



## GREETINGS FROM THE SECTION CHAIR



Sue Stone  
Section  
Chair

Spring Greetings to everyone! We are grateful for each one of you!

Our state of California has the largest membership volume with over 3,000 dedicated members.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of birthing people and newborns.

Our CA Section Hybrid Conference Riding the Wave to Nursing Excellence in Orange, CA in February was amazing. We had over 350 in person and virtual attendees! Our Diaper Drive collected over 700 diapers and 700 wipes. The Every Woman Every Baby (EWEB) Campaign exceeded the Section goal of \$2,024. Our speakers were spectacular, and our sponsors showcased fabulous products and resources. Special thanks to our phenomenal Planning Committee and our Student Nurse volunteers from UCI and Western University of Health Sciences.

Be on the lookout for the upcoming EWEB Virtual 5K to celebrate Nurses Week. Gather friends and Chapter members, order your T-Shirt, and share photos with us.

Our CA Section will have representation at AWHONN on Capitol Hill in April where we will visit Washington DC and discuss current bills with members of Congress. Please consider joining us for an empowering event.

Looking forward to seeing many of our members in Phoenix, AZ in June at our National Conference.

Stay tuned for a CA gathering as well as a chance to attend a fun filled party with other Section friends.

Thank you for spreading the word and encouraging friends, colleagues, and students to become AWHONN members and make a difference in the lives of our birthing communities and newborns.

Warmly,  
Sue Stone

## GREETINGS FROM YOUR SECRETARY/TREASURER

Greetings AWHONN California!

Shortly after another successful CA Conference, your leadership team and the 2025 CA Conference Planning Committee have started working on the next conference, which will be held in Northern California!

In the meantime, we are excited to share that we will meet with legislative leaders in Washington, D.C., this month. AWHONN's support of several bills will help to significantly improve maternal and child health in California and throughout the nation.

We look forward to seeing many of you in Phoenix, Arizona, in June at the National Conference and at our California Luncheon, where you will receive your CA sash. Please be on the lookout for more information, and register to let us know you will attend.

As always, look after yourselves and keep doing amazing things!

Blessings,

Marinda du Toit



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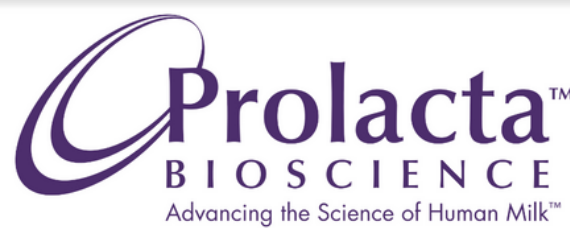
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# ACCOUNTABILITY, BELONGING & CULTURE

Brandy Frye

The Code of Ethics for Nurses with interpretive statements is a cornerstone of professional nursing practice and outlines how the professional nurse should approach patient care. One of the core fundamentals of nursing practice is that "The nurse practices with compassion and respect for the inherent dignity, worth, and unique attributes of every person." (ANA, 2015). Different health factors contribute to health outcomes, such as length or quality of life. Typically, when people think about what makes a population healthy or unhealthy, we first consider health behaviors and the social determinants of health, not the clinical care people receive at the bedside. An accurate and comprehensive approach to health equity requires addressing the social and delivery system factors driving inequity. We must actively work towards dismantling belief systems and structures that perpetuate systemic racism in Nursing. In the spirit of inquiry and to better understand ourselves as well as the communities we serve, the CA AWHONN section leadership team is launching a pilot program in the late spring of 2024. If you are interested in participating or if you are interested in hearing more about this 6 - week program please access the hyperlink here, complete the form, and a member of the research team will reach out to you. Our Stories [Interest form](#)



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The terrifying rate of morbidity and mortality experienced by people who do not identify as white is stunning! Nurses must come together as social justice advocates and be part of the solution. To fully address health disparities and to better serve the marginalized populations within our communities we must be willing to have brave conversations on our lived experiences. This program is a six-week program entitled Our Stories. If you are interested in hearing more about this program and possibly participating in the pilot, please access using the QR code above and complete the form.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Laura Senn, NoCal



End of 1st quarter, 2024- Membership Report

Total # of members= 3045

Students= 287

Full= 1245

E-members= 1490

Lifetime= 3

Emeritus= 33

Associate= 8

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I currently attend California State University San Marcos. I graduated in December 2023. I heard about AWHONN from my OB clinical instructor. My dream position is to become a labor & delivery/postpartum RN. I am very excited for the future ahead of me. I did my internship at Scripps La Jolla in Labor & Delivery for my last semester. Fun facts about myself:

I love to go snowboarding in the Winter. I am an animal lover; I have 4 dogs and 2 cats.



My name is Jessica Hernandez, and I go by Jess. I have 2 sassy pets, a dog named Kylie and a kitten named Storm. I'm the first one in my family to become a nurse, hopefully not the last. I graduated from UCI with my MSN back in June 2023.

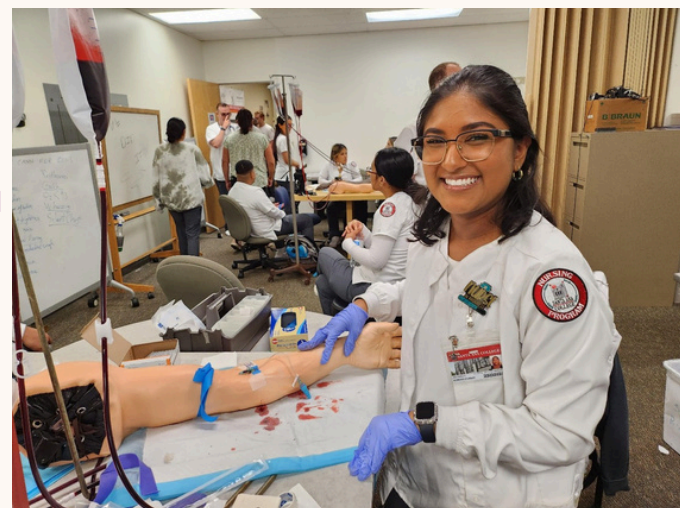
I heard about AWHONN during nursing school and again through my clinical instructor, Sue Stone.

I just landed my dream job with UCSD's perinatal department via their new graduate program.

## Chantal Kayleen Barbosa.

I graduated from Santa Ana College December 2023. I entered nursing school with the dream of becoming a NICU nurse and I still hope to achieve that goal one day, however after my second semester obstetrics course, I found that I really enjoy maternal healthcare as well. The lecture material just resonated with me, and I loved every minute of my OB clinicals. I had already been enrolled as a NAAN student member and it was after I finished my second semester that I decided that I also wanted to become an AWHONN student member because of my passion for both specialties. I ultimately do not know where I will end up yet, but one of the beauties of nursing is that I do not have to choose between either specialty because I know that one day I will get to experience working in both specialties as an R.N.

Here is a photo of myself practicing IV starts in our school's skills lab.



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