Wishing all our members a wonderful School Nurse Day. Thank you for all you do for the children of Maryland.

School Nurse Day Maryland Proclamation 2015
Neither rain nor winds deterred the attendance of over 175 participants from the MASHN annual conference, The Present and Future of School Nursing: Clinical and Cultural Competency which was held on March 14, 2015 at the Holiday Inn Oceanfront Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland. School nurses from across Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, and Washington, DC left their hectic practices behind and joined their colleagues for an enriching, informative, but most of all enjoyable weekend. The boutique ambience of the hotel and scenic ocean views contributed to the overall enjoyment of the weekend events. Nurses gathered early to register, enjoy the breakfast buffet, visit suppliers, purchase the latest in school nursing items, and connect with old and new colleagues.

Our keynote speaker, Joanna Maxwell from Towson University opened the morning session with her presentation on Cultural Competency. Her extensive knowledge and experiences in this area were well received and left nurses wanting more information about specific cultural concerns and differences.

Dr. Chris Oakley from Johns Hopkins Headache and Migraine Clinic received high accolades from our attendees for his excellent presentation on Migraines. They found him engaging, humorous, and knowledgeable. One nurse described him as a "brain with a heart".

The morning session was followed by the Annual MASHN meeting which was presided by Keisha Majors, President. Adrienne Leonard called for nominations for State Director, President-Elect, Treasurer and Nominating. The bylaws were presented with changes for review and ratification by the general membership. Nancy Manzo-Mattucci, President-elect along with Mary Nasuda discussed their recent trip to Annapolis to testify on behalf of MASHN against the recently proposed Diabetes Bill.

Following the meeting, attendees enjoyed a delicious and bountiful buffet. They also visited the exhibitors, shopped at the Ways and Means Table and caught up with old friends. Although feeling full and somewhat guilty for eating the tempting and delectable desserts, nurses reconvened for the afternoon sessions. Sarah Doerrer, nurse practitioner and Dr. Sarah Kelley both from the First...
Seizure Clinic at Hopkins discussed recent trends in the diagnosis and management of seizure disorders. Dr. Mariella De Stefano's presentation on dental emergencies was described as energetic, useful, and practical. Dr. Anna Marie Wilms Floet provided new diagnostic information about Autism along with practical management techniques in the school environment.

Wrap-up, evaluations, and awarding the eagerly awaited CEU's closed the conference day. Some nurses bid farewell, others lingered, and some stayed overnight to view the surf and enjoy the sights of Ocean City. What a stimulating, informative, and enjoyable day it was. The majority of attendees expressed favorable comments and provided suggestions for future topics and locations. They have been reviewed and will be taken into consideration in the planning of next years' conference. At this time, I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to all those involved in making this conference a positive experience for all who attended.

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