



**Greetings!**

**I am truly honored to be the president of IANA-NC for the next two years.**

**This young, but dynamic, professional organization was founded in 2010 at the time when many new nurses from India joined the North Carolina nursing workforce.**

**IANA-NC aims to enhance the professional image of Indian nurses in NC, as well as to provide the needed personal and professional assistance to our colleagues as we make our way and leave our mark on the NC healthcare system.**

**What do I value most about this organization? I value the people. As the new president, I hope to bring enthusiasm and quality leadership that will lead the chapter into a stronger future.**

**As nurses, we have a unique and indispensable role in patient care. We are proud of what we do as individuals, and as a community, because when we do things together we accomplish so much more and do it better. IANA-NC is built on core values such as excellence in all that we do, integrity in how we do it, and serving with respect and dignity. These values reflect how we want to operate and be seen by others. We strive for the awareness of nurses' multiple roles as educators, leaders, and researchers. As members of IANA-NC, we can help by volunteering for different projects and events, mentoring new members or nursing students, and striving for excellence at the work place. Wherever our practice takes us: at the bedside, in the boardroom, or out in the community, our goal is to provide quality and culturally competent care in all settings. In order to advance our profession, we must continually strive to adapt evidence-based practice that utilizes advances in research and technology.**

**I am very pleased for my Indian American Nurses who have joined IANA-NC. I welcome the courage, volunteerism, dedication, and compassion that you bring to the association. Collectively, we will propel a stronger administration that has a focus on making the world a better place for our members, their families, and the community. Our membership is growing and I encourage all of you to show your commitment in promoting the chapter goals and mission. The association is strong because of your support. There is a lot of work to do and ample opportunity to explore a place for your interests and talents. All that is needed is the curiosity and willingness to join the journey.**

**God Bless!**

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