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Hello everyone!

It is a pleasure to serve as your 2018-2019 Breakthrough to Nursing Director. I am looking forward to working alongside you!

Currently, I am a Sacramento State BSN student and I will be graduating this coming spring. This is my first time participating as a state board officer although I am currently involved in my local CNSA chapter. I began serving as my local CNSA chapter's Breakthrough to Nursing Director in Spring 2018 and it has continuously given me new opportunities to improve myself and impact a field that I am passionate about. I hope to be a valuable asset to you and the rest of our membership as I take on this new role.

This year, my goals revolve around empowering our membership and diversifying the population of prospective nurses. I plan to accomplish this by prioritizing the following objectives:

- Provide support and resources for local chapters to promote diversity and opportunity in nursing.
- Create opportunities for nursing students to participate in projects and inspire a desire for activism in others.
- Highlight men as an underrepresented and important population in the nursing field.

CNSA is comprised of thousands of great minds with wonderful ideas to share and I am here to listen and help bring those ideas to life. If you have any questions, concerns, or are interested in collaborating with me this year, please send me an email at btn@cnsa.org as I would love to hear from you! I can hardly wait to see what we will accomplish together!