



Early Career Director

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Candidate Statement

I am interested in serving on the ANA-Ohio Board of Directors because I am passionate about advancing the nursing profession, supporting nurses across all practice settings, and strengthening healthcare workforce development throughout Ohio. As a registered nurse with experience in acute care, pediatrics, school nursing, and healthcare workforce programming, I bring a diverse perspective and a strong commitment to advocacy, leadership, and professional engagement.

Currently, as Director of the Eastern Ohio Area Health Education Center (EOAHEC), I work closely with healthcare organizations, academic institutions, students, and community partners to address workforce shortages and improve access to care in rural and underserved communities. My experiences as both a frontline nurse and healthcare leader have reinforced the importance of strong professional organizations that advocate for nurses and the patients they serve.

Professional Memberships

- National AHEC Organization Public Policy Committee (2024–Present)
- National AHEC Organization Education Committee (2024–Present)
- President, Undergraduate Student Government, Kent State University (2020–2021)
- Honors College, Kent State University (2019–2021)
- Diversity Action Council Consultant Committee, Kent State University (2021)
- Diversity Action Council Student Committee, Kent State University (2021)
- Kent State University at Trumbull Dean Search Committee (2020)
- AHEC Scholar (2019–2021)
- EOAHEC Scholar of the Year (2021)

Current/Previous ANA-Ohio Involvement

- American Nurses Association (ANA) (2024–Present)
- ANA-Ohio (2025–Present)