2019 - Another Banner Year for NYONEL

At the close of this year, it’s time to proudly reflect on our accomplishments that included:

Another successful Annual Meeting and Leadership Conference
March 17 - March 19 in Tarrytown. The meeting attracted over 200 nurse leaders and featured presentations that centered around the theme of Shaping the Future of Nursing - Advancing Health in New York State.
Regional Claire Murray Best Practice Awards and Leadership Awards, and two Margaret McClure Scholarship awards were presented and celebrated.

AONL Affiliate of the Year Award
AONL President, Mary Beth Kingston presented NYONEL the coveted award at the April 10th AONL Affiliate Meeting in San Diego. The award recognizes an affiliate “that promotes nursing leadership and its influence in the areas of the advancement of nursing practice, patient safety and quality, and recruitment and retention, or another priority initiative for that particular state or region.”

NYONEL Strategic Plan updates
In June, the NYONEL Board of Directors conducted their annual review of the NYONEL Strategic Plan. Periodic review and refreshing enables us to: better respond to the ever-changing healthcare environment, maintain focus on our mission and vision, and assure the relevancy of activities and benefits we offer our members.

Spring Leadership Program – back by popular demand
The June leadership program, “Power Up your Professional Practice Environment,” met with rave reviews. The audience included 35 nurse leaders at all levels including aspiring leaders. The conference was lively and interactive, and met with very positive comments by all who attended.

“All About Advocacy” Conference
Attendees at the October 20-21 conference held in Saratoga Springs gave it a rousing “thumbs up.” Pictured left, Dr. Pamela Cipriano’s keynote ended with a “90-Day Challenge” for attendees to create a personal plan to increase engagement in advocacy.
And looking ahead to plans for 2020...

**NYONEL Advocacy Day – January 2020**
An opportunity to put your advocacy skills to work! Watch for an announcement of the date and time. Plan to attend to express opposition to mandated nurse staffing ratios!

**NYONEL members to present at AONL Annual Meeting**
Our next step as stewards of the landmark BS in 10 Law is to help our colleagues across the country advance the education of nurses in their states. NYONEL members Dianne Cooney-Miner, PhD, RN, FAAN, FFNMRCSI (Hon) (FLONEL) and Claire Murray, MS, RN (NENYONEL) will present “BS in 10: From One State to all 50!” on March 20 at the AONL Annual Meeting. They will offer lessons learned, to help facilitate adoption in other states.

**2020 NYONEL Annual Meeting**
The 2020 NYONEL Annual Meeting and Leadership Conference will be held April 19-21 at the Westchester Marriott Hotel in Tarrytown. This year’s theme is *Back to our Nursing Roots: Transforming the Health of our Communities*. A ½ day preconference session on succession planning is planned for Saturday, April 18. Register soon to secure your spot!

**AONL Annual Advocacy Day – June 4**
Mark your calendar now and plan to lobby your representatives in Congress, to educate them about and urge them to support legislation that will help promote our profession. We look forward to a great NYONEL showing this year!

More on the Strategic Plan elements
Look for innovative programming, activities relating to healthy workforce and healthy workplace, and board and region efforts to increase diversity within our membership. And of course, our advocacy efforts to oppose mandatory staffing ratios will continue, as will lobbying in favor of state legislation that supports advancement of nursing education, the profession, and better care for the communities we serve.

Thank you to all our members for making NYONEL a vibrant organization. On behalf of the board of directors, I wish you a very happy and healthy holiday season!

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