



Dear CTENA members:

This year has marked The Year of the Nurse and ENA's 50th anniversary. It's safe to say we were not expecting what 2020 has brought us. I am incredibly proud of each of you for your professionalism, adaptability, and bravery in the face of adversity this year. As ED nurses, we have risen to the challenges while maintaining a smile underneath our masks. Thank you for your commitment to excellence.

At the national level, ENA held its first national conference on an entirely virtual platform. As a national planning committee member, it was essential to bring education and networking opportunities into your homes. ENA released "In Case of Emergency" on Emergency Nurses Day. This Carolyn Jones documentary provides a glimpse into what we do every day.

At the state level, CTENA transitioned to online meetings, and we hope that this will help engage you, the member, to be actively involved in the State Council. Our goal of providing education to you remains a priority. Today's ASCEND conference displays the planning committee's diligence as we embark on a hybrid conference. While we were unable to provide a Presidential Scholarship to the conference, we provided grants to attend EN20X to five CTENA members.

Your heart of gold shines amid the chaos. Thank you for being on the front lines, and like you, I know I wouldn't want to be anywhere else. It has been a pleasure to serve as your 2020 CTENA President.

With gratitude,

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