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2025 Wyoming Nurses Association Annual Convention
September 11-12, 2025 • Casper, Wyoming

Join us for the Wyoming Nurses Association 2025 Annual Convention, set to take place in Casper on September 11-12, 2025. Under the inspiring theme, **"Leading with Power"**, this year's convention promises to be a transformative event, empowering nurses across Wyoming to embrace their vital roles in healthcare. Along with distinguished speakers, the event will host the Annual Nursing Awards Reception, the WNA Membership Assembly, a variety of exhibitors and networking opportunities for all attendees.

The WNA is honored to announce that a distinguished **Past President of the American Nurses Association (ANA), Dr. Ernest Grant** will **kick off** the convention with a powerful opening presentation titled, **"The Power of Nursing – How We Make a Difference"**. This keynote address is specifically designed to inspire and empower nurses by highlighting the unparalleled impact of the nursing profession on individuals, communities, and the broader healthcare system. Dr. Grant is an accomplished nurse and educator, and the first male to hold the position of ANA President. He has been instrumental in promoting diversity within the nursing profession. Grant has a rich history in burn care and fire safety, having served as the burn outreach coordinator for the North Carolina Jaycee Burn Center at UNC Hospitals. His efforts have not only improved the lives of many but have also inspired future generations of nurse leaders. Attendees will be encouraged to engage, lead, and advocate for their profession with renewed vigor.



Closing out the convention, **Andrea Coyle, DNP, MHA, NE-BC, Chief Clinical and Innovation Officer at SE Healthcare** will present **"Create a Culture of Caregiver Well-Being with R.I.S.E."**. Dr. Coyle will discuss the ANA/WNA member benefit from SE Healthcare's R.I.S.E. (Reignite. Inspire. Support. Empower.) which is an on-site training program that helps healthcare organizations build and maintain a culture of caregiver well-being. The program teaches caregivers how to recognize and address burnout symptoms while providing practical stress management strategies tailored to their unique responsibilities and challenges. Dr. Andrea Coyle is an internationally recognized people-first caregiver leader and host of The Shift podcast. Dr. Coyle is passionate about making a difference in the lives she touches, ensuring that every caregiver who participates in R.I.S.E. receives the highest level of guidance and support. With her extensive background in caregiver leadership, Dr. Coyle has led numerous initiatives aimed at improving performance outcomes, reducing burnout, and fostering healthy work environments. She is celebrated for her ability to inspire, motivate, and empower caregiver teams.



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Thursday, September 11, 2025



Ernest J. Grant, PhD, DSc(h), RN, FADLN, FAAN V Duke University School of Nursing & Past President of ANA



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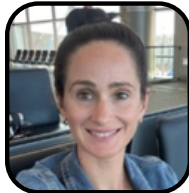
12:00 pm	Registration and Exhibitor Hall Opens
1:00 pm	Welcome from WNA President Jennifer Rasp-Vaughn, MBA/MSN, BS, RN, RCIS, CNML, LBC
1:05 pm	The Power of Nursing – How we Make a Difference Ernest J. Grant, PhD, DSc(h), RN, FADLN, FAAN V Duke University School of Nursing & Past President of ANA
2:05 pm	Break with Exhibitors
2:15 pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS Challenges of Providing Psychiatric and Mental Health Care in Wyoming Marish VanVleet, APRN-CNP, SANE A/P, FNE, PMHNP-BC, Silver Sage Psychiatry, LLC w/students Dana Grenier FNP & Robbalee Oleson RN Beyond Boarding; Implementing a Multi-Pronged Bundle to Decrease Boarding and Improve Progression of Care Jennifer L. Misajet, RN, MHA, CNOR, CSSM, Trinity Health
3:15 pm	Break with Exhibitors Sponsored by University of Wyoming Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing
3:45 pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS HeyGen - technology to enhance simulation-based learning and provides accessible, scalable options for training across nursing programs and hospital education departments Marianne Madariaga, MSN, RN, CNE, CHSE, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Development and Validation of Adolescent Sleep Algorithm for Pediatric Primary Care Holly Hink, APRN, CPNP, DNP, Dellrange Pediatrics
4:45 pm	Break with Exhibitors
5:00 pm	Using Your Voice to Advance Policy Ernest J. Grant, PhD, DSc(h), RN, FADLN, FAAN V Duke University School of Nursing & Past President of ANA
6:30 pm	2025 Nursing Awards Reception Join us for an evening of celebration, connection, and fun! Your convention registration includes access to this special event, featuring delicious heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, with one complimentary drink ticket to get the festivities started. Beyond the delightful food and drinks, you'll have the opportunity to participate in a silent auction and enjoy some lively karaoke, all while helping us raise vital funds for nursing practice projects. It's a fantastic chance to unwind, network with colleagues, and support a great cause. We'll also be honoring outstanding achievements in the nursing profession with awards in the following categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursing Excellence in the Workplace Award • Nursing Leadership in Advanced Practice Nursing Award • Inspiring Our Future Nurses Award • Faces of Our Future Nurses • Collaborative Practice Award • Excellence in Leadership Don't miss this inspiring event! Want to share the experience? Additional tickets are available for purchase if you'd like to bring family and friends.



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Friday, September 12, 2025



7:30 am	Breakfast in the Saloon & Exhibitor Hall Open
8:00 am	Welcome from WNA President Jennifer Rasp-Vaughn, MBA/MSN, BS, RN, RCIS, CNML, LBC
8:05 am	The Power of Nurses: Creativity and Risk-Taking to Promote Nurse-Led Innovation Sherrill J. Smith, RN, PhD, CNL, CNE University of Wyoming, Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing
9:05 am	Empowered and Resilient: Transforming High-Risk Obstetric Care in Maternal Health Deserts Megan Eileen Baker, BSN, RN-C, SANE-A/P & Beverly Boyce, RN, BSN, C-EFM, C-OB with St. John's Health
10:05 am	Break with Exhibitors Sponsored by Wyoming Health Resource Network
10:30 am	CONCURRENT SESSIONS Who Will Replace Me When I Retire? Understanding Nursing Workforce Data Dr. Michelle D Aldrich, WY Department of Education & Sammie Fails, MSN, RN, WCN Data Coordinator Wyoming Nursing Innovation Jennifer Stephens, MA, PhD, RN, OCN, CCNE, University of Wyoming, Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing & Linda Wilson, RDH, CNA
11:30 pm	Lunch and Exhibitor Hall Open
12:00 pm	WNA Membership Meeting WNA Board of Directors
1:30 pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS Beyond Diabetes: Exploring SGLT2 Inhibitors in Heart and Kidney Health Jaime Hornecker, PharmD, BCPS, CDE, UW Family Practice-Casper Curiosity, Courage and Communication - Becoming your best is by helping others become their best Maria Concepcion Kidner, DNP, FNP-BC, APRN, FAANP
2:30 pm	Break with Exhibitors
3:00 pm	Create a Culture of Caregiver Well-Being with R.I.S.E. Andrea Coyle, DNP, MHA, NE-BC, Chief Clinical and Innovation Officer, SE Healthcare
4:00 pm	Closing Remarks with WNA President Jennifer Rasp-Vaughn, MBA/MSN, BS, RN, RCIS, CNML, LBC



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