



CACNS California Leaders — President's Half Year Report

Advocating and Uplifting in 2024

This year has been a very exciting one for members of the California Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists. Our organization represents one of the largest affiliates of the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (NACNS). As such, we are national leaders sparking new ideas and methods of care delivery among Advanced Practice Registered Nurses.

Two of our largest projects for 2024 include:

Full Practice Authority for California CNSs: Led by two longtime members, Jennie Matays and Elissa Brown, this project has governmental impact on the future practice of California CNSs through obtaining authority to practice to the full education and scope of the Clinical Nurse Specialist. One of the most important aspects of this initiative is obtaining prescriptive authority for nurses practicing in the role of the CNS.

Speakers/Preceptors Bureau: Through collaboration with our college professors and Schools of Nursing, CACNS leaders became aware of the struggles Clinical Nurse Specialist programs leaders were suffering in locating expert preceptors and guest speakers. Our organization members constitute some of the most astute APRNs from Northern California to the San Diego border. To date nearly 40 members have joined the Bureau to support these programs and ensure they thrive.

NACNS Institute Fellows: We welcomed 4 new CNSI fellows from California this year. Interested? We'll show you how to expand professionally through fellowship certification.



New Fellows to CNSI 2024
March NACNS, New Orleans

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Pamela Jane Nye, President

Mary Lawanson Nichols, and
Jeannie Meyer, Shared President Elect

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CNSs Lead the National and International Scene

Our members who spoke at NACNS 2024 in New Orleans

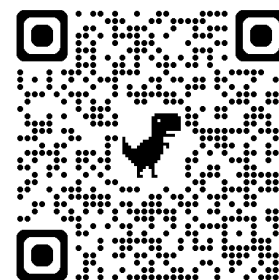
Anila Ladak, DNP, RN, GNP-BC, CNS; Terri Ares, PhD, RNC-NIC, CNS-BC; Sheree Scott, PhD, RN, AGCNS-BC, CMSRN; Olena Svetlov, DNP, RN, AGNP/CNS, CCRN, ATLS, PHN, NE; Mary Lawanson-Nichols, RN, MSN, NP, CNS, CCRN; Pamela Jane Nye, MS, RN, CNS-BC, CNRN, SCRNI; , Jennie Matays, DNP, RN, CNS, CCRN,

CCNS; Amber Glukhenkiy, MSN, RN, ACCNS-AG, CNS, CCRN-K; Jeannette Meyer, MSN, RN, CCRN, CCNS, PCCN, ACHPN; Susan Polka, MSN, RN, CNS, CCRN-K; Dana Wong, MSN, RN, ACCNS-AG, CCRN, CNRN;

Will you be there next year? We have mentor programs for novices!



You can join CACNS at <https://cacns.nursingnetwork.com/page/99594-cacns-membership>. **Share this with your colleagues, the more the merrier!**



Olena Svetlov

What would you do if you were miles away from your home and your nurse friends were in desperate need?

If you were a nurse leader in the United States, you would do what Olena did...gather needed supplies and ship them to your homeland in Ukraine.



Expanding Our Leaders Through Mentorship

What defines a great mentor? When someone reaches out for help, a great mentor takes their hand and pulls them up. CACNS prides itself in providing programs of mentorship to students and novice CNSs, led by a seasoned CNS and a novice CNS. Who better understands the needs of the future leaders? Interested? Contact Mary Lawanson-Nichols and/or Jason Leung.

Are you ready for a change? Do you want to expand opportunities professionally? Maybe you would like to network and learn from experts? All of this is possible through the California Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists, **contact me to get started: president@cacns.org**;



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