

INA 2023 LEADERSHIP CANDIDATE

INA BOARD AT-LARGE DIRECTOR & NORTHEAST REGION PRESIDENT



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What activities are you currently involved with or have been in the past related to INA or ANA?

I am currently the Newly Licensed Director for INA.

What other professional organizations are you involved with?

I am currently only involved in INA.

What other elected, appointed offices or community activities relevant to this position have you been involved with?

Prior to being in INA, I was heavily involved in various student organizations while I was studying in the University of Dubuque, the most relevant one being the University of Dubuque Student organization, where I served as the sophomore representative, president-elect, and president.

In my senior year, I was also on the board of the Iowa Association of Nursing Students as the Council of School Presidents Director.

Please write a statement that indicates your view on issues facing INA. Indicate why you want to serve in this role and why you are best qualified to carry out the duties of this office? This statement will be shared publicly with the membership.

The most pressing issue facing INA currently from my perspective as a recent new grad nurse is the lack of connection between new generations of nurses and INA. Joining professional organization is rarely brought up at the bedside and involvement from nurses at the front lines is very low. Before facing the challenges of nursing in Iowa, Iowa nurses need to first know that there is a professional organization out there that is dedicated to serving them, and they also need to feel that it is worth their time and energy to be involved in INA. Everyone who wants to be involved has the need to know that what they are doing will make a difference.

I wish to accomplish this by expanding further on the buddy system that I created during last conference to every new incoming INA member, hoping to create a true and genuine connection between INA and its members, so that when a new, enthusiastic member joins, the burning passion will not be unnoticed.

Being involved in various student organization in college gave me the opportunity to learn how to work with others and take initiative; and throughout the past two years, despite being inexperienced, I made my thoughts known to the board and provided a unique perspective as a new grad nurse.

Let us reconnect INA with the nurses in Iowa!