

MNA TOOK CARE OF BUSINESS!

Convention attendance tops record

More than 400 nurses and 80 exhibitors, topping previous records for participation, attended the 94th Annual MNA Convention Oct. 16-19 at the BancorpSouth Conference Center and Arena in Tupelo.

The event featured speakers from across the country and

Emergency Preparedness and Response Specialist at the University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Nursing was elected vice president. **Ann Barns**, BSN, RN, president of Prime Care Nursing in Jackson, will serve as Director of the Council on

'I haven't been able to attend many nursing conferences in the past, but this one had to be the best ever. I loved the mixture of learning with the chance to get a little rest and relaxation ... I honestly can't think of anything that would have added to the conference or anything that could have been omitted.'

Pat Burris, RNC, BSN
 Magee, Miss.

provided more than 40 hours of continuing education.

Members of the House of Delegates elected four members to the association's board of directors, adopted three resolutions and put in place new members to the committee on nominations.

Pam Farris, RN, BSN, OCN, nurse manager at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in the Bone Marrow Transplant Program, will serve a second term as MNA president. **Carl Mangum**, RN, MSN, PhD(c), CHS, FF, assistant professor,

Organizational Affairs. **Marilyn Ellis**, NP, currently practicing in the Primary Care Service of the Gulf Coast Veterans Healthcare System will serve a second term as Director of the Council on Nursing Education. **Tearsannee Carlisle**, RN, BSN, OCN, NP, Certified Family Nurse Practitioner Director of Nursing for Dr. Arenia C. Mallory Community Health Center, will serve as Director of the Council on Nursing Practice.

Members of the 2007-2008 committee on Nominations will



Delegates elected four members to the association's board of directors and members to the nominating committee. Clockwise from left, Ann Barns of Canton will serve as Director of the Council on Nursing Organization, Debbie Allen of Greenville, will serve on the nominating committee, Pam Farris of Brookhaven, will serve a second term as president, Carl Mangum of Byram will serve as vice president, Marilyn Ellis of Gulfport will serve a second term as Director of the Council of Nursing Education, and Tearsannee Carlise of Durant will serve as Director of the Council on Nursing Practice.

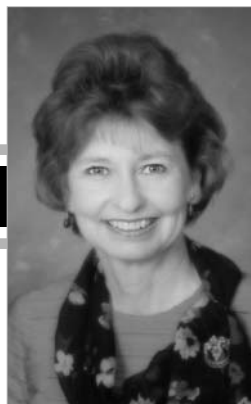
include **Debbie Allen**, RN, CSN, MSN; **Libby Mahaffey**, RN, Ph.D.; **Janette McCrory**, RN; **Ramona Jackson**, RN; and **Deborah Mauffrey**, RN. The offices of secretary, treasurer, and directors of the Council on Health Affairs,

Nursing Research and Advanced Practice will be up for election during the 95th annual convention scheduled Oct. 21-24 on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Executive

A MESSAGE FROM THE

Director



Convention 2007 was a rousing success with almost one thousand nurses and nursing students in attendance. Tupelo, Mississippi rolled out the red carpet for us, and we appreciate the wonderful reception hosted by the North Mississippi Medical Center, Itawamba Community College School of Nursing, Mississippi University for Women School of Nursing, and Northeast Mississippi Community College School of Nursing. I would like to express special appreciation to Chuck Stokes, CEO of North Mississippi Medical Center and also Laura Brower

*Make plans now to attend next year's
convention Oct. 21-24
on the Mississippi Gulf Coast!*

of NMMC for their attendance and assistance.

Besides our usual array of valuable continuing education, networking events, and national speakers, we hosted the largest political rally in MNA history with almost all of the statewide candidates for office in attendance and with other appearances by Governor Haley Barbour and a number of legislative candidates. I encourage you, again, to support the MNA PAC with your contributions and to vote on Nov. 6. The list of legislative candidates who have received financial support from the MNA PAC are listed on our Web site.

We appreciate all of our diamond sponsors, exhibitors, and speakers, too, who contributed so much to the success of Convention 2007. My thanks, especially, to the Convention Planning Committee and the Provider Unit for all of their hard work on convention. Make plans to attend next year's convention on the Mississippi Gulf Coast!

We are gearing up for Summit 2008 on January 29th at the Trade Mart in Jackson. Our opening speaker is Dr. Dennis O'Leary, President of The Joint Commission, who will provide information on the current state of health care in our country and the important role that nurses play. Don't miss this important opportunity to learn about the state and national nursing issues and network with legislators and other statewide officials. We will also be talking about this year's legislative agenda for nursing and the importance of being active politically.

Now is the time to submit nominations for the 2008 Nightingale Awards. These coveted awards will be announced on the evening of Feb. 4, 2008 at a glitzy black tie gala at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Jackson. Nominations are due to the MNA offices on or before Oct. 31.

Information is included on our Web site, including advice on how to write a great nomination by Rebecca Askew, chair of the Nightingale Awards. Nine out-of-state judges will evaluate the nominations and choose the winners. *The Clarion Ledger's* Sid Salter will emcee.

MNA President Pam Farris and I will be representing you at the American Nurses Association Constituent Assembly next week in Washington and will bring back information from ANA regarding national nursing issues as well as valuable information from our sister state associations. If you are interested in attending the American Nurses Association House of Delegates meeting in Washington June 25, 26, and 27 as an MNA delegate, please let me know so that I can add you to the ballot in January.

Our membership size allows us to have 10 delegates, and we will also elect several alternates in the event one or more delegates is not able to attend.

Thank you, again, for supporting MNA through your membership.

Please encourage your fellow nurses to belong to one of the country's strongest nursing associations.

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Nurses prepare for '08 statewide nursing summit

More than 1,200 student nurses, registered nurses and other Healthcare professionals will gather from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29 at the Mississippi Trade Mart Center in Jackson for the annual Nursing Summit. The summit is presented by the Mississippi Nurses Association (MNA) and The Council on Health Affairs.

"The Nursing Summit, started in 1993 and supported by all nursing organizations in Mississippi, is held annually to discuss upcoming legislative issues that place Registered Nurses in a pivotal role as players in shaping the agenda involving health care in the state," said Mississippi Nurses Association Executive Director Ricki Garrett.

Nursing is number one on the Department of Employment Security list of the Top 50 "Hottest" Jobs in the state, Garrett said. "One reason why, according to The Mississippi Office of Nursing Workforce is that Mississippi hospitals will need an additional 2,100 registered nurses by 2008. This number is approximately 630 more than is expected to graduate from Mississippi Schools of Nursing and remain in the state to practice."

MNA successful leadership has received national recognition. "State nursing associations have looked to Mississippi and its support from the legislature to pattern their own initiatives in taking steps to address the shortage of nursing faculty," Garrett said.

In 2007, the legislature approved the second consecutive \$6,000 pay increase for the state's nursing faculty. "The average annual income for a Registered Nurse in Mississippi is \$50,130 and \$30,070 for a Licensed Practical Nurse. Until the pay increases, the average annual income for a nurse educator was \$xxxxxx," Garrett said. "Over a two-year period, Mississippi raised the salaries of its nurse educators by

Speakers



Dennis O'Leary



Mike Moore



Matthew Myers



Scott Cantrell

Registration Form

Advance registrations must be received by Jan. 18.

After this deadline, all registrations will be on-site with a \$20 late fee.

Advance Registration Fees

MNA or Cooperating Organization Member, \$45	\$ _____
Non-Member, \$70	\$ _____
Undergraduate Student*, \$25	\$ _____
<small>*must include verification of 9 or more hours</small>	
Full-Time Graduate Student, \$35	\$ _____
Late Fee, <u>applicable after Jan. 18</u> , \$20	\$ _____
Total Enclosed	\$ _____

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Name: _____

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State, Zip: _____

School/Employer: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Position: _____

MNA/Organization Membership No: _____

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Mississippi Nurses' Association
31 Woodgreen Place, Madison MS 39110**

Political columnist Sid Salter to emcee

Nightingale Gala set Feb.

Syndicated political columnist and *The Clarion Ledger* Perspective Editor Sid Salter will host the 2008 Mississippi Nurses Association and Mississippi Nurses Foundation Nightingale Awards Gala Monday, Feb. 4 in the Marriott Hotel Downtown, Jackson.

The annual Nightingale Awards is the “academy award” of ceremonies honoring exceptional service in the nursing and health-

care industry across Mississippi. The Nightingale Awards distinguish those men, women and organizations that have made a special effort to excel in the area of health-care.

This year more than 70 nurses, nurse educators, administrators and healthcare facilities have been nominated for statewide honors. Salter, a member of the newspaper’s editorial board and a distinguished member of

the Mississippi Press Association’s Hall of Fame, was scheduled to host ceremonies last year but was sidelined due to illness. Pulitzer Prize nominated cartoonist Marshall Ramsey also from *The Clarion Ledger* served in his place.

Over the course of a 33-year career in Mississippi journalism, Salter’s coverage of state politics, public corruption and his work defending the rights of the mentally ill have

And the nominees are ...

NURSE OF THE YEAR

- Jackie Wilson, University of Mississippi Medical Center
- Pamela Gail Hodges, North Mississippi Medical Center

NURSING EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

- Joanna Fairley, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
- Judy Baker, Jones county Junior College
- Rebecca B. Fairchild, Hinds Community College
- Rebecca Tustain, Hinds Community College
- Cathy H. Goff, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College

CLINICAL PRACTICE NURSE OF THE YEAR

- Carla Joseph, North Mississippi Medical Center
- Melissa Lathem, Rankin Medical Center
- Cindi Cooper, University of Mississippi Medical Center
- Barbara Wright, University of Mississippi Medical Center
- Kimberly Clyde, University of Mississippi Medical Center
- Leigh Anne Scroggins, North Mississippi Medical Center

ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE OF THE YEAR

- Lottie Frison, North Mississippi Regional Center

- Lisa Marie Byrd, Byrd Healthcare, LLC/Bolton Family Clinic

NURSE IN NON-TRADITIONAL SETTING OF THE YEAR

- Tonya Moore, University of Mississippi Medical Center
- Amy Williams, University of Mississippi Healthcare

NURSING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

- Gina Ferguson, North Mississippi Regional Center
- Pam Nix, South Central Regional Medical Center
- Brenda Ann Howie, Baptist Health System
- Kathy L. Beck, Grenada Lake Medical Center
- Karen George, North Mississippi Medical Center
- Grace S. Flynt, Deaconess HomeCare
- Jane Windle, North Mississippi Medical Center

NURSE MENTOR OF THE YEAR

- Tammy Livingston, King’s Daughters Medical Center, Brookhaven
- Rhonda Richardson, Jefferson Medical
- Paul Boackle, Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children, UMMC
- Wanda Johnson, Delta Regional Medical Center

- Charlotte Murphy, North Mississippi Medical Center
- Paula Brown, North Mississippi Medical Center

NURSE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

- Jennifer Brooke Edwards, University of Mississippi Healthcare
- Yana Knight, Rankin Medical Center
- Jessica Miller, South Central Regional Medical Center
- Josh Fuqua, Mississippi Baptist Medical Center
- Kelly Fuqua, Mississippi Baptist Medical Center
- Kate Smith, St. Dominic Memorial Hospital
- Lauren Waldrop, North Mississippi Medical Center

SCHOOL OF NURSING OF THE YEAR

- Hinds Community College
- Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
- Jones County Junior College
- Itawamba Community College
- Northeast Mississippi Community College
- University of Mississippi Medical Center

SCHOOL OF NURSING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

- Kaye Bender, University Mississippi

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won numerous journalism awards. He is a two-time winner of the Mississippi Press Association's J. Oliver Emmerich Editorial Excellence Award as Mississippi's top editorial writer. In recognition of career public service to rural Mississippians and their interest, the Mississippi Farm Bureau named Salter their 2006 Agriculture Ambassador. His syndicated political

column appears on the editorial pages of 53 Mississippi daily and weekly newspapers. Salter has appeared on ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, ESPN, Fox News and National Public Radio as an expert political commentator. His work has been cited in national newspapers including *The Washington Post*,

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Medical Center

- Elizabeth Mahaffey, Hinds Community College
- Nica Cason, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
- Lizabeth Carlson, Delta State University School of Nursing
- Melisa Lepard, Itawamba Community College
- Patricia Livingston, Mississippi Delta Community College

COMMUNITY SERVICE NURSE OF THE YEAR

- Debrynda Davey, University of Mississippi Medical Center
- Kim Tyler Bridges, King's Daughters Medical Center
- Eloise Lopez, University of Mississippi Medical Center
- Judy Duncan, North Mississippi Medical Center
- Erma Clark, St. Dominic Memorial Hospital
- Glenda Brinkley, Clay County Medical Center
- Undine P. Bass, Hinds Community College
- Anita Ambrose, North Mississippi Medical Center Home Health Agency

NURSE RESEARCHER OF THE YEAR

- Sanjosa Martin, Mississippi Baptist Medical Center
- Pat Chosich, North Mississippi Medical Center

EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

- (Other than a hospital)*
- Jones County Junior College
 - Deaconess HomeCare

HOSPITAL OF THE YEAR

- (less than 100 beds)*
- North Mississippi Medical Center, West Point
 - Baptist Memorial Hospital, Union County

HOSPITAL OF THE YEAR

- (100 beds or more)*
- University of Mississippi Health Care

MISSISSIPPI NURSES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME AWARD

- Mary E. Stainton, Retired, Deaconess HomeCare
- Laverne Barnes, Retired, Mississippi Baptist Medical Center
- Willetta Cahill
- Mary Pat Curtis, Retired
- Mary Sprayberry, Retired
- Jeannette Waits, Retired
- Minta Uzodinma, Retired

2008 Nightingale Awards Gala Reservation Form

The 2008 Nightingale Awards Gala will be at 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 4 at the Marriott Hotel Downtown, 200 Amite St., Jackson. *(Parking will be available at the hotel.)*

Individual Reservations are \$50 each.

Tables of 10 may be reserved at \$450 per table. Tables must be purchased with one payment for the entire amount. Please list all individuals to be seated at each table.

Name: _____

Organization Name (if applicable) _____

Contact Name _____

Contact E-mail _____

Contact Phone _____

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STREET ADDRESS

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Individual Reservations ____ x \$50 each = _____

Table Reservations ____ x \$450 each = _____
Please attach names of individuals to be seated at each table.

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE _____

Credit Card Registration

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Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Cardholder's Signature: _____

Cardholder's Name: _____
PLEASE PRINT

If name and billing address on the card are different from information provided above, please attach the appropriate information.

Deadline for reservations to this black-tie event is Friday, Jan. 25, 2008.

Quick Notes

Districts host annual legislative party

Mississippi Nurses Association District 5 (Hancock, Harrison, Pearl River, and Stone counties) and District 6 (Jackson, George, and Greene counties) have scheduled the annual Legislative Party at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 4 at Aunt Jenny's Restaurant, 1217 Washington Ave., Ocean Springs. The dinner is sponsored by Regency Hospital in Hattiesburg.

The meeting will be in the upstairs dining room. Area legislators have been invited to attend. The selected menu includes chicken and catfish with all the extras and banana pudding for dessert. Please RSVP to Linda Sweetapple at lindasweetapple@yahoo.com.

District 13 meeting scheduled Dec. 18

District 13 (Hinds, Rankin, Madison and Yazoo counties) has scheduled a meeting at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 18 in the UMC in the Nelson Student Union. Dr. Karen Grothe will speak on Obesity and a Comprehensive Weight Management Program. For more information contact Tonya Moore, district president, at tmoore2@hospadmin.umsmed.edu.

Geriatric Care & Palliative Care Seminar Set

An educational seminar focusing on the care of the older adult and on issues surrounding palliative care is scheduled from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Tuesday Feb. 19, 2008 at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. This is a joint project presented by the Mississippi Nurses Association (MNA)-District 13 and the Magnolia Chapter of Gerontological Nurse Practitioner group (MagGAPN). There will be a continental breakfast and exhibits from 7 - 8 a.m. before the morning session. The exhibits will open again from noon to 1 p.m. The afternoon session will be from 1-5 p.m., The cost is \$40 for one session or \$70 for both. For more information, contact Lisa Byrd at (601) 866-7723 or e-mail at DrLByrd@yahoo.com.

Nominees for ANA House of delegates to be made before Dec. 31

The ballot is being prepared for the election of delegates to the 2008 American Nurses Association House of Delegates. If you are interested in being on the ballot, please contact Ricki Garrett at rgarrett@msnurses.org prior to Dec.31. The membership of MNA will vote for ten (10) delegates and three (3) alternates. MNA will pay the expenses of each delegate up to \$1,000.

NIGHTINGALE

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The New York Times and *USA Today* as well as *The National Journal*, *Sports Illustrated* and *Roll Call* magazines.



Sid Salter

Salter, 48, is a native of Philadelphia, Mississippi. He earned a BA degree at Mississippi State University where he was a John C. Stennis Scholar in Political Science. In 2004, he was named MSU's National Alumnus of The Year. A former Ole Miss associate professor of Journalism, he was the university's inaugural Kelly Gene Cook Chair in Journalism. Salter is a member of the board of directors of Community Bancshares of Mississippi, the Metro Jackson chapter of the American Cancer Society and the Administrative Board of the Forest United Methodist Church.

He is a past president of the Mississippi Press Association, the MPA Education Foundation, the Forest Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Forest Rotary Club, where he was named a Paul Harris Fellow. He has served as a member of the boards of directors of the MSU Alumni Association, the Mississippi Economic Council and the Mississippi Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

He and his wife, Leilani, have four grown children and one grandson.

SUMMIT

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\$12,000 to help our schools and programs of nursing become more competitive.”

Speakers for the 2008 Nursing Summit include, Dennis S. O'Leary, M.D., president of Washington, D.C.-based The Joint Commission, the nation's predominant standards-setting and accrediting body in health care; Mike Moore, chairman of the

Partnership for a Health Mississippi and Matthew Myers, president and CEO of the Council for Tobacco-Free Kids; and Scott Cantrell, speaker, consultant and founder of Real World Magic.

Registration for the Summit is \$45 for MNA or cooperating organization Members, \$70 for non-members, \$25 for

undergraduate students and \$35 for full-time Graduate Students.

There is a \$20 fee assessed for registrations after Jan. 18.

For more information contact the Mississippi Nurses Association at mna@msnurses.org or call (601) 898-0670.

State-wide candidates courted MNA votes



Majority of statewide '08 candidates visit convention, MNA/MASN Political Rally

The Political Rally marked a first for MNA. Never has the rally brought out as many statewide candidates as this one. The attendance among the candidates, to quote one speaker, was a clear signal that Mississippi's leadership takes the power and strength of the

Nursing Community seriously. Stacy Pickering, candidate for State Auditor, stopped in Wednesday night at the University of Southern Mississippi School of Nursing and MNA Nurses Inspiring the Future reception and The University of Mississippi Nursing Alumni and

Friends reception. State Senators Alan Nunnelee and Hob Bryant and State Representatives Pat Montgomery and Steve Holland also visited with attendees during the convention. Above are photographs of the statewide candidates who appeared.

MNA committee to set criteria for *Promise for Nursing Future* continuing education

MNA President Pam Farris has assembled a committee of members to set criteria for distribution of grants from the more than \$200,000 raised in April by The Johnson & Johnson Promise of Nursing Gala held at the Beau Rivage Casino and Resort in Biloxi.

"The funds from the gala will be used for scholarships for nursing students and grants to schools of nursing," said Farris. "The remainder will be used for continuing education opportunities to assist nurses on the Coast with post-Katrina mental health issues." Criteria for nursing education

scholarships have been set and will offer funding for undergraduate and graduate nursing students. Deadline for applications is Friday, Jan. 11.

For more information on scholarships from this funding, contact FNSNA at (718) 210-0705.

MNA's committee will meet at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 4 at William Carey College in Hattiesburg to begin the process of establishing guidelines to qualify for continuing education funding. Committee members include, Kim Williams, Mary Stewart, Mary Scott, Charlotte Wood, Lisa Haney,

and Cindy Helwig. Stewart serves as chair.

In February of 2002, Johnson & Johnson launched the Campaign for Nursing's Future to enhance the image of the nursing profession, recruit new nurses and nurse educators, and retain those nurses currently in the healthcare system.

One component of the campaign is the regional Promise of Nursing event. The Promise of Nursing galas not only celebrate nursing professionals for their extraordinary contributions, but they also raise money for the local nursing community.

CONVENTION

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Delegates adopted three resolutions supporting efforts to raise the cigarette taxes by \$1 as means of making Mississippi a healthier place for all its citizens; affirming the practice of nursing; and the nursing profession in gaining disaster preparedness training.

The resolutions will become centerpieces for the 2008 MNA legislative initiatives.



From left, Treva Re'na Gilbert and Pam Farris.

Grand prize trip goes to first-time convention goer

Treva Re'na Gilbert of Flowood and a guest will enjoy five days and four nights on a Carnival Fantasy Cruise to the Western Caribbean.

The trip features breathtaking waterfalls, enchanting beaches, and exciting nightlife – just a few of the attractions of the Western Caribbean.

The excursion departs from New Orleans and travels to Cozumel – home to the world famous Palancar Reef, which gives divers the chance to view thousands of brilliantly colored fish or enjoy any number of seaside activities.



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the health of the people.

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THE DATE**

November

**MNA Johnson & Johnson
Grant Committee**

11 a.m., Monday, Nov. 12
The Mississippi Center for Nursing
Madison, Miss.

**2008 Nightingale Awards Gala
Planning Committee**

9 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 14
Marriott Downtown, Jackson, Miss.

MNA Office

Holiday Schedule

Closed, Thursday & Friday, Nov. 22 & 23
The Mississippi Center for Nursing
Madison, Miss.

MNA Board of Directors

10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Friday, Nov. 30
The Mississippi Center for Nursing
Madison, Miss.

**Mississippi Nursing Foundation
Board of Directors**

Noon, Friday, Nov. 30
The Mississippi Center for Nursing
Madison, Miss.

December

**Mississippi Nursing Foundation
Board of Directors**

Noon, Thursday, Dec. 6
The Mississippi Center for Nursing
Madison, Miss.

Nurse Practitioner Controlled Substance

Thursday and Friday, Dec. 13 & 14
The Mississippi Center for Nursing,
Madison, Miss.

MNA Office Holiday Schedule

Closed, Dec. 24 - Jan. 1
The Mississippi Center for Nursing
Madison, Miss.

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Wednesday - Friday, Oct. 16-19
BancorpSouth Arena and Convention Center,
Tupelo, Miss.

January '08

**Mississippi Nurses Foundation
Scholarship and Stipend Committee**

1 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 23
The Mississippi Center for Nursing
Madison, Miss.

2008 Nursing Summit

Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2008
Mississippi Trade Mart, Jackson, Miss.

February '08

2008 Nightingale Awards Gala

Monday, Feb. 4
Marriott Hotel Downtown,
Jackson, Miss.