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FNSNA Appoints Carol Toussie Weingarten as President of FNSNA Board of Trustees

Brooklyn, NY. – June 29, 2016. The Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association (FNSNA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Carol Toussie Weingarten, PhD, RN, ANEF, as president on the FNSNA Board of Trustees following President Kenya Haney's resignation.

Dr. Weingarten is currently an associate professor at Villanova University's College of Nursing, in Villanova, PA, where she specializes in undergraduate nursing education and works with students from beginning to PhD levels, including generic students and those entering nursing with degrees in other areas. Her specialty areas include leadership and professional development, women's health and childbearing, and health promotion and community health nursing.

"I am thrilled and honored to serve as president of the Board of Trustees of the FNSNA," said Dr. Weingarten. "My past two years as a board member and vice president have provided the opportunity to work with outstanding colleagues who are dedicated to the success of nursing

students and the future of the nursing profession. Kenya Haney, Jenna Meredith and previous FNSNA presidents built a legacy of excellence that I aspire to follow.”

Dr. Weingarten earned a Bachelor of Arts in French Area Studies from Barnard College of Columbia University in New York. Later, she went on to nursing and earned a Master of Science in Nursing from The Graduate School of Nursing at New York Medical College in New York, and a second master’s and PhD degree from New York University’s Division of Nursing.

For several years, Dr. Weingarten has served on the national Scholarship Selection Committee for the FNSNA. “By reading hundreds of scholarship applications, I have come to know about the courage and struggles of nursing students trying to afford an education to reach their goals of becoming nurses,” she said. “At each Scholarship Selection Committee session, I see how money designated for scholarships actually reaches students in need and leave inspired by the students and for the fund raising that might provide help to many more students.”

From the chapter to the national levels, Dr. Weingarten has long been involved with the National Student Nurses’ Association (NSNA). She is advisor to Villanova University’s chapter and a volunteer adjunct professor in the NSNA Leadership University program. She has attended every NSNA convention since her first year as chapter advisor in 1987. Over the years, she has been a frequent speaker at NSNA conventions and is the author and co-author of articles published in NSNA’s *Imprint* and *Dean’s Notes*, as well as other numerous publications.

Dr. Weingarten’s advisement and volunteer work with NSNA have been recognized with numerous honors, such as being the first recipient of the NSNA Leader of Leaders’ Award in 1991; Honorary Lifetime Membership in NSNA in 2012; Honorary Lifetime Membership and Outstanding Advisor awards from the state Student Nurses’ Association of Pennsylvania (SNAP); and Outstanding Advisor awards from Villanova University. In addition, she was the recipient of the national Faculty Award from the Delta Gamma Foundation.

“We couldn’t be more delighted to have Dr. Weingarten serving in FNSNA’s highest elected office,” stated FNSNA Executive Director Diane Mancino, EdD, RN, CAE, FAAN. “She has committed her career to a lifetime of service to nursing students and I can’t imagine a better way to support nursing education.”

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The Foundation of the National Student Nurses Association (FNSNA) was created in 1969 to honor France Tompkins, the Association’s first Executive Director. Organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, the Foundation awards scholarships to qualified nursing students. Contributions to the FNSNA are tax-deductible. Since 1974, the FNSNA has awarded over \$4.25 million dollars in scholarships to undergraduate nursing students. The Foundation is organized as a 501 C3 charitable foundation.