WELCOME ALL! WELCOME BACK!

Student Nursing Organization edition is giving a warm welcome back to new members - both Juniors and Seniors - and an exciting welcome back to returning members! Congratulations to our incoming J2 students and returning S2 seniors! Give yourself a big pat on the back for getting to this point – there’s a bright future ahead for all of us!

First and foremost I would like to announce a big change that happened within SNO these passed few months – incoming officer elections! Paper ballots were casted by all SNO members, both Juniors and Seniors, to elect our new SNO officers for the Class of 2016. I offer a formal and warm welcome to your new officers.

President: Anastasia Houze
Vice-President: Marina Hendrix
Secretary: Madison Martens
Historian/PR: Jennifer Criswell
Events Coordinator: Lacey Daily
Treasurer: Kelsey Rose

In order for the new Junior officers to gain a full grasp on the Ins-and-outs of Student Nursing Organization, both senior and junior officers will be running meetings, organizing events, and sending emails to communicate different happenings of SNO. Junior officers will assume all leadership responsibilities when the 2015 officers graduate (SAY YAY!) Thanks you members of SNO for allowing us to be graced with such talented and wonderful Junior incoming officers. Good things are on our horizon!

Moving forward, join SNO in the fun events and opportunities these next coming weeks! First on the agenda is the 63rd Annual National Student Nurse Association (NSNA) Convention held in Phoenix, AZ on April 8-12, 2015. Several SNO officers along with the 2016 President and Vice-President will be attending the conference to represent St. David’s School of Nursing at the national convention of Student Nursing Organization’s from around the nation! SNO members will learn new ideas and techniques from other SNO’s from around the nation on how to make our SNO organization stronger and more encompassing for years to come! The April 15th SNO meeting we will hear from the NSNA convention attendees to hear the inspiration and wisdom they gathered at the convention. Please join us for our April meeting!
SENIORS – SNO GRADUATION ELIGIBILITY

Hey! You! Are you graduating in May? Are you ready to pull a Mandy Graves and turn all our old notes into an old fashioned bonfire? Well hold your horses, I’ve got some important information regarding eligibility to graduate with a Student Nursing Organization cord this coming May (64 days in counting). In order to remain in good standing for SNO cords upon graduation you must meet the following criteria:

- Missed no more than 2 SNO meetings per school year (2 as a Junior; 2 as a Senior)
- Regained eligibility by attending 1 hour of SNO volunteer events per 1 meeting missed

All students remaining in good standing with SNO will graduate with a solid white cord symbolizing outstanding performance in Student Nursing Organization. There will be a sign up sheet closer to graduation for those wanting to receive a graduation cord.

If you have any questions about your standing within the organization, please email the SNO Secretary Rachel Melton at rm1541@txstate.edu with any questions/concerns/comments on the matter.

SAVE A LIFE – OTHER FORMS OF PATIENT ADVOCACY

Scott & White Blood Drive

Be the Match-Marrow Donation

Save a life, or two!

This semester we not only welcome back two wonderful opportunities to help others in need - The Scott & White Blood Center Donation Bus and the Be a Match-A National Marrow Donation company!

The blood donation bus will be parked outside of the School of Nursing building on April 8th from 9am-4pm. The bus serves as a mobile blood donation center complete with private screening rooms and 8 chairs to donate from! Students are able to sign up for time slots to fit their schedule ahead of time. We will have plenty of time to make appointments before, in between, and after classes to donate! Not only is this a great way to help others, but this can also count for volunteer hours for us SNO members, if need be.

The Be A Match Bone Marrow Screening/Donation will take place on April 22nd inside the School of Nursing building on the 1st floor. This is a new opportunity for St David’s School of Nursing’s students and Texas State Students alike. They will have a booth/table set up with information about how to become a donor. There will be a short questionnaire involved and a mouth swab for testing and matching purposes. If you are a match for someone, you will be contacted; this could take anywhere from 1-5 years before you are contacted as a donor.
**Just a reminder to those students who traveled to Nicaragua this year - Unfortunately you cannot donate this time around, but next year you are in the clear.**

If you would like more information on this opportunity please contact either of the SNO Events Coordinator Sarah Zipper (smz3@txstate.edu) or Lacey Dailey (led49@txstate.edu).

## ROUND ROCK EXPRESS BASEBALL SEND OFF

This April 17th will serve as our 3rd annual Student Nursing Organization End of the Year celebration at a Round Rock Express Baseball game. Located at the Dell Diamond, this event serves as a time to celebrate the victories and successes each of us have found in moving forward with our nursing career – be it graduation or advancing to the J3 summer semester. Tickets are roughly ~$7 and serve as a great “last hurrah” for both Senior and Junior SNO members to enjoy together. Last year proved to be a great turnout, so strap on your baseball caps, bring a blanket to lay out on the lawn and come enjoy the All American Sport – SNO Style. Games usually start around Dusk.

Bring a blanket and enjoy watching the Express take Memphis on April 17th
EVENT DETAILS/FUTURE EVENTS:

- March 11: SNO meeting – Guest Speaker Jason
- March 28: Paws for a Cause 5k – San Gabriel Park, Georgetown, TX
- March 29: Volunteer opportunity at Austin 10/20 Marathon at the Domain in Austin, TX
- April 8: Scott and White Blood Drive
- April 15: SNO meeting – SNO members present what they learned from NSNA conference
- April 17: Round Rock Express Baseball game send off
- Be The Match – Bone Marrow Donation Screening – SDSON building

If you have any questions regarding volunteering and events, contact Sarah Zipper (smz32@txstate.edu) or Lacey Dailey (led49@txstate.edu)