



4TH Annual Taste of the Annual Meeting

March 20, 2026

Ventosa Vineyards, Geneva, New York

Conference Agenda

9:30 am	Attendee/Sponsor Networking Breakfast, Registration, Poster set up
10:25 am	Welcome E. Kate Valcin, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, CNL, CCRN, FCCM, NYONL Past President
10:30 – 11:30 am	Advocacy: A Nurse Leader Imperative 2026-27 State & Federal Legislative and Policy Updates Bea Grause, RN, JD, HANYS President
11:35 – 12:35 pm	Demystifying AI: Practical Tools for Today's Nurse Leaders David Klimachefsky, MDiv, BS, BA, RN
12:35 pm	Poster Session #1
1:00 pm	Lunch, Networking with Sponsors
1:45 pm	Current and Emerging Best Practice Presentations Central Region Executive Coaching: A powerful Tool to Elevate Leader Effectiveness, Team Strength and Nurse and Patient Outcomes Kansas Underwood, BSN, RN, MSM, CNML, CPC Preparing for Extended EMR Downtime Karen Roeske, MSN, RN, RNC-OB, NE-BC Finger Lakes Region Leveraging Social Media to Foster Collaboration in the Workplace Sarah Corsette, MS, RN, MEDSURG-BC Improving Retention Through Nursing Care Innovation Courtney Spencer, DNP, RN, MED-SURG-BC, CNL; Ann Benedetto MS, RN, NP-D-BC; Allison Reitmeier, MS, BSN, RN, MEDSURG-BC Western Region Impact of Brøset Violence Checklist on Use of Mitigating Interventions and Safety Events in an Adult Mental Health Unit Tess Bernardo, DNP, MSN-Ed, BSN, CNE, PCCN
2:45 pm	Poster Session #2 / Break
3:15 pm	Roundtable Discussions: Abstract Submission Ideas that Align with Annual Meeting Theme and NYONL Strategic Plan Mary G. Carey, PhD, RN, Facilitator
4:00 pm	Closing Remarks Robert Church, RN, MS, MBA, FACHE, NYONL President
4:15 – 5:30 pm	Wine & Cheese Networking Reception / Continued Poster discussions

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Pedagogies to Facilitate Student Success and Satisfaction

Stephanie Monahan, MS, RN, Sarah Bugbee, MS, RN, PCCN - CNYONL

Confidence Gained, Talent Retained: The Externship Advantage

David Klimachefsky, MDiv, BS, BA, RN, Rosemary Collier, PhD, RN – CNYONL

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Reigniting the Flame:

Advancing Nurse Engagement Through Professional Development in Critical Care

Benjamin Lindsay, MS, RN, CCRN-CMC, PCCN, NPD-BC, NEA-BC, FADLN

Kristin Corsi, BSN, RN, CCRN; Mackenze White, MS, RN, ACCNS-AG

Changing the Game of New Nurse Orientation: Enhancing Engagement Through Gamification

Deborah Maier, DNP, RN, ACCNS-AG, CCRN, NE-BC

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Impact of Brøset Violence Checklist on Use of Mitigating Interventions and Safety Events in an Adult Mental Health Unit

Tess Bernardo, DNP, MSN-Ed, BSN, CNE, PCCN