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EMPOWERING THE CREATIVE SPIRIT OF NURSING

Nurses Breaking Down Barriers

Dear Nursing Colleague,

Our country has a historical precedent of delayed communication. The Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 declared any enslaved person should be “forever free.” Sadly, this news didn’t reach enslaved Black Americans in Texas until June 19, 1865. Today, we celebrate this communication on Juneteenth, which acknowledges the end of slavery for Black Americans in the United States.

Too often, urgent and critical information to transform health care delivery, drive innovative solutions, and – most importantly – advance society is delayed, which has impeded progress to reduce health disparities and drive health equity and social justice for all.

Nurses are leading remarkable work to improve the health and well-being of people of all races, ethnicities, backgrounds, and walks of life. But much of it is not widely known. Courageous nurses willing to try something innovative lack ways to amplify their work. We must find better and faster ways to diffuse the great work being driven by nurses. How we share information is not always reliable, practical, or particularly effective. We see these delays play out across healthcare as evidenced by the gap between new research and changes in practice. Nurses are perfectly positioned to close these loopholes and positively shift health care forward.

Making healthcare more equitable and solving problems faster is done by nurses all the time. Please share the work you’re doing or work you know others are doing. Follow the link below to share, and you’ll hear from us soon!

June is also Men’s Health Month. A very special shout out to all the incredible men across the nursing profession. Your presence promotes health for everyone while breaking down stereotypes. Our profession, and the innovations we create, are strengthened by our diversity.

Thank you for being gutsy,

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ANA INNOVATION LOUNGE

VIRTUAL EVENT

**Nurse Innovators, Creators,
and Experts Talk Innovation
in Health Care**

REGISTER NOW

ANA Innovation Lounge Launches

We had such a lively discussion in our innovation lounge at the ANCC Virtual Summit, we are launching a virtual series. Join us, June 22 for the first of four ANA Innovation Lounges. These 90-minute events are created to inspire, motivate, and create space for you to ponder ways to bring your ideas to fruition. This series is free, but you will need to register for access.

[Register Here](#)

ANA INNOVATION AWARDS

Your ideas and creativity are the future of health care

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APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED JUNE 1-OCTOBER 31

Call for Applications - ANA Innovation Awards

We are now accepting applications for the 2022 ANA Innovation Awards, sponsored by Stryker. Do you have an idea that could shake up or set new benchmarks for the health care industry? Or, do you have an everyday idea that if shared nationally could change the profession? Your work is valuable and is already making a difference - wherever you are. Now, it's time to share it! Take a chance on yourself. Submit your application before the October 31 deadline.

[Learn More](#)

Podcast: Nurses Breaking Down Barriers



Episode 47: A Vote for Mom's Health

Nurse Lauren Underwood, who represents Illinois 14th District in Congress, is driving innovation in health care with a bill that blends policy, science, and data. Her legislation reminds us there are solutions to longstanding inequities if you're bold enough to pursue them.

[Listen to Episode 47 now](#)

This month, our *See You Now* podcasts spotlight nurses who are promoting change at both the national and grassroots levels – redefining nursing, culture, and equity through social action.

Episode 33: Season 4: Roots of Resilience

Nurse researcher John Low, PhD, RN, FAAN, established the first Center for Indigenous Nurse Research for Health Equity. Hear how he is connecting indigenous youth to their cultural heritage, native identity, and history through practices such as the Virtual Talking Circle.

[Listen to Episode 33 now](#)

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Perfecting Your Pitch

Ready to share your great idea? Read this blog post first! You'll find tips to make your pitch the best it can be – from understanding your audience to telling a compelling story.

[What Makes an Effective Pitch?](#)

Stories

Tell us about your innovative practices – big or small. What cool things are happening in your organization? What has changed since the pandemic? Share how you've taken a chance to forge a new path for yourself, your patients, or your colleagues.

[Submit Your Story](#)

Want to be part of the team?

[Application](#) submissions for the Innovation Advisory Committee – close June 23.



Keep Being Gutsy!

“Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time”
– Ruth Bader Ginsbur

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