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APRIL 12-14, 2026 • EMBASSY SUITES • PHOENIX, AZ

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Sedona Full Day Adventure Tour - *Limited Availability!*

**Sign up when you register for the Summit! Only \$199 (includes lunch)
Limited to 14 People**

Embark on a magical tour to Sedona. Visit all the hot spots including Chapel of the Holy Cross, Oak Creek Canyon, & majestic rock formations.

Travel through Sedona up scenic roads to historical mining town of Jerome and then travel back to Phoenix through the Prescott National Forest, Prescott.

8:00 AM - Pick up at Embassy Suites by Hilton Phoenix Biltmore

12:00 PM - Lunch in Uptown Sedona

5:30 PM - Arrive back at Embassy Suites

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

12:00 PM Registration Opens

12:30 PM Poster Presentations Available for Viewing

1:00 PM Summit Kick-Off

Kathy Davis, DNP,RN, MBA, CPHQ
NurseTRUST President

1:20 PM Land Trust Statement with Native American Blessing

1:30 PM Fellow Pinning Ceremony

2:15 PM Embedding Strength Focused Nursing Leadership into Healthcare Leadership and Higher Education

Presenters: Jeannine Acantilado, MSN, MBA
Elan Consulting Services

June Altaras, MN, NEA-BC, RN

3:15 PM Break

3:30PM Raising your Voice through Service on Boards

Moderator: Cole Edmondson, DNP, RN, FAAN
CEO Nurses on Boards Coalition

Panelists: Tara Cortes, PhD RN FAAN
Executive Director Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing,
Clinical Professor NYU School of Nursing

Rhonda Anderson, DNSC(h), MPH, RN, FAAN, FACHE
Chamberlain University Board of Trustees and Chair of the Governance
Committee, Board member, Nurses on Boards Coalition, ANCC and AONL

5:15 PM Break

5:30 PM Membership Meeting

6:45PM Welcome Reception – Sponsored by American College of Education

7:30PM Dinner on Your Own

MONDAY, APRIL 13

Need a New Professional Headshot? Thanks to Galen College of Nursing for their sponsorship! Stop by today between 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM for a complimentary headshot.

7:30 AM Breakfast – Provided by Hotel
Poster presentations available for viewing starting at 8:00 AM.

8:00 AM Registration Opens

8:30 AM Keynote: Raising Our Voices to Impact the Future of Nursing
Sponsored by University of New Mexico College of Nursing

Susan Hassmiller, RN, PhD, FAAN
Sulu Coaching and Consulting, Co-CEO, Former Senior Advisor for Nursing, Robert Wood
Johnson Foundation (RWJF)
American Red Cross, Board of Directors

9:15 AM Leading Change: Advocacy and Innovation in Nursing Workforce Evolution

Moderator: Penny Beattie, DNP, MBA, RN, BC-NE
Assistant Professor, University of New Mexico School of Nursing

Panelists: Noelle Trinder, DNP, RN
Senior Director, Healthcare Careers, Banner Health

Anne Derouin, DNP, APRN, CPNP, PMHS, ANEF, FAANP
Clinical Professor, Vice Dean Academic & Student Affairs;
Director, Pediatric Behavioral Health Specialty Program, Duke University
School of Nursing

Alanna Kavanaugh, EdD(c), APRN, FNP-BC, CNE, CHSE, FCCP, FNYAM, FFNMRCSI, Assistant Dean of Graduate Nursing, University of Mount Saint Vincent

Susan Corbridge, PhD, APRN, FAANP, FCCP, FNAP, FAAN, ANA: ANCC Chief Education Innovation Officer and Former Dean of the University of Illinois Chicago

10:45 AM Break

11:00 AM Abstract Presentations

Leadership That Listens: Kaizen-Driven ED Throughput and Satisfaction

Savannah Wilson, MSN, RN, CEN and Samantha Lockwood, MSN, RN, CEN

Nurse Leaders, Ethics & Caritas: Caring Approach to Substance Use Disorder

Penny Beattie, DNP, MBA, RN, BC-NE and Connie Smith-Fassler, DNP, MHA, RN, CNML

A Descriptive Phenomenological Exploration of the Lived Experience of Nursing

Faculty in Academia in Georgia

Yolaine Nozile, RN, PhD, CLNC, FNC

Analyze the role of nurse leadership and community-based participatory research (CBPR) in promoting advocacy, cultural relevance, and sustainability within Native American communities

John Lowe, PhD, RN, FAAN, Melessa Kelley, PhD, RN, Rose Wimbish-Tompkins, PhD, RN

Amplifying Nursing Voices: Board Representation and Workforce Sustainability

Bonny Kehm, PhD, RN, CNE and Nelson Tuazon, DNP, DBA, RN, NEA-BC, CENP, CPPS, CNE, FNAP, FACHE, FAAN

Gamification and System Thinking: An Innovative Teaching Approach for Improving Nursing Practice and Care Outcomes

Debra Thompson, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN and Vickie Pisowicz, MBA, MPP

Addressing Burnout Amongst Nurses of Color: The SHINE Summit

Jacqueline Nikpour, PhD, RN

Action and Advocacy: The Lived Experience of Nurses Advocating for Policy Change and Social Justice

Cynthia Paidipati, PhD, APRN, PMH-NP/CNS-BC and Jennifer Sandoval, DNP, MSN, RN-BC

Leading Change through the Head, the Heart, and the Hands

Krystal McGovern, DNP, MSN, MBA, RN, CNE, CPHQ, CCRN, MEDSURG-BC

Incorporating an Interprofessional Pathway & Mentorship Model Initiative: A Conceptual Model for Transforming Health Professions Leadership Pipelines

Precious Davis, EdD, MSN, BSN, RN

Amplifying the Silent Voices: Nursing Leadership to Address Moral Distress and Vicarious Trauma Among Healthcare Interpreters

Melissa Wilson, PhD, APRN, CCNS, FAAN

12:15 PM Leaders Lunch – Sponsored by Kaiser Permanente

1:15 PM	A Fireside Chat: Raising your Voice to Impact Policy
Moderator:	Wanda Montalvo, PhD, RN, FAAN, FADLN Executive Director, Leonard A. Lauder Community Care Nurse Practitioner Program, The University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing
Panelists:	Barbara Damron, PhD, RN, FAAN Professor and Ridenour/Mason Fellow at the University of New Mexico, Chair of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)
	Sue Birch, MBA, RN Former Director of Washington Health Care Authority
	Adrianna Nava, PhD, MPA, RN Former President of National Association of Hispanic Nurses Inc.
	Lauren Inouye, MPP, RNN Chief Advancement Officer, American Academy of Nursing

2:45 PM	Break
3:00 PM	Using the VIA Character Strengths Interventions to Engage, Advocate and Inspire
Presenters:	Jeannine Acantilado, MSN, MBA Elan Consulting Services
	June Altaras, MN, NEA-BC, RN
4:30 PM	General Session
6:30 PM	Dinner on Your Own

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

7:30 AM	Breakfast – Provided by Hotel <i>Poster presentations available for viewing starting at 8:00 AM.</i>
8:00 AM	Registration Opens
8:30 AM	Representative Selina Bliss (R-AZ) (Invited)
9:30 AM	Bringing it all Together: Upskilling for Advocacy Facilitator: Vivian Torres-Suarez, MBA, BSN, RN Torre Healthcare Consulting, LLC
10:30 AM	Group Report Out
11:00 AM	Closing Session Kathy Davis, DNP, RN, MBA, CPHQ NurseTRUST President
11:30 AM	Summit Ends