculty and placed in the student's school file.

### Student Nurses Association: SNA

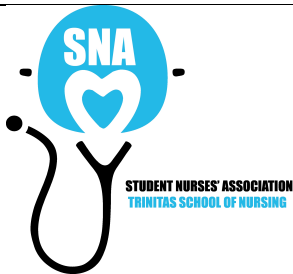
The next meeting for the semester will be on **Wednesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 3pm** and will be held in room 330. All class representatives are requested to attend this meeting. **SNA is always looking for class representatives** but is especially interested in bringing in new class reps from NURE 132, 131 and 130, as well as the LPN-RN track. If you are interested, just come to the SNA meeting or feel free to contact one of the SNA officers President Rhiannon Lisco (232), Vice President Nathalie Bonhomme (232), Secretary/Treasurer Stephanie

## Update to ATI Operating System

According to the newest information from ATI, they have launched the new student portal for students. The new portal is optimized for tablets (all materials, except proctored testing, can be accessed on a tablet). These changes will also make the process of accessing proctored tests in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor computer room easier.

Rodriguez (232) and Ives Santos (250) Media/Events Coordinator. They can be reached via the community shell on CANVAS. As always, pizza will be served and ALL students are welcome!

**Our goal is to help mold the future professionals of the nursing field. Only through involvement can we implement change. You are the future leaders of the nursing profession. Professionalism and Leadership begin here. (NJSNA, 2009)**



**Nursing is identified as a profession because it requires both extensive education in science and specialized training. But simply working in an identified profession does not automatically make one a professional. Professionalism involves much more than degrees and credentials. It includes a**