

NEWS BLAST!

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September Meeting

“The Role of Nurses in Advancing Health Equity”

Wednesday, September 21st

Board Meeting 6- 7pm; Program 7-8

pm Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88353500498>

Maria Milagros Kneusel is a Registered Nurse and has a Master's in nursing education, a Master's in health care ethics, and a Doctorate in Nursing Practice with an emphasis in quality Improvement. Maria has worked in various clinical settings from acute care to public health. Currently she is the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Consultant at Centura Health. Maria is also an affiliate professor of nursing at Regis University, where she teaches Health Policy. She has been a health equity champion for over 10 years, supporting and advocating for the Latinx community in the Denver Metro area.

Her professional interests focus on the dignified care of underserved populations, and the use of Promotoras to improve care access for Latino communities. Maria is the past president of the Denver chapter of the National Association of Hispanic nurses and received the National Hispanic Nurse of the Year award in 2021 for her efforts to vaccinate and educate the Latino community during the Covid pandemic. In 2022 Maria received the prestigious Nightingale Award for her efforts to advance equity for Latino populations during the Covid pandemic.

President's Message

Hope everyone had a wonderful summer - it seems like only yesterday I was writing my President's message for the May NewsBlast! This year will be full of exciting program topics for DNA 20 and we hope you can put it on your calendar to attend from 7-8 pm on zoom this year. CNA is working hard to get membership involved more and as I sit on the planning committee for the Education Conference that will be on April 28 & 29, 2023 - mark your calendars, I would appreciate any feedback on topics.

The legislature will be coming back soon from summer break, so please take the time to complete the survey the GAPP committee and CNA is sending out to get ideas for priorities to work with the legislature on in the next session. Also be mindful that this is an election year and that NPAC is providing support for a variety of incumbent and new candidates for the November elections. Please watch for times when those persons will be holding gatherings for support. One person who was instrumental in getting the staffing legislation passed is Kyle Mullica who is running now for state senator - we need more nurses in the legislature, but having him has given CNA a much needed voice. If you live in Jefferson County, Annette Cannon, a DNA 20 member, is running for reelection as coroner. Even though DNA 20 cannot endorse her directly - we can support her as a friend and cherished member.

Please take the time to mark your calendars for our meetings (third Wednesday of the month) as you can see the list in the NewsBlast and if you have any inquiries or want more information about DNA 20 please do not hesitate to reach out to me at nursingstrategies@gmail.com. We are branching out this year and reaching out to all members of CNA with the Newsblast to hopefully improve attendance at the programs - so to quote a popular line from High School Musical - "We are all in this together". Have a wonderful September.

Jean Schroeder PhD, MA, MSN, RN, CNE

Just Some of What DNA 20 is Planning this Year...

The Use of Virtual Simulation in the Nurse Refresher Program
Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence – Virtual Dementia Tour
Exploring new models for urgent care at home – Dispatch Health
Benefits of ANA and CNA membership
Being a Patient with Sjogrens Syndrome
Colorado Action Coalition, Moving the Future of Nursing Recommendations
Graduate Nurse Residency Programs

CNA News

- The Annual Membership Assembly will begin promptly at 9:00 am and conclude at 12:00 pm on Saturday, October 1st. Registration information coming soon to the CNA website.
- If you missed the statewide members-only Town Hall meetings, they are available to watch on the website. At the most recent town hall Colleen Casper, Director of Practice and Government Affairs and Gil Romero shared pertinent information on the development and timeline of HB 22-1401 Hospital Preparedness & Safe Staffing. Links for making your voice part of the rulemaking are included in the video.

ANA News

- The ANA Mentorship Program facilitates one-to-one mentoring relationships that connect mentees with nurses who have more professional experience. This unique online networking and career development opportunity is free and open only to ANA members. Our Mentorship Program reflects the American Nurses Association's commitment to your professional development. Learn more here: <https://mentorship.nursingworld.org/>

Why Become a Mentor?

1. **SUPPORT** early career RNs or RNs who are transitioning into a new role or into leadership positions
 2. **ADVANCE** your leadership skills
 3. **DEVELOP** feedback and critical thinking skills
 4. **INFLUENCE** the nursing profession's future leaders
- The National Commission to Address Racism in Nursing is pleased to announce the second series of [Project ECHO® on Racism in Nursing](#). ECHO®: *Addressing Racism in Nursing* is a free tele-mentoring series that connects nurses with racism-prevention subject matter experts using brief lectures, discussions, and case-based presentations. Sessions will take place **every other Wednesday from 3 - 4:30pm ET**, starting September 7th. [Register here](#).

