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Diversity Director

Greetings! I would first like to take this opportunity to express my sincerest gratitude for the honor to serve as the California Nursing Students' Association Diversity Director for the 2019-2020 term. I am a second year nursing student in San Diego State University's Direct-Entry Nursing Program. As someone who identifies with the Latinx community, is associated with a Hispanic-serving institution, and serves as a Global Initiatives Co-Director in the San Diego State University Student Nurses Association, I feel that my life and leadership experience make me perfect for this position. In this role I hope to be an advocate for education, experience, and change in cultural awareness and diversity appreciation within the nursing community. We all have a duty and obligation to not only serve diverse patient populations but also to inspire diverse student populations to follow in our footsteps for the betterment of our practice and all of healthcare. California serves as a pioneer and role model for all of nursing care throughout the nation. We as student nurses must take pride and honor in maintaining and improving upon this reputation for medical excellence. I look forward to an educational, productive, and fun year. Please feel free to reach out with any questions, concerns, and/or ideas. Again, much thanks for the opportunity and I hope to do only great things on behalf of the membership and the organization. Best regards!