

Annual Statewide Summer Conference for Kansas School Nurses

The Annual Kansas School Nurse Conference was held In Wichita, Kansas. Three hundred and forty-three school nurses attended the general session July 16-18th. There was activity before and after the conference, as fifty-four new school nurses arrived July 15th for the New Nurse Session and some nurses chose to attend post-conference sessions the afternoon of July 18th.

Keynote topics for the 24th Annual Conference were:

- Creating Change to Promote Growth
- KanCare
- Health Information Exchange in Kansas: How the Kansas Health Information Network (KHIN) Will Support School Nurses
- Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting in Kansas
- DSM-5 Changes in Autism Spectrum Definition: Opportunity for School Nurses to Grow
- Living and Leading with Laughter: Uncovering your Spackle

School nurses chose to attend three break-out sessions during the conference in addition to the keynote presentations. These sessions offered information to improve practice by taking care of self, updating practice for direct care to students and advocating for school health needs.

The conference also offered formal and informal opportunities to network with school nurses from across the state. Wednesday morning attendees were encouraged to sit with other nurses in their geographic region (seven Kansas School Nurse Organization districts) to meet nurses in neighboring school districts. Approximately 100 nurses took advantage of a leisurely dinner and tour of the Botanica Gardens on Tuesday evening.

Know what is happening for Kansas School Nurses and Kansas Schools. Mark your calendar for July 15-17, 2014 and plan to attend the **25th** Annual Statewide Summer Conference for Kansas School Nurses next year.



Networking



Vendors



**Purses for Nurses:
\$668.00 raised for the
NASN Endowment Fund**



**Sign-in-
Time to start.....**



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**Mary Ann Shorman
Kansas School Nurse of the Year**