



FONL 2026 Annual Conference and Membership Meeting
Igniting Connection, Empowerment and Excellence in Nursing Leadership
Palmetto Marriott Resort & Spa, Palmetto, Florida
November 4-6, 2026

Wednesday, Nov 4

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Pre-Conference Registration Opens
2:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Pre-Conference Workshop: Ariela Freedman, PhD, MPH, MAT <i>Strengths-Based Leadership; Practical Strategies for Creating Empowered Workplaces</i>
4:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Exhibitor & Poster Presenter Registration
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	FONL Board of Directors Dinner Meeting - By Invitation Only

Thursday, November 5

7:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Day 1 Conference Registration & Check-In
7:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors & Poster Presenters
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Welcome/General Announcements
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Keynote Presentation: Jaime Marco <i>Shed the Funk: A Choose Your Own Leadership Adventure</i>
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Break with Exhibitors and Poster Presenters
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	General Session – Kay Kennedy , DNP, RN, NEA-BC, CPHQ, FAAN <i>The Human Spark: Starting with Connection!</i>
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Annual Excellence Awards Luncheon
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Paul Coyne, DNP , MBA, MA, APRN, AGPCNP-BC <i>A Journey of inspiration and Innovation</i>
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Break with Exhibitors and Poster Presenters
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Kris Malepors, MBA, CPTM <i>Ignite Your Culture into a Place Where People Want to Stay and Grow</i>
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Membership Meeting (all invited to attend)
4:30 - 6:00 PM	FONL Networking & Social Event with Exhibitors (all invited to attend)

Friday, November 6

7:45 AM – 8:30 AM	Day 2 Conference Registration & Check-In, Continental Breakfast with FONL Executive Board Members
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	General Session: Cody Burns <i>The Story You Don't Hear About – How Caregivers Changed My Life for the Better</i>
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Break with Exhibitors / Cody Book Signing *Exhibitors may break down after this session
10: 00AM – 11:00 AM	General Session: Research and EBP Grant-Recipient Presentations Maria Moreno , PhD, RN <i>Exploring the Intersection of Self-Management, Symptoms, and Quality of Life in Breast Cancer Survivors with Type 2 Diabetes.</i> Teri Chenot, EdD, MS, MEd, MSN, RN, CCE(ACBE), FNAP, FAAN <i>Addressing Workplace Burnout Among Nurse Managers: Qualitative Findings</i>
11:00AM – 11:30AM	Poster Winners and Research Grants, Raffles, & Team Spirit Awards Announced
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Closing Session: Nicole Phillips <i>What You Look For is What You See: The Leadership Mindset That Strengthens Teams and Transforms Culture</i>
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM	Wrap Up: Evaluations, and Closing Remarks, Boxed Lunches to Go / Book Signing, Nicole

**Program times may be adjusted slightly in the final agenda.*

Up to 11.5 Continuing Professional Development Hours Awarded