

CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'
Honoring the Past and Envisioning the Future

ACNL's 33rd Annual Conference, Feb. 13-16, 2010, at the Sacramento Convention Center, promises to be an outstanding event!



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Planning is well underway for ACNL's 2011 Annual Conference. Our theme, *California Dreamin: Honoring the Past and Envisioning the Future*, reflects on the great leadership of our past, while preparing us for future innovation as we meet the challenges of our continuously evolving health care world.

A very special thank you to our ACNL members for your feedback and suggestions for this year's event. Your comments have helped us design an educational program to provide you with the information and tools you need. Our goal is that each of you will obtain maximum value for your attendance, including take-aways that you can directly apply in your work setting.

Our keynote presenter is the inspirational nurse, speaker, educator and facilitator, Selinza Mitchell. Through her moving presentation, Selinza will open our eyes to the difference we truly make in the lives of others by leaving our fingerprints on everything and everyone we touch. People who hear Selinza speak find her to be a truly motivating presenter.

Other presentation topics being finalized are relationship-based care, innovation, the latest news on HealthCare Reform, nurses providing disaster relief, the latest finding from CALNOC and much, much more. Following in a great tradition, our endnote presenter will again be a humorist to send you home feeling inspired and re-energized to continue the great work we do every day.

At the 2010 Annual Conference, we introduced breakout sessions for emerging leaders, leaders from academia and service leaders. Response to these sessions was overwhelmingly positive. As a result, we are again planning focused breakout sessions targeted to various leadership roles and experience. Topics include: evidence-based practice, care model redesign and effective meeting facilitation.

Our newest innovation for 2011 will be facilitated chat rooms with separate topics of interest for emerging leaders, service executives, middle managers and academia. These interactive session will provide the opportunity for leaders to share information and ideas with colleagues regarding hot topics in nurse leadership.

Back by popular demand will be Poster Day, to highlight innovation and best practices from across our state. Poster day allows aspiring leaders an opportunity to present. The most innovative submissions will be selected to present at breakfast roundtable discussions that will be scheduled separately from Poster Day.

We are working with our exhibitors and industry partners to offer you the latest equipment, products and services, during Monday's Exhibitor session.

The social event you won't want to miss is the Hill-Rom/ACNL Celebration. This year, be ready to relive the American Graffiti experience. So ladies—iron your Poodle skirt. Gentlemen—dust off your leather jackets. This will be a night of fun and relaxation with old friends and new acquaintances.

Don't miss ACNL Annual Conference, February 13-16, in Sacramento. We will continue to update you as we finalize the educational and event schedule.

Join nurse leaders from across the state in *California Dreamin*, as we honor the past and envision the future together!