



## Unity Conference for Nursing Excellence: Advancing Health Through Synergy

# 2018 Inaugural State Conference

### Topics Include

- Opioid Crisis
- Workplace Violence
- Mental Health
- Pharmacology Updates
- Legislative Updates
- Disease Management
- Transformational Leadership
- Graduate Education
- Nursing Workforce
- Women's Issues
- Clinical Workshops
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- Vulnerable Populations



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GEORGIA NURSES ASSOCIATION

**October**

Thursday, October 4th-  
Saturday, October 6th

## Dear Unity Conference Attendees,

The United Advanced Practice Registered Nurses of Georgia (UAPRN) and the Georgia Nurses Association (GNA) welcomes you to the inaugural Unity Conference 2018. As the UAPRN State President, I am thrilled that you have joined us for three days of dynamic content spanning the life cycle. The APRN and RN practice roles are increasingly recognized as solutions to many of the shortfalls related to access to healthcare, particularly in our rural areas. Meeting the needs of individuals, communities and the entire state of Georgia is our continuous charge. This year's proceedings serve to highlight the best and brightest among us dedicated to the various roles within the RN, APRN and Executive/Leadership tracks. "Advancing Health Through Synergy" captures the spirit of UAPRN's mission to collaborate with every willing healthcare-centric organization focused on mobilizing individual strengths to advance healthcare via greater total effects. Our vision and direction in collaboration with the Georgia Nurses Association is evident in all this conference offers.



Dr. Linda Burnes Bolton serves as the opening keynote speaker for Friday, October 5th. Cedars-Sinai Medical Center lauds her as their esteemed Vice President of Nursing, Chief Nursing Executive and Director of Nursing Research. Dr. Peter Buerhaus serves as the keynote speaker for conference day two. As a renowned nurse economist, his research captures nursing workforce data that brings clarity to the impact nurses have in our state. Dr. Ernest Grant also joins us as a keynote speaker. He brings greetings from the American Nurses Association as their President Elect. Candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State and Attorney General will be on hand to address all attendees as they share their future visions for nursing in healthcare. Conference offerings cover topics inclusive of Cardiology, Respiratory Disease, Women's Health, Health policy, Professional development, Informatics, Transformational Leadership, Suturing/Orthopedic & Joint Injection Training, and LGBTQ Health care issues. This wide array of topics speaks to the various specialties and clinical foci in which RNs and APRNs concentrate. There is content for everyone!

This year we offer approximately 21 contact hours of CE credit inclusive of approximately 6 pharmacology credits. A vendors market with 30+ vendors will be on hand to share the latest goods and services for RNs, APRNs, Students, Nurse Executives and Nurse Leaders. Many opportunities for networking and mentoring are available especially during Friday evening's networking gala. Make sure you are on hand to make new friends and experience it all. We recognize that as we work to find ways to bring optimal healthcare to Georgians, we must do it together. So therefore, moving forward together with our "One Voice" mantra amplifies this year's Unity theme. Please continue to support UAPRN and GNA - your state APRN and nursing wide organizations. We welcome you to the Cobb Galleria Conference Center in beautiful Cobb County!!

**Michelle A. Nelson, PhD, APRN, MS, FNP-BC**  
**State President of UAPRN of Georgia**  
**The UAPRN State Executive Board**



## Unity Conference

It is my distinct honor, on behalf of the members and staff of the Georgia Nurses Association, to bring greetings to all!

We are here celebrating a unity/a oneness among nurses across the state. A paragraph from the Unity Conference brochure clearly highlights the purpose of this movement: “achievement of nursing excellence through ... synergy when all nurses, regardless of discipline, come together ... to advance the health of patients and populations.” The excellent keynote speakers, panel members, workshop leaders, and individual session presenters will provide the energy to bring nurses together. GNA wholeheartedly supports this mission!



GNA is our state's largest professional nursing association for all registered nurses in all practice settings. Established in 1907, GNA has been a strong voice for nurses in Georgia, advocating for the nursing profession at the state and federal levels. GNA leaders are constantly seeking innovative ways to engage our members. We strive to promote a collective voice on issues surrounding nursing and healthcare. This conference speaks to the efforts of UAPRN and GNA to advocate for one voice.

It is important for all here to belong to a professional nursing association or organization. Being involved with others who share your passion for nursing enables your skill set, your leadership style, and your power potential to lead change to advance health. Working collectively with nursing association and organization members supports making a difference in health care in our state.

I wish all a successful, energizing, and engaging conference! Reach out to others. Make connections. Be involved.

Please let me know how I can help. I can be reached at [judithmalachowski@yahoo.com](mailto:judithmalachowski@yahoo.com).

Sincerely,

Judith

Judith Malachowski, PhD, RN, CNE Ret.

GNA President 2017-2019





# Unity Conference **Keynote Speakers**

## **Linda Burnes Bolton, DrPH, RN, FAAN**

**Chief Nursing Officer, Health System Chief Nursing Executive  
Senior Vice President of Nursing & Director of Nursing Research**

Dr. Linda Burnes Bolton is a renowned leader who oversees the delivery of high-quality nursing care for patients and the development and support of the professional practice of nursing at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Additionally, Dr. Bolton oversees the ambulatory care clinics, the Medical Network, and the Marina Del Rey Hospital, a community hospital affiliate of Cedars-Sinai. She is also a co-investigator of the Regional Collaborative Alliance for Nursing Outcomes research team.



## **Peter Buerhaus, Ph.D., RN, FAAN**

**Professor of Nursing at Montana State University**

Dr. Peter Buerhaus is an internationally renowned nurse economist. He is a professor in the College of Nursing and Director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Health Workforce Studies at Montana State University. Buerhaus' research includes forecasting nurse and physician supply, developing and testing measures of the quality of care in hospitals, determining public and provider opinions on issues involving the delivery of healthcare, and assessing the quantity and quality of health care provided by nurse practitioners.



## **Ernest J. Grant, PhD, RN, FAAN**

**Vice President, American Nurses Association**

Currently vice president of the American Nurses Association (ANA), Ernest J. Grant, PhD, RN, FAAN, has more than 30 years of nursing and leadership experience. In June, Grant was elected to serve as president of ANA at the ANA Membership Assembly. Effective January, 2019, Grant will be the first man to serve as ANA President. Grant is an internationally recognized burn-care and fire-safety expert. He currently serves as the burn outreach coordinator for the North Carolina Jayce Burn Center at University of North Carolina (UNC) Hospitals in Chapel Hill. In 2002, President George W. Bush presented Grant with a Nurse of the Year Award for his work treating burn victims from the World Trade Center site.



# Unity Conference **Vendors**

COMPANY NAME	MAILING ADDRESS	EMAIL / WEBSITE	PHONE NUMBER
Grand Canyon University	3300 W. Camelback Road Phoenix, Az 85017	www.gcu.edu	
Chamberlain University	5775 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd. NE Atlanta, GA 30342	www.chamberlain.edu	(404) 250-8500
AstraZeneca		www.astrazeneca.com	1 (800) 236-9933
Georgia State University	140 Decatur St Atlanta, GA 30303	www.lewis.gsu.edu	(404) 413-1100
Elite Nursing Services	2330 Scenic Hwy S, Snellville, GA 30078	www.elitenursingsvc.com	(770)674-2338
Georgia Nurses Association (GNA)	3032 Briarcliff Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30329	www.georgianurses.org	(404) 325-5536
United Advanced Practice Registered Nurses of Georgia (UAPRN)	P.O. Box 2356 Alpharetta, GA 30023	www.uaprn.org	
Coalition of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (CAPRN)		www.caprn.org	(404) 285-4647
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association (GAPNA)	Box 56 East Holly Avenue, Pitman, NJ 08071-0056	www.gapna.org	
Blind Vision Associates		www.blindvisionassociates.com	(810)513-4838
Piedmont Healthcare	1700 Tree Ln, Snellville, GA 30078	www.piedmont.org	(770) 736-4226
Novo Nordisk		www.novonordisk-us.com	(800)727-6500
Georgia Gwinnett College	1000 University Center Ln, Lawrenceville, GA 30043	www.ggc.edu	(678) 407-5000
Advanced Nurse Clinical Solutions		www.ancsonline.com	(888)507-5556
The Gideons International	P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214-0800	www.gideons.org	
Georgia Baptist College of Nursing	3001 Mercer University Dr, Atlanta, GA 30341	www.nursing.mercer.edu	(800) 551-8835
Healthstat, Inc	www.healthstatinc.com	www.healthstatinc.com	(704) 529-6161
Someone Cares	1950 Spectrum Cir # A 140 Marietta, GA 30067		(404)889-0325
Bayer Women's Health		www.whcsupport.com	
Augusta University	997 St Sebastian Way, Augusta, GA 30901	www.augusta.edu/nursing	(706) 721-9558
CNA Instructors Secret Cocktail		www.theseccocktail.com	(678)310-6168
Vein Atlanta	1100 Johnson Ferry Rd NE Ste 165, Atlanta, GA 30342	www.veinatlanta.com	(404) 446-2800
Whole Lotus		owner@wholelotus.biz	(404) 353-5106
UAPRN Political Action Committee	P.O. Box 2356 Alpharetta, GA 30023	www.uaprn.org	
Novartis Pharmaceuticals	One Health Plaza East Hanover, NJ 07936-1080	www.norehealth.com	(888)669-6682
American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)	PO Box 12846 Austin, TX 78711	www.aanp.org	(512) 442-4262
Nore Women's Health	3405 Dallas Hwy Building #200, Marietta, GA 30064	www.norehealth.com	(678) 802-8665
Nursing Students at Georgia State	140 Decatur St Atlanta, GA 30303	www.nsrgs-bflcon.com	(404)413 - 1200
Street Grace		www.streetgrace.org	(678)809-2111
Ethicon		www.ethicon.com	(877)ETHICON
EMPOWRD	384 Northyards Blvd NW, Atlanta, GA 30303	www.empowrd.com	
VIVUS		www.vivus.com	(888)998-4887

# Unity Conference **Agenda**

## Pre-Conference Day 1 Workshops, October 4

TIME	WORKSHOP	LOCATION
12:00 pm -1:00 pm	Onsite Registration and Check in	
1:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Lean Six Sigma Workshop Jarvis Gray, CMQ-OE, PMP	117
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Mental Health Public Policy Senator - Renee Unterman	The Gallery
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	IUD Class Workshop Desiree Clement, DNP, APRN, CNM, FNP-BC Kathryn Sharpe, Bayer Healthcare	118
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	IUD Class Workshop	
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Basic Suturing and I & D Andrea Caesar, MSN, ENP, FNP-C	113/114
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Basic Suturing and I & D	
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Basic Suturing and I & D	
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Joint Injections Danielle Reid, PGY4, INPS	115/116
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Joint Injections	
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Joint Injections	
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	GNA CEO Meet & Greet Matt Caseman	The Boardroom
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Nursing Informatics Darnell Morgan, DNP, MSN, BSN, RN	The Gallery
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	EKG & Lab Interpretation Becky Dean, MSN, APRN, ACNS-BC, CCRN	The Gallery

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## Conference Day 1 - Friday, October 5th

TIME	WORKSHOP	LOCATION
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Onsite Registration and Check in	Salon E
8:00 AM - 8:20 AM	Complimentary Breakfast/Poster viewing UAPRN President & President Elect's Welcome: Michelle A. Nelson, PhD, MS, APRN, FNP-BC Richard Lamphier, BSN, RN	Salon E
8:20 am - 8:30 am	Atlanta Mayor Office	Salon E
8:30 am - 9:30 am	Keynote Speaker #1: Linda Burnes Bolton, DrPH, RN, FAAN	Salon E
9:30 am - 10:00 am	Georgia Legislator and Candidates	Salon E
10:00 am - 10:30 am	AANP Update Janet Ross, FNP-C Break, Posters, Exhibitor's Marketplace (Raffle Purchase)	Salon E Salon CDFG
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Continuing Education Lynn Rhyne, MN, RNC-MNN	Salon E
11:30 am - 12:00 pm	Georgia Legislator and Candidates	Salon E
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch, Posters, Exhibitor's Marketplace	Salon CDFG
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Economies of Purpose: Maximizing Systemness for Impact Dalita L. Davis, DNP, RN-BC, CNML, NEA-BC	115/116
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Me Too Movement & Sexual Violence Heather Quaile, DNP, WHNP-BC	113/114
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Menopause Management Desiree Clement, DNP, APRN, CNM, FNP-BC	117/118
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Diabetes Update 2018 Jill Nielsen, DNP, APRN, MSN, FNP-BC	113/114
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Management of Irregular Bleeding, Lillian Schapiro, MD	115/116
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Preventing Sudden Death in the Community Richard Lamphier, BSN, RN	117/118
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Post-Partum Depression Brittany Grissette, MSN, RN	113/114
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	A Heart for Each Other Patrice Little, DNP, FNP-BP_RN	115/116
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Genetics in Nursing. John Milner, MSN, RN, CPHIMS	117/118
4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Break, Posters, Exhibitor's Marketplace (Raffle Purchase)	Salon CDFG
4:30 pm - 5:45 pm	LGBTQ Panel - General Session Stephan Davis, DNP, MHSA, NEA-BC, CNE, FACHE Darnell Morgan, DNP, MSN, MSN, BSN, RN J. Dwayne Hooks Jr., PhD, APRN, FNP-BC, NEA-BC, AAHIVS, FACHE Michelle Thompson Sariev, BSN, MS, FNP-C Rita Mathis, LCSW	Salon E
5:45 pm - 6:00 pm	Lt. Governor Candidates - General Session Closing Remarks	Salon E
6:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Networking Gala	The Gallery

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## Conference Day 2 - Saturday, October 6th

TIME	WORKSHOP	LOCATION
7:00 am - 7:50 am	Onsite Registration and Check in	Salon E
7:50 am - 8:10 am	Complimentary breakfast/Poster viewing	
7:50 am - 8:10 am	UAPRN State President and GNA CEO's Welcome Dr. Michelle A. Nelson, PhD, MS, RN, APRN, FNP-BC Matt Caseman Georgia Nurses Association CEO	Salon E
8:10 am - 8:30 am	Healthcare Policy Affecting Georgia Practitioners: Legislative Update: Julianna McConnell (CAPRN) Lobbyist	Salon E
8:30 am - 9:30 am	Keynote Speaker# 2: Peter Buerhaus, PhD, RN, FAAN	
9:30 am - 10:00 am	Break, Posters, Exhibitor's Marketplace	Salon CDFG
<b>Breakout Sessions</b>		
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Acute Coronary Syndrome, Recognizing Ischemia & Infarcts on EKG Sharon Reynolds, DNP, FNP-BC, CVNP-BC	115/116
10:00 am - 11:00 am	EMPOWRD: Modern Legislative Engagement Horace Williams	117/118
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Anticoagulation Management Susan O'Neill, MS, FNP & Cynthia Price, MSN, FNP	Salon E
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Professional Development CV/Resume: Renzie Richardson, BS, MA, HBDI, DiSC	115/116
11:00 pm - 12:00 pm	Complex Cases: Heart Failure and Liver Failure in the ICU Ashley Blackmon, MS, CCRN, FNP-C	113/114
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Vein Disorders Louis Prevosti, MD	117/118
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Complimentary Lunch - Chris Farrell eLab Solutions	Salon E
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Keynote Speaker# 3: American Nurses Association President-Elect Ernest J. Grant, PhD, RN, FAAN	Salon E
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Holistic/Integrative Medicine Dimple Kripalani, APRN, NP-C	115/116
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Obesity Management Jennifer Robinson, APRN, FNP-C	117/118
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Human Sex Trafficking Laura Searcy, MN, APRN PPCNP-BC	113/114
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Breathless . . . What Next? Dana Hickman, MSN, FNP-C	117/118
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Blind Vision - Chad Meyers, MA, Ed PCC	115/116
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Georgia Legislators and Candidates	Salon E
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Integration of the CNS Role Mona Brown, MSN, APRN, AOCNS-AG Muun Queen Malone, MSN, APRN, CNS	113/114
3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	APRN Certification Review Thomas W. Barkley, Jr., PhD, ACNP-BC, ANP, FAANP	Salon E

### Closing Remarks



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## The Executive Track Conference Day 1 - Friday, October 5th

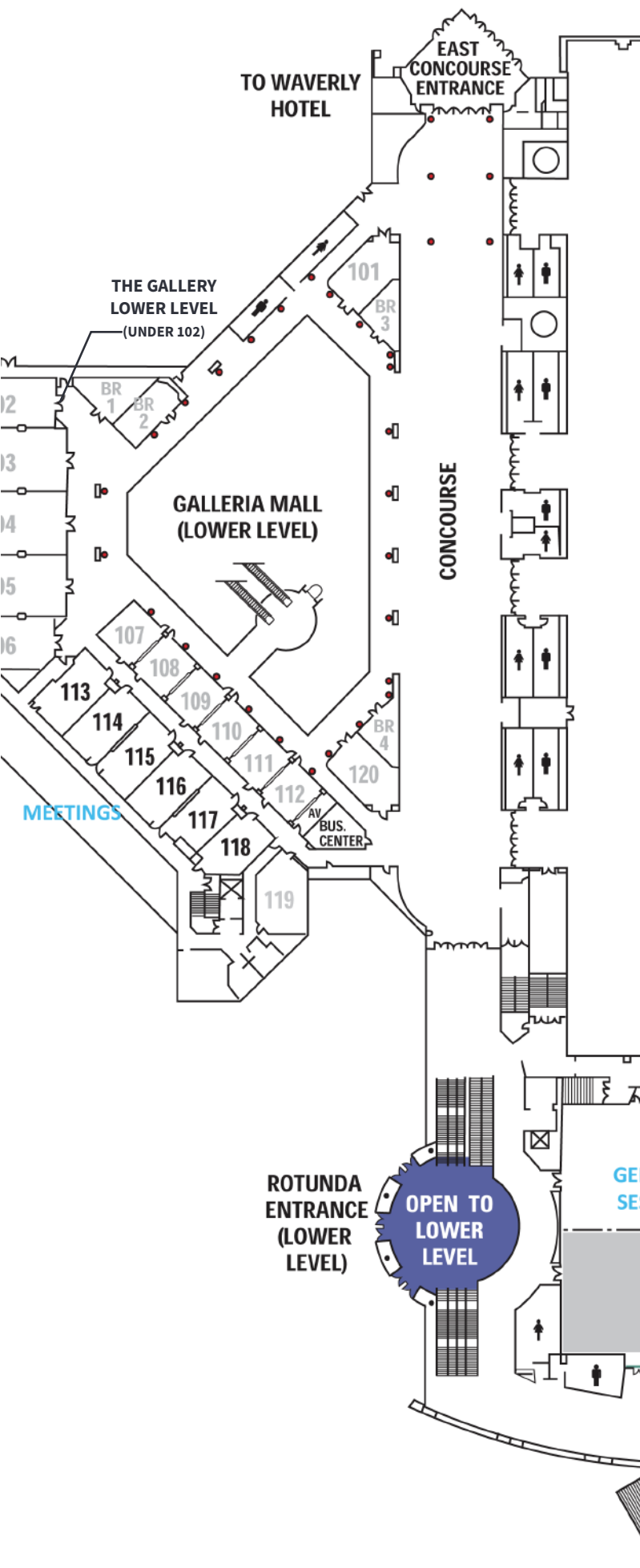
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8:00 am - 8:20 am	UAPRN State President and GNA CEO's Welcome Michelle A. Nelson, PhD, MS, RN, APRN, FNP-BC Mathew Caseman, Georgia Nurses Association CEO	Salon E
8:20 am - 8:30 am	Atlanta Mayor Office	
8:30 am - 9:30 am	Keynote Speaker #1: Linda Burnes Bolton, DrPH, RN, FAAN	Salon E
9:30 am - 10:00 am	Meet the Georgia Legislatives Candidates	Salon E
10:00 am - 11:30 am	Panel - Transformational Leadership: Strategies and Tactics for 21st Century Mary Gullatte, PhD, RN, ANP-BC, AOCN, FAAN, Emory Jill Case-Wirth, MHA, BSN, RN - WellStar Sandy Leake, MSN, - WellStar Nancye Feistritzer, DNP, RN - Emory Lucy N. Marion, PhD, FAAN, FAANP, Augusta University, Rhonda Scott, PhD, RN- Grady Lisa Eichelberger, PhD, RN - Clayton State University	MR 105
11:30 am -12:00 pm	Break, Posters & Exhibitor's Marketplace	Salon CDFG
12:00 pm - 1:15 pm	Executive Luncheon and Networking with Linda Burnes Bolton, DrPH, RN, FAAN	MR 105
1:15 pm - 2:00 pm	Break, Posters, Exhibitor's Marketplace	Salon CDFG
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Georgia Board of Nursing Compact Licensure & Scope of Practice Jim Cleghorn, MA Medical Director	MR 105
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Break, Posters, Exhibitor's Marketplace	Salon CDFG
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	LGBTQ Panel – General Session (Topic) Stephan Davis, DNP, MHSA, NEA-BC, CNE, FACHE Darnell Morgan, DNP, MSN, MSN, BSN, RN J. Dwayne Hooks Jr., PhD, APRN, FNP-BC, NEA-BC, AAHIVS, FACHE Michelle Thompson Sariev, BSN, MS, FNP-C Rita Mathis, LCSW	Salon E
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm.	Lt. Governor Candidate – General Session	Salon E
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Networking Gala	The Gallery

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## **The Executive Track** **Conference Day 2 - Saturday, October 6th**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>WORKSHOP</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
7:00 am – 7:50 am	Onsite Registration and Check in Complimentary breakfast/Poster viewing	Salon E
7:50 am - 8:10 am	UAPRN State President and GNA CEO's Welcome Dr. Michelle A. Nelson, PhD, MS, RN, APRN, FNP-BC Mathew Caseman, Georgia Nurses Association CEO	Salon E
8:10 am – 8:20 am	Legislative Update: Coalition for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Julianna McConnell, Registered Professional Lobbyist	Salon E
8:30 am - 9:30 am	Keynote Speaker #2 Dr. Peter Buerhaus, PhD, RN, FAAN	Salon E
9:30 am - 10:00 am	Break, Posters & Exhibitor's Marketplace	Salon CDFG
10:00 am - 11:30 am	Patient Safety and High Reliability Organizations (HRO). Cindy Oster, PhD, RN	MR 105
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Executive Luncheon and Network Dr. Peter Buerhaus, PhD, RN FAAN	MR 105
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	American Nurses Association Government Affairs Ernest J. Grant, PhD, RN, FAAN	Salon E
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Opioid Crisis Kathleen M. Young, RN, BSN, MSN, HCSM, CIC	MR 105
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Substance Misuse Disorder Opportunities and Challenges Panel Cynthia Hall, RN, MSN, COHN-S/CM Richard Lamphier, RN	MR 105

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## Unity Conference Map

