



♥ A Union of Nurses &
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Nurses Week

We hope everyone enjoyed a very Happy Nurses Week 2025 from May 6th-12th!



During Nurses Week, and every week, ONA honors the heart and soul of healthcare — our incredible nurses and health professionals!

Thank you for your compassion, strength, and dedication every single day.



We see you. We appreciate you. We celebrate you!

The banner features a red background. On the left is the Ohio State University logo (a white 'O' with a red outline) and the text "THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY" in white, with "ONLINE" below it. In the center is a photograph of a female nurse in a white lab coat holding a tablet, standing in a clinical setting. On the right, the text "Master of Science in Nursing" is written in white, with a white button below it containing the text "START NOW" in red.



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In Action

ONA Lobby Day 2025

On May 8th, ONA members gathered for ONA Lobby Day. The passion, unity, and purpose were undeniable as our members showed what real advocacy looks like. From powerful conversations to unforgettable moments — it was a day of action and impact.

There were incredible speakers, including **ONA President & Executive Director Rick Lucas**, **Tim Burga, President of the Ohio AFL-CIO**, **Evelyn DeJesus, Executive Vice President AFT**, and **ONA Health Policy Council Chair Catharyne Henderson**.

Ron Smith, father of Tristin Kate Smith, shared powerful words at our rally. In the face of unimaginable loss, Ron and his family turn grief into action—honoring Tristin’s memory and fighting to make sure no one suffers in silence again. Your courage moves us, and your words remind us why this work is so critical.

Senators Louis Blessing and Bill DeMora spoke and stood with nurses and health professionals at our rally during lobby day. We are grateful for their leadership in the fight to end noncompete agreements in healthcare. Health professionals deserve the freedom to work where they’re needed most, without corporate restrictions.

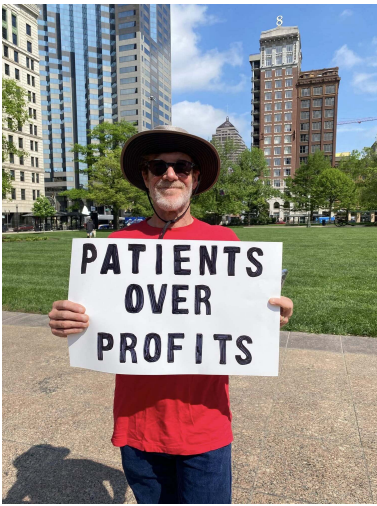


Ron Smith, Father of Tristin Kate Smith



Senators Louis Blessing and Bill DeMora

When we come together, we leave stronger — united, informed, and empowered. But the fight for safe care doesn’t stop here. Keep advocating. Keep organizing. Keep standing strong for patients, colleagues, and our profession. Because safe staffing saves lives. More photos from the day below:



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500 Boxes of Non-Perishables Delivered to Union Members Impacted by the Abrupt Insight Health Hospital Closure

Recently, Second Harvest Food Bank delivered two trucks and 500 boxes of non-perishables—plus fresh fruits and vegetables—for union members of ONA/AFT, SEIU District 1198, and AFSCME Ohio Council 8 impacted by the abrupt Insight Health hospital closures, which left hundreds of workers unemployed without any notice.

Insight Health walked away without paying workers their wages and cut off health insurance prematurely, leaving families in crisis.

We're deeply grateful to Second Harvest for supporting our members and to the United Steelworkers for opening their hall to make this emergency distribution possible. We appreciate the outpouring of community support. This is what solidarity looks like.



Advance Your Career: Become a Psychiatric-Mental Health NP with Penn State's DNP Program!

The DNP-Psychiatric Mental Health option trains nurses to assess, diagnose, and treat mental health and substance use disorders using therapy, medication, and evidence-based care. Graduates (59 credits, 1,031 hours) qualify for the ANCC PMHNP exam.



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Ohio Nurses Foundation

Congratulations to the 2025 Ohio Nurses Foundation's Nurses Choice Scholarship Winners!



CONGRATULATIONS

2025 NURSES CHOICE

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RN Pursuing Advanced
Degree in Nursing
Sarabeth Murray

RN Pursuing BSN
Shaunita Crosby

LPN Pursuing RN Licensure
Ashleigh Mullins

Minority
Shayona King

Traditional Nursing Student
Sydney Fischer

Student Returning to
School for Nursing
Tatum Arey

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ONA In the News

- [2 Ohio hospitals abruptly halt operations](#)
- [Insight withholds paychecks](#)
- [Local hospital pauses all operations, including ER](#)
- [Two Ohio hospitals have closed temporarily, and it's not clear when they'll reopen](#)
- [Insight won't commit to reopening Hillside](#)



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Nursing News

"Support Nursing" Ohio License Plates



The Ohio Nurses Foundation needs your help in our continued quest to support our profession by providing annual nursing scholarships. How can you help? By purchasing a SUPPORT NURSING Ohio license plate. Proceeds from the license plates help fund annual scholarships. To purchase a specialized plate, click the link below, choose organizational plates, and click Ohio Nurses Association. If you are having trouble locating the Support Nursing plates, email mdonovan@ohnurses.org.

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