

**Happy Nurse’s Week!**

**May 6th through 12th is Nurse's Week** and in honor of our continued hard work and dedication to the nursing profession,  ANA has extended the Year of the Nurse to 2021. On behalf of AACN and the CAT team,

***Thank YOU*** for your continued dedication to your patients and the nursing profession.  This is our year to continue to Excel, Lead and Innovate!

As we look back over the last year, it has truly been an incredible and impactful year for the nursing profession.  We have faced uncertainty, adjusted to new ways to provide patient care and learned how important resiliency and peer support truly are. Florence Nightingale once stated: “How very little can be done under the spirit of fear.”  We have faced our fears as a nursing profession and not only survived but exceeded our own expectations and those of others.

AACN is continuing to support chapters by extending the Chapter Charter agreement to 2022 at no cost to chapters. The chapter charter will be updated on the chapter database.  AACN is also giving chapters the option to extend board terms for another year.  This decision is up to the entire board but one option if you are having trouble filling board positions.

**REGION 6 News**

[**New AACN CSI Academy Cohort Focuses on Underserved Populations**](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.newswise.com/articles/new-aacn-csi-academy-cohort-at-10-hospitals-focuses-on-underserved-patient-populations?fbclid=IwAR0CTqncYS44SXwEtmxHASaLtj6E6R3hnPnVwfAIhaD7QdS3otnabu-KPp4__;!!NoSwA-eRAg!U37KPKKJeWvJBOrtxJBNHD7YO3sZf_5ItMuAVMnmalM7sSWtggh-53gCgA8B4oW4OQ$)

Nurses caring for underserved\* critically ill cardiac patients at Grady Memorial Hospital, Atlanta and University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital, (part of UAB Medicine) are two of 10 hospitals across the country participating in AACN’s Clinical Scene Investigator (CSI) Academy, a nurse leadership and innovation program. We are very proud of our colleagues at these two facilities and look forward to hearing about the outcomes of this project.

**Sherry Haizlip Memorial Scholarship**

The first recipient of this annual $500 scholarship is Doris Strothers, RN, MSN, CCRN. Doris received her Associates Degree in Nursing from Samford University (Birmingham Al.), her Bachelors of Science Degree, Nursing from University of Alabama, Birmingham and her Masters of Science in Adult Health, Acute Care Cardiovascular Nurse Practitioner from University of Alabama, Birmingham. Doris has influenced, guided and supported critical care nurses throughout her career. She promotes excellence in clinical and professional behaviors, utilizes up to date practice guidelines to improve methods and innovate better care for the patients and families. Her experience is vast and she utilizes that with science to support and nuture best practice in critical care nursing. This Scholarship recognizes Doris for her excellence in knowledge, her passion to share it and her many contributions to AACN at both the local chapter, regional and national level. She exemplifies all that Sherry Haizlip believed in and practiced throughout her life.

**CONGRATULATIONS DORIS FROM YOUR COLLEAGUES IN REGION 6!**

**2021 NTI – May 24-27**

I hope many of you are registered for NTI which starts in 2 weeks. If you are please let me know. Just send me an email. It would be great to meet virtually and get to put some names with faces throughout the region. Unfortunately, NTI 2021 does not include a Leadership Development Workshop but plans are under way for educational sessions throughout the coming year. If you have a chapter educational need or suggestion, please pass those onto me. I will forward your needs/suggestions to our CAT team.

As always, I am available by email or phone for any assistance you or your chapter needs, or to just talk about challenges.

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