The Florida Nursing Students Association (FNSA) is your organization. As a pre-professional organization for nursing students in Florida, FNSA is currently one of the largest constituents of the National Student Nurses Association (NSNA) in the country. With over 4,100 members, FNSA is an organization which promotes leadership education as well as experience to hundreds of Florida’s nursing students.

As members, we all have the opportunity to serve ourselves as well as other students by running for office; whether local, state, or even at the national level. By serving on the board you are given a great opportunity to take an active role in your own education.

FNSA, in cooperation with the Florida Nurses Foundation, provides several scholarships each year to students attending Florida’s colleges and universities. FNSA stands apart in ongoing faculty support. FNSA state and school consultants provide a strong base of support and guidance for all of our FNSA members.

What is Nursing Student Week?

Nursing Student Week was established to recognize the dedication and enthusiasm of Florida’s nursing students.

In the past, the celebration has been two-fold. Students at the individual schools have often chosen to conduct activities and public awareness campaigns to promote the visibility of nursing students and their current and future contributions to society. In addition, other groups such as hospitals and university faculty have sometimes chosen to coordinate activities to celebrate with students.

This year’s theme “Creating the Nursing Leaders of Tomorrow: The Future of Nursing lies within each of us,” is recognition of the hard work and importance of student nurses and the impact they will have on the image of nursing for the rest of their careers. Nursing is an evolving career capable of impacting lives every day. It is what you choose to make it; we are the future of nursing!

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What can I do?

**Community Service**
We are a group of people who love to give. Volunteering is always such a positive way to get involved in your community. A few ideas are:
- Volunteering as a group for a charity walk
- Hypertension Screening
- Health Fairs
- CAPS Screenings
- Health Education Seminars
- Blood Drives

**School Activities**
Get together with your local SNA members and plan a celebration for all that you have accomplished. Plan a pizza party or an ice cream social. Don’t forget to thank all of your instructors for the hard work they put into your education. Maybe plan a luncheon with your consultant and other faculty. Whatever you choose, the goal is to celebrate your choice to be part of a life changing and rewarding career!

**Public Relations**
Make your voice heard. Write to your local newspaper, or call a local radio station. Let them know what the FNSA is and what it means to you. Explain to them why you want to be a nurse. Inform your school’s public relations department of all that your school’s nursing students have accomplished.

**Don’t Forget About You**
Remember: this is a week to celebrate you and all that you do. Take a little breather and enjoy your friends and family. Embrace your decision to become a nurse, someone who will impact the future!

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**Important Note:**
Please get approval from your consultant, program dean or director before planning activities! Have them proof any correspondence or communication to the press.