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DNA Awards and Scholarship Winner  
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NP Spotlight with Lakshi Aldredge

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## **Mission Statement**

The Dermatology Nurses' Association is a professional nursing organization comprised of diverse individuals who are committed to quality dermatologic care to provide exceptional patient outcomes through sharing knowledge and expertise.

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We recently completed the 44th Annual Convention of the Dermatology Nurses' Association which was held in Denver, Colorado. This year's meeting exemplified our ongoing commitment to delivering high quality education while fostering professional connection and personal well-being.

The convention featured comprehensive and clinically relevant education designed to support dermatology practitioners in their daily practice. Sessions addressed both a broad spectrum of topics, including skin aging, psoriasis updates, atopic dermatitis, acne management, skin allergy testing, wound care management and many other key areas in dermatologic care. The strength of the content underscores the DNA's role in equipping clinicians with the knowledge and skills necessary to provide exceptional patient care.

In recognition of the increasing demands placed on health care professionals, this year's meeting also incorporated a holistic approach to attendee well-being. Offerings such as a relaxation room, south bath sessions, guided meditation, and yoga were thoughtfully included to promote restoration and resilience, an essential component of sustainable clinical practice.

The exhibit hall once again provided a dynamic environment for engagement with our industry partners whose collaboration and support are integral to advancing innovation and education within our specialty.

As we look towards the future, planning for next year's annual convention is actively under review. While a date and location have not been finalized, the Board of Directors are carefully evaluating a range of options to ensure we continue to meet the evolving needs of our membership. This includes consideration of a virtual conference format to expand accessibility or considering alternate approaches such as smaller regional meetings.

Importantly, feedback gathered from both attendees and members revealed a consistent theme: while the educational offerings provided by DNA are

highly valued and directly applicable to clinical practice, the ability to step away from professional responsibilities for multiple days can present challenges. In response, the Board of Directors are exploring flexible and innovative delivery models, while remaining committed to preserving the unique benefits of in-person engagement. The opportunity to connect face to face, build professional networks, and foster lasting relationships remains a defining strength of the DNA experience.

In parallel with these efforts, the Board has been actively engaged in organizational initiatives aimed at strengthening the foundation of DNA. This includes a comprehensive review of existing contracts, strategic financial planning, and efforts to modernize operational processes. We are also exploring opportunities to diversify and refresh our industry partnerships to better reflect the rapidly evolving dermatology landscape.

Collaboration continues to be a central focus of our work. Through engagement with coalition groups and partnerships with other professional organizations, we continue to work on advancing our shared mission and expanding our impact within the field. Guided by our strategic plan, these efforts position the DNA to remain responsive, innovative and member focused.

The year ahead represents a period of meaningful growth and transformation for the DNA. Through our journal, our expanding portfolio of educational programs, and our collaborative initiatives, we remain dedicated to promoting excellence in dermatology nursing and improving patient outcomes.

We value and welcome ongoing feedback from our members as we continue to shape the future of this organization. Your voice is essential in guiding our direction. We look forward to working diligently in the upcoming year to serve our members and strengthen the impact of the Dermatology Nurses' Association.



## DNA WELCOMES OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

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Hinson, Patricia, Burlington, NC  
Jobb, Vivien, Willowbrook, IL  
Jones, Laura, Ankeny, IA  
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Liang, Shu, Abington, MA

Mason, Marnique, Buford, GA  
Meek, Emma, Dallas, TX  
Muci, Nariman, Los Angeles, CA  
Mudry, Jillian, Ocean View, DE  
Neeley, Abigail, San Jose, CA  
Pate, Erin, Boca Raton, FL  
Pearson, Ashley, Fircrest, WA  
Pino, Beatriz, Miami, FL  
Proctor, Amanda, Winnipeg, MB  
Quaglietta, Corrina, Methuen, MA  
Rodgers, Porsche, Chandler, AZ  
Romanov, Oxana, Brooklyn, NY  
Roush, James, West Lafayette, IN  
Steinbeck, Chloe, Baltimore, MD  
Tindal, Victoria, Marlton, NJ  
Tojos, Ainidel, Chula Vista, CA  
Watson, Katie, Eugene, OR  
Weber, Jordan, Fort Collins, CO  
Yurman, Danielle, Delray Beach, FL

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

JESSICA SIMMONS, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, CWON, DNC  
DNA SECRETARY

### **On Tuesday, January 13, 2026 the DNA BOD held a virtual meeting.**

#### Board Members Present:

Robin Inabinet, Interim President & IPP  
Nina Harry, President-Elect  
Jessica Simmons, Secretary  
Mary Fish, Director  
Maura Flynn, Director  
Olanda Hathaway, Director

#### DNA Staff:

Linda Markham, DNA Executive Director  
Kara Briggs, DNA Administrative Coordinator

The Board approved the 2026–2028 Strategic Plan, including associated tactics and key performance indicators to guide the organization over the next three years. Additional discussion focused on the 2026 budget, with a detailed line-by-line review highlighting opportunities to reduce expenses across operations, including marketing, IT, education, and convention-related costs. Given the complexity of existing financial obligations, the Board requested further revisions and supporting documentation prior to final approval. Action items included development of a revised budget, clarification of management and communications contracts, and exploration of new revenue-generating initiatives and expanded online continuing education programming

### **On Tuesday, February 10, 2026 the DNA BOD held a virtual meeting.**

#### Board Members Present:

Robin Inabinet, Interim President & IPP  
Nina Harry, President-Elect  
Jessica Simmons, Secretary  
Karisa Son, Treasurer  
Mary Fish, Director  
Maura Flynn, Director  
Olanda Hathaway, Director

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The Board revisited the 2026 budget and approved a

revised version reflecting significant cost reductions while maintaining essential organizational functions. Adjustments included reductions in service fees, communications and IT expenses, and non-essential program costs. Despite these efforts, a projected deficit remained, underscoring the need for continued financial oversight and revenue development. The Board also approved a new member to the Education Advisory Council, supporting ongoing growth in educational programming. Conversations further emphasized identifying grant opportunities and evaluating the potential for internal grant-writing support. The Board reinforced expectations for leadership accountability, transparency, and operational oversight as part of governance responsibilities.

### **On Tuesday, March 24, 2026 the DNA BOD met in person at the annual convention.**

#### Board Members Present:

Robin Inabinet, President  
Nina Harry, President-Elect (virtual)  
Jessica Simmons, Secretary  
Karisa Son, Treasurer  
Mary Fish, Director  
Maura Flynn, Director (virtual)

#### DNA Staff:

Linda Markham, DNA Executive Director  
Kara Briggs, DNA Administrative Coordinator

The BOD met in person during the annual convention in Denver, Colorado, to review real-time convention performance and operational logistics. Reports indicated strong engagement, with over 100 total registrants, including attendees, speakers, and new members. Corporate sponsorship and exhibitor participation contributed meaningful revenue, and early exhibit sessions demonstrated strong attendee interaction. The Board reviewed key operational challenges, including hotel logistics, audiovisual costs, and attrition-related expenses, and discussed strategies to mitigate financial impact. Action items from prior meetings remained in progress, particularly those related to long-term revenue generation, membership engagement, and planning for future conventions. The Board also focused on member engagement activities during the conference, including networking initiatives and increased Board visibility.



**Second Quarter 2026 Financials**

Quarterly Financial Update  
(January, February, March of 2026)

|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Gross Revenue               | \$ 208,537 |
| Gross Expenses              | \$ 165,788 |
|                             | =====      |
| Net Operating Income (loss) | \$ 42,749  |
| Balance on hand             | \$ 127,397 |
|                             |            |
| DNA Membership              | 758        |

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# Dermatology Nurses' Association Membership Portal

The Dermatology Nurses' Association (DNA) membership portal is a state-of-the-art system that offers DNA members a more seamless and empowering experience.

***If you have not visited the portal, please visit and update your professional profile and make sure your membership is current.***

## **Membership Management:**

The new portal allows members to easily manage their membership details, communicate with fellow members, and renew their subscriptions with auto-renewal functionality. It also provides tools to track and cultivate each member's journey within the association.

## **Online Community:**

Members will enjoy continuous engagement through instant connections with peers and DNA. The portal fosters networking opportunities and provides access to relevant content, including blogs, polls, surveys, and professional development resources—all in one place. With its mobile-responsive design, members can stay connected on the go.

## **Online Store:**

The new portal also features an improved online store where members can purchase DNA memberships, books, and other resources. It includes a user-friendly shopping cart and options for recurring payments to simplify the renewal process.

The DNA membership portal is designed to enhance member engagement, streamline management, and offer a centralized hub for all things DNA-related.

**[Visit the DNA Membership Portal](#)**

## **Education Advisory Council Update: Expanding Education and Engagement Opportunities**

Over the past quarter, the Education Advisory Council (EAC) has remained actively engaged in reviewing enduring CME activities, expanding educational initiatives, and supporting new professional development opportunities for DNA members.

Recently renewed educational offerings in the DNA CE Center include modules focused on:

- Psoriasis case studies
- Melanoma assessment
- Biologic coordination
- Leadership and advocacy
- Dermatologic toxicities associated with oncology therapies

The committee has also continued work on the growing Aesthetics Core Curriculum, including educational modules covering injectable treatments, neuromodulators, laser physics, hyaluronic acid fillers, regenerative therapies, and complementary aesthetic procedures. In addition, the EAC is excited about ongoing educational collaborations and future programming opportunities, including the upcoming Joan Shelk Fundamentals of Phototherapy Workshop, which will further expand educational resources available to members.

This quarter, we are also pleased to welcome new Education Advisory Council members, Leslie Thompson and Jennifer Chirico. Their expertise and enthusiasm will help strengthen the committee's educational initiatives and support continued innovation within the DNA's continuing education programs. The EAC currently continues to recruit additional volunteers interested in contributing as pilot testers, reviewers, and future committee members.

Members are encouraged to explore the many on-demand educational offerings available through the DNA CE Center:

<http://dna.digitellinc.com/dna/>

As always, thank you to the many volunteers, reviewers, pilot testers, speakers, and members who contribute their time and expertise to support DNA education. Your involvement helps ensure that DNA continues to provide meaningful, relevant, and engaging educational opportunities for the dermatology nursing community.

The EAC looks forward to another exciting quarter of collaboration, growth, and continued advancement in dermatology nursing education.



# ALL SIGNS POINT TO **dna** DERMATOLOGY NURSES' ASSOCIATION®

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DNA members join for **professional** and **personal** development...

“ DNA has helped improve my self esteem by holding office in a local chapter. I am more confident in addressing colleagues and audiences related to healthcare, and I am returning to college now to further my career goals since I see the success of my mentors in DNA who have gone before me. I know that I can accomplish similar goals and hope to be able to offer the dermatology community some good in the future as well. ”

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- Scholarships, Grants, and Awards
- *Journal of the Dermatology Nurses' Association (JDNA)*
- Membership for NPs in the Nurse Practitioner Society of DNA
- **And Much More...**

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**DNA Membership**  
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### **Tell us about your Chapter?**

We are located in Toronto, Ontario. We have one yearly day long meeting and workshop in Toronto. We have been an active chapter for over 25 years. We started with a very small yearly conference (less than 10 attendees) and have grown to a yearly attendance of 40-50 nurses.

### **List ways in which you grow your Chapter.**

We're working to grow our membership by welcoming dermatology nurses from hospitals and clinics across the Greater Toronto Area. Our Treasurer, Sandra Walsh, actively brings nurses into educational activities, creating opportunities to connect, learn from one another, and build stronger engagement within the dermatology nursing community and ultimately gain new members to the DNA.



### **What impact does your Chapter make in your local area?**

This has helped to strengthen the dermatology nursing community in the Greater Toronto Area by bringing more nurses together from different practice settings. This has led to better networking, shared knowledge, stronger professional support and more opportunities for learning and collaboration.

### **What impact does your Chapter have on DNA?**

Two members of our chapter are involved in committees of the DNA and DNCB. Sandra Walsh currently serves as the President of the DNCB and Michelle Lee is a reviewer for the JDNA.

### **How would you describe your chapter?**

We are the only chapter currently in Canada. There is a small core of us who have remained dedicated and committed to keeping the chapter active.

### **Where does your Chapter find inspiration and motivation?**

Our inspiration and motivation come from our members and the work they do in dermatology, both in hospital settings and in community-based practices. Their dedication, experience, and commitment to patient care keeps the chapter alive and strengthens our shared purpose.

LORI BALDWIN, LPN, CCPE

**What projects have your Chapter worked on as a team?**

Our executive board is currently providing a stakeholder review of the 2026 Acne Canadian Practice Guidelines manuscript.

**What do your Chapter members love most about DNA?**

Our members look forward to the yearly conference as a chance to learn what's new in dermatology nursing and to spend time with peers who understand the work they do. It's more than just an educational event—it's an opportunity to reconnect, share experiences, exchange ideas, and feel part of a supportive dermatological community.

**What professional advancements have**



**your Chapter members made this year?**

We are very proud of our member Sheena Fortuna who has successfully completed the Nurse Practitioner Program. She is working in a shared role for medicine with the wound clinic and stroke prevention. She works independently in her full scope as an NP. In the wound clinic, Sheena provides comprehensive assessment, diagnosis and management of complex medical and dermatologic/wound related conditions.

**What advice would you give to other Chapters?**

Keep at it! We remain committed to keeping the chapter active by trying to maintain member interest, encouraging new member involvement and opportunities to continue to grow and learn from one another.



# NURSE PRACTITIONER IN DERMATOLOGY

A nurse practitioner in dermatology is a clinician who offers holistic, high-quality care for their patients. They have advanced clinical training beyond their initial professional registered nurse preparation with a master's or doctoral degree and advanced education and training in the specialty. Many nurse practitioners also achieve dermatology nurse practitioner certification demonstrating a higher degree of professional competence. Nurse practitioners are highly-trained dedicated professionals who are trusted by both patients and other healthcare providers.

Expertise in dermatology is accomplished through specialty training or completion of a post-graduate internship program. In addition, the dermatology nurse practitioner participates in independent continuing education activities such as those offered by professional organizations such as Dermatology Nurses' Association (DNA).

Increasing health care needs are driving the growth of the profession. Nurse practitioners in dermatology provide high-quality comprehensive care for diverse patient populations, increase patient access to healthcare services and decrease wait times to care.

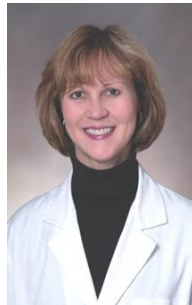
Nurse practitioners in dermatology emphasize the patient-centered holistic approach to dermatology through expert care, comprehensive examination, clear communication and continuity of care.

## Responsibilities

- Performs comprehensive examinations of the skin, hair, nails, and mucosa
- Orders and interprets diagnostic tests
- Prescribes medications
- Performs surgical procedures including biopsies and excisions
- Diagnoses and treats dermatologic conditions
- Provides counseling and education
- Works with other health care professionals to provide comprehensive care

### Other responsibilities may include:

- Phototherapy treatment
- Cosmetic procedures
- Laser procedures
- Telemedicine
- Policy development
- Dermatologic Research



*Role: Nurse practitioners in dermatology diagnose and treat a broad array of dermatologic conditions\**

*\*Scope of practice, regulations and prescriptive privileges vary by state*



*Nurse Practitioners in Dermatology work in a variety of settings including:*

*Group and private practices*

*Hospitals*

*HMOs*

*Academic centers*

*Community clinics*

*University health settings*

*Veterans hospitals and clinics*

*Nurse-managed clinics*

Change is an inevitable part of growth and progress, and at the Dermatology Nurse Practitioner Certification Board (DNPCB), we continue to evolve in ways that better serve our certificants and stakeholders.

Members visiting the DNPCB website will notice a refreshed and modernized design. Earlier this year, the website underwent a comprehensive overhaul aimed at improving accessibility, navigation, and ease of use. We encourage all certificants to log in to the new member portal and review their personal information to ensure it is current. Maintaining accurate contact information, including email and mailing address, is essential for timely communication regarding certification and recertification updates.

The DNPCB will also experience a transition in leadership in the coming months. As part of our commitment to organizational growth and innovation, board leadership and membership rotate regularly to bring fresh perspectives and ideas to the organization. This summer, Catherine Hoover will assume the role of Board President. We are grateful for the dedication and service of our outgoing leadership and look forward to Catherine's guidance in this new role.

In addition, the DNPCB will soon issue a call for new board members. Certified dermatology nurse practitioners interested in contributing to the advancement of the organization are encouraged to watch for announcements via email and on the DNPCB website. We are excited to welcome new voices and perspectives to the Board.

For those interested in volunteering in other capacities, the DNPCB offers several opportunities for involvement. Current openings are available on the Quality Assurance Committee and the Recertification Committee. Additionally, item writing for the certification examination will take place in Fall 2026. Participation from certificants is invaluable in helping maintain the integrity and excellence of the certification process. Those interested in volunteering are encouraged to contact the DNPCB directly via email.

The recertification period will once again open August 1 and continue through October 31. Late submissions will be accepted from November 1 through December 15; however, a late fee will apply to applications submitted on or after November 1. To further support certificants, the DNPCB has also released a new Certification and Recertification Handbook, now available on the website. This resource provides a comprehensive, step-by-step guide to assist applicants throughout the process.

This past year also marked the completion of two critical examination development activities: the Practice Analysis, which establishes the examination blueprint, and the Angoff study, which determines the passing standard for the certification examination. We extend our sincere appreciation to all who participated in surveys, workshops, and meetings associated with these important initiatives. Your expertise and contributions are essential to maintaining a valid, reliable, and nationally recognized certification examination.

The DNPCB remains committed to providing the highest quality experience for both candidates pursuing certification and those maintaining their credentials. We recognize that the certification and recertification processes can at times feel complex or overwhelming, and we are dedicated to continuous improvement through member feedback, collaboration, and ongoing support.

Thank you for your continued commitment to excellence in dermatology nursing practice and for your support of the DNPCB.



# NP Online Certification Review Course

## DCNP Course Description

### **COST:**

***\$500.00 for members***

***\$800.00 for non-members***

Welcome to the Dermatology Certified Nurse Practitioner (DCNP) online review course. This course was designed to provide the nurse practitioner with a concise study guide to help prepare for the certification examination. It represents the countless volunteer hours of PowerPoint authors, vetters, and pilot testers. The course consists of 11 modules. The subject matter for each module was derived from content mapping of the DCNP examination. There is no audio associated with the course to allow the learner to proceed at their desired pace and facilitate timely updates. Each module has accompanying review questions. Continuing education credit is obtained by successfully completing the review questions and attaining a score of at least 70%. Completion of the evaluation for each course is required to attain the continuing education certificate. Eligible for up to 38.27 NCPD/CE credits.

We wish you success in completing the certification examination.

If you previously received CE's for any content you may access and complete again but for license requirements you can only claim credit once per module.

### **Disclaimer**

The review questions at the end of each module may or may not be reflective of the certification examination questions. Completion of this course DOES NOT insure the participant will attain a passing score on the certification examination.

This package is only available for one year after purchase.

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*The Dermatology Nurses' Association (DNA) is accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.*

LAKSHI ALDREDGE, MSN, ANP-BC, DCNP,  
FAANP, FSDNP

**What is your name?**

Lakshi Aldredge

**What setting do you work in?**

VA Portland Health Care System

**How long have you been a nurse practitioner?**

I have been a Nurse Practitioner for twenty six years.

**How long have you worked as an NP in dermatology or a dermatology-related discipline?**

It has been twenty-four years.

**Can you describe your role as an NP in your practice and the healthcare team?**

I have had the privilege of serving as a dermatology NP within an interdisciplinary team at the VA Portland Health Care System. I created and manage a clinic that focuses on the care of patients with immune-based dermatoses, including psoriasis, alopecia, atopic dermatitis and hidradenitis suppurativa. I also manage general medical dermatoses such as skin cancers, skin rashes, and bullous disorders.

**What kind of procedures do you do daily?**

I perform shave and punch biopsies as well as intralesional injections.

**What is your favorite part of your job as an NP in dermatology?**

I love working within a teaching environment that focuses on a team-based approach managing complex immune-mediated dermatoses. I also love working with the Veteran population, as they are such an underserved community and are so grateful for the impact that we can make in improving their quality of life.

**What advice would you give to aspiring dermatology nurse practitioners?**

I would advise novice derm NPs to become involved in professional dermatology nursing organizations. Make the time and sacrifice required to volunteer, present lectures, write articles and network with the dermatology community and patient organizations. The return on this investment is priceless and is not only personally gratifying but professionally as well!



**Lakshi Aldredge, MSN, ANP-BC, DCNP, FAANP, FSDNP**



Dermatology Nurse Practitioner  
Adult Nurse Practitioner  
VA Portland Health Care System  
Portland, OR

Ms. Lakshi Aldredge, MSN, ANP-BC, DCNP, FAANP, is an adult nurse practitioner who practices at the VA Portland Healthcare System in the Dermatology Service and is also the Director for the Primary Care NP Residency Program. She obtained her Masters of Science in Nursing from the University of Portland in 1998 as well as national certification as an Adult Nurse Practitioner that same year. She obtained her Dermatology Nurse Practitioner Certification in 2018.

Ms. Aldredge is a past chair of the Nurse Practitioner Society of the Dermatology Nurses' Association (DNA), past president of the DNA, and past co-chair of the Dermatology Specialty Practice Group of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. She is a past president of the Society of Dermatology Nurse Practitioners.

Ms. Aldredge is a member of the National Psoriasis Foundation Emeritus Medical Advisory Board and served on the Editorial Board for the Journal of the Dermatology Nurses' Association and is an Associate Editor for Journal of Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis. She has a special interest in psoriasis and atopic dermatitis, as well as in educating healthcare providers about the role of nurse practitioners in the field of dermatology.

Ms. Aldredge has published numerous articles on the management of patients with psoriasis and atopic dermatitis. She received the VA's Nursing Excellence Award in 2008 and the President's Award from the DNA in 2015. She received the 2016-17 Outstanding Allied Health Award from the National Psoriasis Foundation. In March 2021, she was selected as a fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and in 2023, as Fellow of the Society of Dermatology Nurse Practitioners.



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Katrina Masterson, a dermatology NP at Randall Dermatology in Indiana, promotes a shared vision and enthusiasm to achieve better patient outcomes through exemplary dermatology nursing practices, with an enthusiasm for Dermatology Nursing, and she has been actively involved in advocating for all nurses, nurse practitioners, and patients.

She has promoted continuous professional development within the organization by participating as a Co-Chair for the Nurse Practitioner Society, authored articles in our peer-reviewed journal (JDNA), provided education at Conventions as a speaker and participated in creating educational content for an on-demand Dermatology Nursing Essentials course, member of committees, attends conventions, mentors others, and has obtained her certification as an NP in Dermatology (DCNP).

She personifies compassionate nursing care, empathy, and caring in action by consistently being available for her patients and peers through her advocacy, empathy, and compassion she shows them on a daily basis. She is diligent in responding to any questions or concerns from others.

Katrina's years of service to the DNA bring a lot of history and mentorship to all members, volunteers, and staff. She is accessible, available, and responsive to their needs.

She has served as a mentor to DNA staff and/or volunteers by making herself available for mentees who are new to volunteering, guiding them through the policy and procedures, and answering any questions if needed.

Katrina promotes critical thinking and problem-solving for individuals and teams to promote DNA's vision that DNA will be the global authority for knowledge and expertise in dermatology care by encouraging team members to think outside of the box and share ideas.

She promotes the image of nursing within the DNA, the community, and professional affiliations by sharing her knowledge and history with the DNA. By doing so, she brings professionalism and helps navigate new members and colleagues in whatever area is needed by acting as a role model with attributes of trust, mutual respect, and ethical behavior to the DNA staff and volunteers.





## **DNA DAISY Nurse Leader Award**

The DNA DAISY Nurse Leader Award is a recognition to celebrate and recognize nurses that promotes and enhances the image of nursing within the organization, the community, and the profession. It is a way to thank nurses for the care and kindness they provide.

The DNA DAISY Nurse Leader Award is sponsored by CeraVe. The award recipient, in addition to being presented the award, will also receive an honorarium to assist them in covering their travel expenses and registration fee to the main convention sessions.

[View Criteria](#) | [DAISY Nomination Form](#)

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### JENNIFER CHIRICO, MSN, RN, DNC CLINICAL OPERATIONS SENIOR NURSE

**Tell us a little about yourself in one paragraph. Include where you live and what school(s) you attended.**

I have been a nurse for 27 years working in Baltimore, Maryland, 16 of them in Pediatric Dermatology at Hopkins. I finished my master's degree at the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing in 2025 at the ripe age of 50! I've been married for 26 years, and I have a daughter who is 20, now in college herself. Hobbies include volunteering at church, book club, being a dance Mom, and I also own a small business, so life is often busy!

**How will the DNA Convention Award help you in accomplishing your career goals?**

Attending convention allows me to expand on my leadership skills to continue my journey working in Dermatology. Participating in professional education also allows me to expand my clinical knowledge and reasoning which will translate back to my practice setting and allow me to be a better team member by advocating for evidence-based treatment and help me continue my journey toward advanced practice.

**What are your short-term and long-term career goals?**

Short term goals would include actively seek opportunities to mentor peers, participate in quality improvement initiatives, precept new staff, or serve on committees, with the goal of developing leadership skills and contributing to practice advancement. Long-term would be to grow into behind-the-scenes leadership where I can support high-quality patient care through clinical expertise, staff education, mentorship, policy development, and quality improvement initiatives.

**Where do you see yourself ten years from now?**

In the behind-the-scenes leadership and planning retirement!

**Who is a role model for you and Why?**

I have several and they are the ones I work with every day. Dr. Anna Grossberg, Dr. Robert Smith and Dr. Joy Wan. These three physicians are why I come to work every single day ready to provide the best care that I can to our patients. They are highly skilled, compassionate and respected leaders that value interdisciplinary teamwork. They have supported me in every endeavor and for that I could not be more grateful.

**What is your favorite part about being a DNA member?**

My favorite part of being a DNA member is the sense of community and collaboration among dermatology nurses who are committed to learning from one another and advancing the specialty together.

**What have you contributed to our Dermatology Nurses' Association and how do you plan to contribute in the future?**

In the past, I've supported DNA by being a pilot tester for continuing education and a peer reviewer for the Journal of the DNA. I also was just recently elected to be on the Nominating Committee.

**What is your favorite quote and why?**

*"The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away."* - William Shakespeare

# AWARDS/ SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM



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The Awards, Grants and Scholarships application process will be open all year. Deadline for applications to be received and reviewed is October 1 of the year prior to receiving the awards or funds. Applicants for certification grants, convention and mobility scholarships will be informed of the chosen recipient(s) by year's end. Funded grants and scholarships will be given out in the year following application. The volunteer recognition awards will be announced at the annual convention.

Please direct any questions to the DNA National Office via email at [dna@dnanurse.org](mailto:dna@dnanurse.org) or via our [Contact Us Page](#) or call 800-454-4362

### Dermatology Nurses' Association Awards/Scholarships Program

The DNA Awards, Grants and Scholarship Program is designed to acknowledge and recognize our DNA members and volunteers.

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**Contact Us today or visit our [Volunteer Section](#) for more information!**

**Contact the DNA National Office at [www.dnannurse.org](http://www.dnannurse.org) if interested or for more information.**



## **July 2026**

- UV Safety Month
- National Stay Out of the Sun Day - July 3rd

## **August 2026**

- Psoriasis Action Month
- Summer Sun Safety Month

## **September 2026**

- National Pediculosis Prevention Month
  - National Skin Care Awareness Month
  - Nursing Professional Development Week - Sept.14-20th
  - National Eczema Week - Sept.14-21st
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## *Tell Your DNA Story!*

We invite our esteemed members to tell us their unique membership journey — why they chose to join DNA, the valuable benefits they've experienced, and the impact it's had on their professional growth. By sharing your story, you inspire others and showcase the numerous advantages of belonging to our vibrant community.

Join us in our conversation and be part of our collective commitment to excellence in dermatology nursing!

We call upon DNA members to express their membership story and the benefits of joining the Dermatology Nurses' Association:

**Written Testimonial:** Members can write testimonials detailing their personal experiences, highlighting specific benefits they've enjoyed.

**Social Media Posts:** We encourage members to share their membership stories on social media platforms.

**Video Testimonials:** Members can create short, 30 second video testimonials discussing their journey with the association.

**Blog Posts or Articles:** As a member, if you maintain a website, blog, or other news types of feeds, DNA encourages you to link to the DNA website.

**Email Campaigns:** Share our email campaigns!

Your Stories can be emailed directly to:  
[dna@dnanurse.org](mailto:dna@dnanurse.org)

Individual members can express the following points:

**Personal Growth:** Highlight how membership has facilitated your professional development and personal growth.

**Networking Opportunities:** Share the value of networking with your fellow dermatology nurses, experts, and leaders in the field.

**Community and Support:** Stress the sense of belonging and camaraderie within the DNA community.

**Advocacy and Influence:** Illustrate how membership empowers nurses to advocate for your profession and affect positive change.

**Exclusive Resources and Benefits:** Highlight the exclusive resources, benefits, and perks that come with your membership.

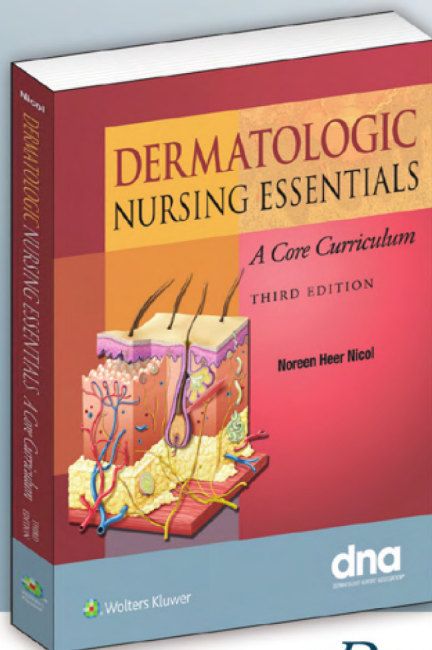
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