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MEDIA ALERT:

ANA First Vice President To Address Pivotal Role of Nursing Leadership at Maryland Association of Nursing Students Annual Convention

- WHO:** Debbie Hatmaker, PhD, RN-BC, SANE-A, First Vice President of the American Nurses Association (ANA), the largest nursing organization in the U.S. Ms. Hatmaker currently serves on the ANA Board of Directors; as Chief Programs Officer for the Georgia Nurses Association (GNA) in Atlanta, GA; and as President of the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) – the credentialing arm of the ANA.
- WHAT:** First Vice President Hatmaker shares her perspectives on the urgent importance of developing dynamic nursing leaders in the face of a far-reaching nursing shortage and looming health care reforms that will impact the country into the foreseeable future. Ms. Hatmaker engages tomorrow's nursing decision-makers on the leadership skills and resources that will help them successfully carry the profession through a historic period of change, challenge, and opportunity.
- WHEN:** Saturday, January 30, 2010; 9:00am-10:30am
- WHERE:** University of Maryland School of Nursing, 655 West Lombard Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.
- WHY:** Today's nursing students are confronted with *unprecedented* opportunities to impact the state of our nation's health care system and the health of its patients in profound and positive ways. ANA is committed to helping future nurses act on these opportunities by mentoring, educating, and inspiring the nursing leaders of tomorrow.

ABOUT THE AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION (ANA):

The ANA is the only full-service professional organization representing the interests of the nation's 2.9 million registered nurses through its constituent member nurses associations, its organizational affiliates, and its workforce advocacy affiliate, the Center for American Nurses. The ANA advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting the rights of nurses in the workplace, projecting a positive and realistic view of nursing, and by lobbying the Congress and regulatory agencies on health care issues affecting nurses and the public.

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