

WSCC Student Nurses,

Nursing school is of the most influential and rewarding experiences we have the privilege of encountering. At Wallace State, if you had the opportunity of joining a nationwide society where several mentors and philanthropic opportunities paved the way to the career nurse you strive to be—would you do it? We have our very own ANS (also known as NSNA) chapter here at WSCC and we would love to help you along the way. Founded in 1952, ANS (or NSNA) is a nonprofit organization for students enrolled in associate, baccalaureate, diploma, and generic nursing programs. The essential goal of the society is dedicated to fostering the professional development of nursing students, mentor students preparing for initial licensure as registered nurses, and convey the standards, ethics, and skills students need as future accountable leaders in the nursing profession.

The NSNA holds several events throughout the year, which focus around leadership/career development, lectures from renowned nursing leaders, possible job opportunities, and the ability to network with hundreds of other students and faculty. The organization is strictly nonprofit and centered around charity and education—also offering undergraduate and graduate nursing scholarships and school grants. The core values include: advocacy, leadership, autonomy, professionalism, care, diversity, and quality education.

The WSCC chapter of ANS allows for many leadership opportunities aside from national leadership opportunities (think of it in terms of you can run for President of the United States or for city mayor, except in ANS you can run for both simultaneously if you feel compelled to do so). Leadership positions at WSCC's ANS chapter include: President (currently vacated by Kelli Penque), Vice President (currently vacated by Rachel Nichols), Communications Director, Service Committee Director, Secretary, and Treasurer.

To join ANS, go to www.nsnamembership.org or contact Mrs. Miranda Smith located in the nursing administration office for more information. She can provide you with a packet or information to contact current ANS members. This is a great opportunity to meet people around the nation. It's never too early to network with nurses who want to help you succeed!

Sincerely,
WSCC Association of Nursing Students