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**MORE THAN 1000 NURSE EDUCATORS TO ATTEND NLN EDUCATION SUMMIT**  
*Excellence and Innovation in Nursing Education: If We Can Dream It, We Can Do It*

**Thursday, September 30 – Saturday October 2, Orlando, Florida**

September 15, 2004 – New York, NY – Reflecting the increasing importance of nursing education in the face of the unprecedented nursing faculty shortage, the National League for Nursing's annual summit boasts its largest attendance ever in 2004. *Excellence and Innovation in Nursing Education* addresses the goals of creativity in the design and implementation of nursing education programs and setting standards that advance excellence.

Hands-on workshops, symposia, paper presentations, and poster exhibitions explore new pedagogies, flexible curriculum designs, clinical teaching models, best practices in teaching and learning, quality improvement processes, and the development of the science of nursing education. In addition, presentations will challenge conference attendees to think in innovative ways about teacher-student relationships, student recruitment and retention, creating environments that support faculty, integrating technology into educational processes, and evidence-based teaching practices.

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The plenary session, “The Partnership Way: Revisioning Relationships in Nursing Education,” led by a prestigious panel of nurse educators, and Antioch University professor of leadership Dr. Jon Wergin’s keynote address, “Creating Environments of Excellence,” complement each other as they address the Summit’s theme. At the seventh National Faculty Meeting, educators from all types of nursing programs will discuss issues such as how best to deploy nursing educators during the burgeoning shortage. Announcements of faculty scholarship recipients (see enclosed release) and Centers of Excellence™ designees will be made.

The NLN’s annual awards ceremony on Saturday evening, October 2 will recognize three outstanding nurse educators: **Dr. M. Louise Fitzpatrick**, the Connelly Endowed Dean of the College of Nursing at Villanova University, will receive the NLN Award for Outstanding Leadership in Nursing Education; the NLN Award for Outstanding Leadership in Workforce Development goes to **Barbara Mitchell**, executive director of Nursing 2000, Inc.; and NLN Foundation for Nursing Education chair, former NLN president, and dean of the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Nursing **Dr. Nancy F. Langston**, will be honored with the Award for Outstanding Leadership to the NLN. [Click here to view awardee bios.](#)

The NLN Education Summit will take place at the Royal Pacific Resort Hotel in Orlando. **Editors and reporters:** For interview opportunities, if you would like to receive a complete Summit schedule, a program book including all abstracts, or if you would like to attend, please contact NLN communications director Karen R. Klestzick at 212-812-0376, [kklestzick@nlm.org](mailto:kklestzick@nlm.org).

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