



2026 NANAINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
National Alaska Native American Indian Nurses Association
"Unity in Health: Indigenous Nurse Policy Conference"

AGENDA

DAY 1
MONDAY AUGUST 31, 2026

TIME	EVENT	ROOM
7:30 - 8:30AM	Registration + Breakfast	1st Floor; Room 822
8:30 - 9:30AM	Honor Song: <i>Shawn Ironmaker</i> JHSON Land Acknowledgment: <i>Keith Colston</i> Welcome + Remarks Teresa N. Brockie, PhD, RN, FAAN President, National Alaska Native American Indian Nurses Association (NANAINA) Johns Hopkins University Welcome <i>Sarah L. Szanton, PhD, MSN, BSN, BA, RN, ANP, APRN, FAAN</i> Dean and Professor, Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing Daily Moderator: <i>Sandra Haldane, MSN, BSN, RN</i>	Room 820
9:30 - 10:30AM	Keynote: Stronger Together: Nurses Leading Change Through Advocacy <i>Jennifer S. Mensik Kennedy, PhD, MBA, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN</i> President, American Nurses Association	Room 820
10:30 - 11:00AM	Networking Break Explore Vendors + Exhibitors	Room 822
11:00 - 12:00PM	Plenary: From the Bedside to the Beltway: Nurses, Workforce, and the Fight for Quality Care in Indian Country <i>A.C. Locklear II, JD</i> Chief Executive Officer, National Indian Health Board	Room 820
12:00PM	Silent Auction Opens Available through Wednesday September 2nd, 12:30PM All proceeds support the NANAINA Scholarship Fund	Room 820

TIME	EVENT	ROOM
12:00 - 1:30PM	Lunch + Learn: IHS Nursing Priorities <i>Johanna Bahe, DNP, RN</i> Director, Division of Nursing Services, Indian Health Service <i>Shavonna White, DNP, RN, CIC</i> Deputy Director, Division of Nursing Services, Indian Health Service	Room 820
1:30 - 2:45PM	Panel: Nursing the System: Shaping Health Care in Indian Country <i>Mary Wakefield, PhD, RN, FAAN</i> Former Administrator, Health Resource and Services Administration; Former Chief of Staff to Senators Quentin Burdick + Kent Conrad (ND) <i>Patrick DeLeon, PhD, MPH, JD</i> Distinguished Professor, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences <i>Suzanne Miyamoto, PhD, RN, FAAN</i> CEO, American Academy of Nursing	Room 820
2:45 - 3:45PM	Plenary: From Passion to Policy: Preparing for Legislative Visits <i>Grace Grau, DNP, CRNP, AACC, FAAN</i> President-elect, NAHN	Room 820
3:45 - 4:00PM	Networking Break Explore Vendors + Exhibitors	Room 822
4:00 - 5:00PM	Plenary (continued): Preparing for Legislative Visits + NANAINA Legislative Priorities <i>Grace Grau, DNP, CRNP, AACC, FAAN</i> President-elect, NAHN <i>Teresa Brockie, PhD, RN, FAAN</i> President, NANAINA	Room 820
5:00 - 5:30PM	Closing Comments + Day 2 Preview <i>Sandra Haldane, MSN, BSN, RN</i>	Room 820

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DAY 2
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

TIME	EVENT	ROOM
7:30 - 8:30AM	Breakfast	Room 822
8:30 - 9:30AM	Opening Blessing Welcome + Day 2 Overview <i>Teresa Brockie, PhD, RN, FAAN</i> President, NANAINA Daily Moderator: <i>Sadie Anderson, MSN, RN, FADLN</i>	Room 820
9:30 - 10:00AM	Networking on the Go! Make your way to Capitol Hill + meet for a group photo on the steps.	Capitol Hill
10:00 - 2:30PM	Hill Visits with Congressional Delegates + Staffers Lunch on your own	Capitol Hill
2:30 - 4:00PM	Capitol Hill Visits: Reflections + Lessons Learned <i>Grace Grau, DNP, CRNP, AACC, FAAN</i> President-elect, NAHN	Room 820
6:00 - 8:30PM	NANAINA Banquet + Honoring <i>Emcee: Keith Colston</i> Cultural Perspective on the Traditional Flute <i>Patrick Brooks</i> Honorees: <i>Patrick DeLeon, PhD, MPH, JD</i> Distinguished Professor, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences <i>Mary Wakefield, PhD, RN, FAAN</i> Former Administrator, Health Resource and Services Administration; Former Chief of Staff to Senators Quentin Burdick + Kent Conrad (ND) <i>CAPT Audrey Koertvelyessy, MSN, RN</i> Retired CAPT US Public Health Service; Former Chief Nurse, Indian Health Service; Former NANAINA President	Holiday Inn, Banquet Room

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DAY 3
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

TIME	EVENT	ROOM
7:30 - 8:30AM	Breakfast	Room 822
8:30 - 8:45AM	Opening Blessing Welcome + Day 3 Overview <i>Teresa Brockie, PhD, RN, FAAN</i> NANAINA President Daily Moderator: <i>Mechem Frazier, MBA, BSN, RN</i>	Room 820
8:45 - 9:45AM	Keynote: The Medicine Wheel and the Iron Triangle: American Indian Health Policy <i>Margaret Moss, PhD, JD, RN, FAAN, FADLN</i> Professor + Associate Dean for Nursing & Health Policy, Access, and Ethics, University of Minnesota	Room 820
9:45 - 11:00AM	Panel: Advocacy in Action: Nursing's Role in Policy <i>Meghan Bishop, JD, MPS</i> Director of Policy, National Congress of American Indians <i>RDML Francis Frazier, MSN/FNP, MPH</i> Former Director, IHS Office of Clinical & Preventive Services <i>Aqila Coulthurst, MS</i> Deputy Project Director, American Nurses Association	Room 820
10:45 - 11:15AM	Networking Break Explore Vendors + Exhibitors	Room 822
11:15 - 12:30PM	Panel: National Coalition of Ethnic Minority Nurse Associations (NCEMNA) Leaders on Policy + Advocacy NCEMNA: <i>Angie Millan, DNP, RN, FAAN</i> PNAA: <i>Bob Gahol, MBA, MPA, MMAS, MSS, BSN, RN</i> NAHN: <i>Grace Grau, DNP, CRNP, AACC, FAAN</i> NANAINA: <i>Teresa Brockie, PhD, RN, FAAN</i>	Room 820

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12:30PM	Vendors, Exhibitors + Silent Auction close All proceeds support the NANAINA Scholarship Fund.	Room 822
12:30 - 1:15PM	Networking Lunch	Room 822
1:15 - 2:15PM	Keynote: Nurses Should Be in Every Room Where Decisions Are Being Made <i>Chief Lynn Malerba, DNP, BSN, MPA</i> Former U.S. Treasurer	Room 820
2:15 - 2:45PM	Closing Remarks: Recap + Lessons Learned <i>Teresa Brockie, PhD, RN, FAAN</i> NANAINA President <i>Mechem Frazier, MBA, BSN, RN</i> Traveling Song: Shawn Ironmaker	Room 820
2:45 - 3:00PM	Networking Break	8th Floor
3:00 - 5:00PM	NANAINA Annual Members' Meeting Elections + Bylaw Updates All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Your input is valued.	Room 820

Conference Objectives

By the end of the conference, participants will be able to:

1. Translate advocacy responsibilities for partnership building and active engagement with professional organizations to influence nursing and health policy.
2. Develop at least one health policy recommendation they can take action on within their nursing organization, tribal community, or at a national level.
3. Discuss the role of health policy in elevating the quality of care and health status within Indigenous communities.
4. Integrate principles of advocacy to address professional nursing and health policy issues.

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14 total contact hours for this conference.

DEBRIEF

DAY 4
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

TIME	EVENT	ROOM
8:30 - 10:00AM	2026 NANAINA Conference Debrief NANAINA Board + Members All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Your input is valued.	Holiday Inn, Restaurant