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Greetings to the membership of ANA-NY! I am very excited to your Executive Director Designee. I have been asked to give you an idea of my background, for those of you who don't know me.

I have degrees in nursing from Keuka College, Syracuse University, and Widener University. My dissertation research was A Psychometric Analysis of an Instrument that Tests Genetic Knowledge of Advanced Practice Nurses in Genetics. My clinical experience incorporates a variety of settings. I hail from upstate, but have worked downstate (White Plains) as well. I have held clinical nurse positions in rehabilitation; K-12 education; and home, primary, acute, and critical care. Roles have included staff nurse, supervisor, educator, entrepreneur, researcher, nurse practitioner, psychometrician, and administrator.

I was, most recently, the chair of nursing at Nazareth College in Rochester. Prior to that, I had been a member of the nursing faculty at Keuka College for 17 years and held the position of Associate Vice President for Academic Programs at Keuka College. I was the Executive Director of the Genetic Nurses Credentialing Commission.

My other organizational affiliations include: Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing; a member of Omicron, Upsilon Upsilon, and Pi Psi chapters of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society; member of the Finger Lakes Research Alliance, workgroup chair for the Finger Lakes Regional Action Coalition of the Future of Nursing, member of the New York State Council of Deans and Directors of Nursing Programs, a Margretta Madden Styles Credentialing Scholar; the 2007 recipient of the Keuka College Alumni Association's Professional Achievement Award; and the 2011 recipient of the International Society of Nurses in Genetics Founders Award for Service. I have served on several boards including the Yates County ARC, Yates County Red Cross, the only nurse member of the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce Health Care Planning Team, and am currently a member of the Susan B. Anthony House Board of Trustees.

As a founding member of ANA-NY, I look forward to facilitating the growth of this organization. I am proud that New York has long been an integral part of nursing history and am honored to be a part of our next historic evolution. I am very excited to be included in this, the seminal issue of our publication and hope that you all will contribute regularly to keep this a robust and interesting periodical.

I know that I have HUGE shoes to fill and I it's a daunting task ahead of my. I am looking forward to working with and for all of you to shape and grow this organization to best meet the needs and advocate for the nurses of New York State.

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