



THE GUTSY INNOVATOR

EMPOWERING THE CREATIVE SPIRIT OF NURSING

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guts-y - showing courage, determination, and spirit

Hello Nursing Colleague,

Welcoming 2022 requires a steadfast focus on safety, navigating change, managing our energy, and caring for our spirits. However one big question remains, in the midst of an ongoing pandemic how do we remain optimistic? I recently saw a post on Twitter about a little girl with a pocket full of confetti. When her mom asked her why she had it, she said, "It's my emergency confetti in case there is good news." Beyond falling in love with this little person, I committed to bringing this kind of hope and energy into the new year!

Did you know that the root of the word innovation is innovare, which means to renew? Innovation is a space that allows us to create, build, and surround ourselves with people and experiences that make us, others, and the world around us better. Ultimately, innovation is about following your passions and filling your cup!

As we work to design this year's events and activities, please share what you would like to see or learn more about in 2022. Email us at: innovation@ana.org.

Keep Being Gutsy, Ori.



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Open to all nurses – [listen to the first bundle of See You Now podcasts focused on health equity](#) and receive four free CNE credits. Episodes include: Reading the Signs, Black Midwives & Mamas, Virtual Screening for Safer Shelters, and Counting on Faith. Stay tuned for more podcast bundles coming your way in 2022!

Join ANA's Community of Nurse Innovators

Our ANA Innovation Community is going strong, with lots of exploration around various aspects of innovation – from design thinking to improving access to care. ANA members can join the conversation, [here](#).

Interested in learning more about design thinking? Check out this American Nurse article on how [design thinking can be used to improve care](#).



Plus, check out these See You Now podcast episodes:



Episode 61: Reporting Powers: Insights in Action

Three nurse changemakers are weaving needed innovations into their organizations, care delivery, and workforce to [Accelerate Nursing and Transform Healthcare](#).

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Episode 64: Reporting Powers: Leading with Love

Learn how innovations in organizational structuring and operations based on love and empathy are improving care in rural health systems and improving access in low-trust communities.

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Congratulations to our *See You Now* podcast host, Shawna Butler, for being nominated as a [Rock Health, Top 50 in Digital Health!](#)

Don't Miss These Events

At the Smithsonian through February 20, [Design and Healing: Creative Responses to Epidemics](#): "In response to COVID-19, designers, artists, doctors, engineers, and others collaborated to create design innovations that address community and individual needs. Using practices such as open-source collaboration, rapid-response prototyping, product hacking and social activism, they created medical devices, protective gear, infographics, political posters, architecture, and community services. From practical solutions to experimental prototypes, this recent work underscores the idea that equity is essential to a healthy world."

[HIMSS Global Health Conference 2022](#) – Orlando, March 13-14

Innovation Jobs – Two New Nursing Innovation Positions

Innovator Outreach and Development Specialist at the [University of Minnesota](#)
<https://lnkd.in/eSdcAsXn>

Assistant/Associate/Full Professor on the tenure track at the [University of Massachusetts Amherst](#) <https://lnkd.in/eBu9QYJt>

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