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2017-2018 Legislative Director

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I am honored and excited for the opportunity to serve as the 2017-2018 Legislative Director. I was drawn to this position after realizing that by getting involved in legislative action, we can have a profound effect on the patients we care for. The hope of positively affecting the health and well-being of people on a macro level deeply resonates with me.

I grew up in the quiet coastal town of Carmel, Ca. I decided to pursue a nursing career in 2013 after a stint as an EMT. As much as I loved first responder BLS, I knew that I wanted to be able to do more for my patients. I enrolled in prerequisite coursework at my local community college and the rest was history. My biggest leap of faith came when I decided to attend Sacramento State over a smaller nursing program at my local community college. I moved more than 200 miles away to a town 6 times larger than any I'd ever lived in, where I didn't know anyone. I haven't regretted that decision for one minute. I am proudly set to graduate in May of 2018, and I look forward to a long, exciting career in nursing.

Whether you are quiet and introverted, or outgoing and extroverted, I believe we all have a voice to be heard. Nurses are an important, indispensable fabric in the tapestry of our society. We have such a unique and intimate perspective into the healthcare of our patients, and we must speak up and make our voices heard in order to make lasting change for the better. The way to do this is through legislation. Get involved, speak to your elected officials, write them letters, make phone calls, support/oppose legislation and make your voices heard! It is my goal to get everyone involved and I am happy and eager to help.

Goals for 2017-2018:

- Formulate a team of motivated nursing students to help identify and follow important legislation that affects nurses, students and our patient population.
- Create a simple resource template to show local chapter leaders how easy it is to get their constituents involved in legislation.
- Lead a small group of nursing students to the capital building in Sacramento to speak for or against bills at Senate and Assembly hearing committees.
- Seek out local chapters that do not have a legislative director position and help them adopt and incorporate it.
- Explore ways to incorporate new legislative measures into CNSA community events (ex: Narcan/Naloxone has recently been made available to the public for

OTC purchase. I would like to get local chapters to hold community events where we teach the public how to safely administer it).

- Explore and develop new ideas that could benefit student nurses, and seek out ways to propose legislation for those ideas.

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