



First Vice President

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Candidate Statement

It has been an honor to serve as 1st Vice President of ANA-Ohio and to represent nurses across our state during one of the most challenging and transformative periods in healthcare. Over this term, I have gained invaluable insight into the advocacy, leadership, and collaboration necessary to elevate the nursing profession at both the state and national levels. While I am proud of the progress we have made together, I also feel that I am just getting started. I am seeking re-election because I believe nurses need strong, visible, and engaged leadership now more than ever. Our profession is navigating workforce strain, evolving care delivery models, legislative challenges, and growing demands on nurses at every level. I remain committed to ensuring that the voice of nursing is heard clearly in these conversations and that ANA-Ohio continues to advocate boldly for the profession and the patients we serve. As a nurse leader from Northwest Ohio, I have valued the opportunity to broaden my impact beyond my local region and collaborate with colleagues across the entire state. If re-elected, I will continue working to strengthen engagement, amplify the perspectives of bedside and nurse leaders alike, and advance the future of nursing throughout Ohio and beyond. As ANA-Ohio takes on a leadership role in advocating for the profession, I feel the consistency in leadership will only help drive us forward faster. I am also committed to growing the next generation of nurse leader and will make doing that my priority.

Professional Memberships

- ANA & ANA-Ohio, 1st VP for ANA-Ohio
- AONL / OONL / TAOONLACHE

Current/Previous ANA-Ohio Involvement

- Current ANA-Ohio 1st VP seeking re-election